

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 26, 2015

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Viola Dascoli

Sunday December 27, 2015—**HOLY FAMILY**

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Anthony Iuso; Cristina, Antonio, Angelo Gesmundo

11:15am Pietro Provenzano, Deceased and Living Family Members

12:30pm Jessie, Joseph and Angelina Delia

Monday December 28, 2015

7:30am Anthony Rocchio and Deceased Members of the Rocchio Family

9:00am Massimo Chiulli

Tuesday December 29, 2015

7:30am Maria Imbrogno and Family

9:00am Laura Ann Licata

Wednesday December 30, 2015

7:30am Mable White

9:00am John Schettino

Thursday December 31, 2015

7:30am Theresa Casey

9:00am Walter Grabowski, Sr.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL

5:30pm Deceased Members of Miraglia Family and All Souls in Purgatory

Friday January 1, 2016—**SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Intentions of Fr. Bill Ferruzzi, SDB Golden Jubilee (Living)

11:15am Josef Schneider and Deceased Members of Schneider Family

12:30pm Kathleen Ann Dean

Saturday January 2, 2016

7:30am Special Intentions

9:00am Filomena D'Agostino

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Mary Marziliano

Sunday January 3, 2016—**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Thomas, John and Eileen Divilly

11:15am Pasquale Rocchio

12:30pm Louise and Dominick Altieri

There will be no First Friday Adoration on Friday, January 1st.

Friday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass schedule is as follows:



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD**

Thursday, December 31, 2015

5:30pm-Vigil

Friday, January 1, 2016

7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am and 12:30pm

Thank you for your kindness Fr. Matthew, Fr. Reiman and Fr. Hippolytus want to thank all of you for your many cards, gifts, Christmas goodies and wishes. Your thoughtfulness and love are so much appreciated.



St. Francis Xavier School: School will resume on Monday, January 4, 2016. On behalf of the school family, we wish everyone a Happy New Year! Visit sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: "What can we give Jesus? - Our hearts." Many blessings for the New Year to all the families of the Parish with love from the Volunteers of SFX Religious

Education Program. **Classes will resume on:** Sunday, January 3th, 2016

UPK "Wednesdays With Jesus": The four-year old children have learned so much since we began this October. May Jesus fill their hearts with His love and joy. Classes will resume Wednesday, January 6th, 2016.

Papal Wisdom: "The perfect family doesn't exist, nor is there a perfect husband or a perfect wife, and let's not talk about the perfect mother-in-law! It's just us sinners." A healthy family life requires frequent use of three phrases: "May I? Thank you and I'm sorry" and "never, never, never and the day without making peace." — Pope Francis

Catholics can always come home to St. Francis Xavier—We are family!

Next Week's Readings (The Epiphany of the Lord): Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (11); Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Due to early printing deadline because of Christmas, last week's collection will be reported in next week's bulletin. Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas to everyone! Our Church looks so beautiful for Christmas because of your generous donations for Christmas flowers. Many people worked so hard to make our celebration of Christmas here so uplifting, joyful and prayerful. The music as always was spectacular, especially at the Midnight Mass, thanks to Joyce and Dale Smith and our dedicated choir members – children, teenagers and adults. Thank you to our Lectors who proclaimed the Word of God so powerfully, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, our Ushers, and our Altar Servers who served so devoutly. I must give special thanks to Angela Lifrieri and Ughette Jilleba who spent many hours behind the scenes displaying the Poinsettias so beautifully.

Most especially, thank you to all of you, our faithful parishioners, for your love and support of our beautiful parish all year long, and for your wonderfully generous donations to our Christmas collection. And thank you, too, for the abundance of Christmas gifts you donated for the residents of Williamsbridge Manor Nursing Home, which were delivered by Tom Tronconi of our Holy Name Society along with our Confirmation Students, and for the children in Harlem which were delivered by our Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. What a wonderful, generous and faith-filled Community this is.

Today we are in the midst of the Octave of Christmas with this beautiful Feast of the Holy Family. That Jesus was born into and grew up in a human family draws us deeper into the mystery of the *Incarnation* - that the Son of God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, took on flesh and became one of us, fully God and fully human. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph remind us that all our families are called to be holy. When we look at the beautiful scene of the first Christmas displayed in front of our Altar and in so many of our homes, we see Mary and Joseph with the baby Jesus in the center. That is the model of a Holy Family - Jesus at the very center of every marriage, of every family.

We must ask ourselves today whether Jesus truly is the center of our lives? Are our homes places of prayer where the peace of Christ dwells? Saint John Paul II so often spoke of the family as the *Domestic Church and a School of Love* where children first receive love and learn how to love. The strength and future of our society depends on the family, for it is from the family that good Christians and solid citizens are produced. And it is from holy families that holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life come.

The Octave of Christmas culminates this Friday on January 1st, with the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Mary is indeed the Mother of God because the baby she delivered is truly God and truly man.

At the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem Mary held her Divine infant in her arms. At Calvary she held Him in her arms again as He was taken down from the Cross. And it was from the Cross that Jesus gave His Mother to us to be our Mother. Mary is the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church, and our Mother. And through our love for her, she will draw us closer to her Son, Jesus. That is the best New Year's resolution we could make - to draw closer to Jesus through Mary. May God continue to bless us all with His Peace this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity.

We humbly ask that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and St. Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Please remember the following

members of our parish community in your prayers:

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alica, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Clivetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Deum, Carlann Defedele, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Al & Dot DeSantis, Patrick Dolan, Baby Max D'Onofrio, Carmella Emily DonVito, Mario Esguerra, Cheryl Espinoza, John Esposito, Esther Finn, Carmen Flores, Billy Fischer, Rosemarie Flatley, Luis Paz Florencio, Sr., Peter Frenna, Donald Gallagher, Maritza Garcia, Brian Gillick, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Lifrieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Janet Kresge, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Lifrieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Theresa McDermott, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keeffe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Richard Quartarone, Barbara R. and Mollie R, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Maureen Dean Schmidt, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Paul Teehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Dominick Villara, Christopher Vitale, Kathy Vitale, George Walsh, Gary Wiener, Jonathan Wilson (12-year old), Ottilia Zangrandi, Madelyn Ziesel

In your prayers please remember all the men and women serving in our

Armed Forces, especially: Zachary Piragnoli, Nick Visconti, Christopher C. Cannata, Carlos E. Blanco, Emmanuel Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardillo



Pray for those who have died: Deceased Members of SFX