

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 23, 2016
Vigil for Sunday	
5:30pm	Margaret Rita Dean
Sunday	January 24, 2016
7:30am	Reverend Dennis Buckley—MHM
9:30am	Islanda and Michele DiSanza
11:15am	Joseph Campione
12:30pm	Ralph Santiago, Aimee Elias and Mary Bombace
Monday	January 25, 2016
7:30am	All Parishioners SFX
9:00am	Francis Joseph Dean, Jr.
Tuesday	January 26, 2016
7:30am	Concetta Vitiello Calisi
9:00am	Angelina Della
Wednesday	January 27, 2016
7:30am	Paulino Infant
9:00am	Joseph Saraco
Thursday	January 28, 2016
7:30am	Maria Rocchio
9:00am	In Honor of St. Clare
Friday	January 29, 2016
7:30am	Maria Ore
9:00am	In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	January 30, 2016
7:30am	Nora Carney
9:00am	Joseph Tandoi
Vigil for Sunday	
5:30pm	Joseph Milone
Sunday	January 31, 2016
7:30am	All Parishioners SFX
9:30am	Anita Massara-Levin and Joseph Latronica
11:15am	Joseph Campione
12:30pm	Frank Mondrone



Bread and Wine donated this week in loving memory of Joseph Saraco by Mr. & Mrs. William D'Aquila



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family Nathaniel DeJesus Espinal son of Ricardo and Evelyn



St. Francis Xavier School: Open House for all grades is scheduled for Sunday, January 31st from 12:30 to 2:00pm. Faculty will be available to answer questions. Flyers can be found in the back of the Church. UPK applications will be available beginning Monday, January 25th. Visit sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: "Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous, (love) is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." - Now replace the words "love" and "it" with your name and reread.

The children of **Sunday Religious Education and UPK "Wednesdays With Jesus"** are working diligently on the works of mercy by putting our faith into action and are donating toward the ongoing collection to purchase rabbits which will be sent to the less fortunate farmers in poverty stricken countries.

First Penance: Saturday, February 27th, 11:30am in the Church.
Confirmation Retreat for parents, students and sponsors with Colleen Kelly Rainer Friday, March 4th at 6pm in gym.
Communion Retreat for parents and students with Colleen Kelly Rainer Saturday, March 5th at 9:30am in the gym.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NY FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS: Today, January 24 through January 31, 2016. Nearly 325,000 children have difficulty affording food; that's 22% of children in the 10 counties of the Archdiocese. Three simple ways to participate: Donate money to support emergency programs; participate in the food drive by bringing food to the collection bins in the Vestibule of our Church which will be used to replenish the food pantries run by our Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal and/or volunteer at a food pantry.

Big Deal Supermarket & Holy Name Society "LENTEN FUNDRAISER" from Friday, February 5th through Easter Sunday, March 27th. A percentage of all sales during this period will be donated by Big Deal to St. Francis Xavier. Just drop your sales receipt into the jar labeled Lenten Fundraiser. Delivery & phone orders please call 718-824-7571. For phone orders, please tell Big Deal to drop sales receipt in jar.

SFX Card Party Committee Presents the Great Gatsby, Thursday, April 14, 2016 at Maestros 7:00pm. Tickets \$55 each. Liane Weihe (347) 410-2744 or Catherine DiPasquale (917) 416-2541 or in the Rectory. Please see flier in Vestibule of Church.

Next Week's Readings (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 (see 15ab); 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30

League of the Sacred Heart will meet on First Friday, February 5th weather permitting.



Weekly Collection (Parish Pay Included)
 January 17, 2016: \$5,864
 Christmas 2015 to date: \$24,013

Weekly Collection Last Year (Parish Pay Included) 2015
 January 18, 2015: \$4,205 (Ice and rain storm)

Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

As I write this letter there is talk of an impending snow storm which hopefully will not cancel the *March for Life* which was to occur in Washington, D.C. this past Friday on the 43rd anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*. It is always so inspiring to see hundreds of thousands of people peacefully and prayerfully standing up for life. May the witness of so many help our leaders and all people to recognize in every tiny baby conceived in the womb the image of God which can never be discarded.

Another pro-life activity going on here and throughout our Archdiocese this week is the "*Feeding our Neighbors*" food drive. As the Christmas season of giving is over and we are in the midst of the coldest time of year, food pantries are in great need of replenishing their supplies for the poor and homeless, including so many families and children in our midst in this Archdiocese. Let us pray also in this brutal cold for those who are on the streets, including so many young people, that they will find warmth and shelter through the compassion of caring people. There is so much to pray for, and so many opportunities to do the *Corporal Works of Mercy*.

Another initiative which begins this weekend is the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin about the importance of this Appeal and all the charitable works of the Archdiocese that it supports. You are well aware of all of this, and have been so supportive and generous in the past. The goal set for our Parish this year is \$52,500. We have surpassed our goal the past seven years in a row, and it is so important that we continue to do so this year. It really shows the strength and goodness of this Parish

Finally, let us not forget the *Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy* which we are now living. Holy Years generally occur every 25 years and on special occasions or anniversaries. This Holy Year of Mercy is called *Extraordinary* because it was proclaimed by Pope Francis outside of the 25 year cycle. "*Holy Doors*" are designated in Rome and in Dioceses throughout the world for people to make a pilgrimage to and symbolically pass through the Door from sin to grace. Here, you can make a pilgrimage to pass through the Holy Door at St. Patrick's Cathedral or at the Mother Cabrini Shrine in upper Manhattan and, with the right disposition, receive the *Jubilee Indulgence*.

What is an Indulgence? Although our sins be forgiven and we be set free from the "*eternal punishment*" of sin, there is still the "*temporal punishment*" of sin, our purification from attachment to sin which can occur here on earth through things like acts of charity, penance and patient endurance of suffering, or after death in the state called "Purgatory." An Indulgence frees us from the "*temporal punishment*" of sin. It is given out of the "*Church's treasury of spiritual goods*" which is infinite and consists of the infinite merits of Christ's Sacrifice, as well as the prayers and good works of the Virgin Mary and of all the Saints.

We can obtain an Indulgence for ourselves or for the faithful departed, which is one of the *Spiritual Works of Mercy*. It is all part of the *exchange of spiritual goods* among the *Communion of Saints* - the Saints in Heaven, the Souls in Purgatory, and us here on earth. All this flows from the Love God has for us and how much He wants us to turn away from sin and receive His Mercy so that we can be happy with Him now and forever. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

OBTAINING A JUBILEE INDULGENCE YEAR OF MERCY

All those who, on pilgrimage, enter a *Door of Mercy* with the Proper intention and disposition, and fulfill the conditions ordinarily attached to a Plenary Indulgence can obtain a *Jubilee Indulgence* once daily either for themselves or for the souls of the faithful departed.

Baptized Catholics in the state of grace (free from mortal or grave sin) who have the intention of gaining the indulgence must:

- Have an interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial or less grave sin;
- Go to Confession and receive Holy Communion within 20 days after performing the indulgenced work (Pilgrimage to the Door of Mercy);
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father within 20 days after performing the indulgenced work. This prayer is up to the individual, but customary and suggested prayers are: the Profession of Faith (Creed from the Mass) or one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary."

Please remember the following members of our parish community in your prayers:
William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alicea, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Dottie Barry, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Pat Caltabellotta, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Clivetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loren Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Yolanda Carozza, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocres, Joanne Cunneen, Patsy D'Agostino, Richard Daum, Margaret Mary Dean, 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 Liffrieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (8-yr. old), Janet Kreaige, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liffrieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Theresa McDermott, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, John Muliane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Richard Quararone, 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 Wieler, 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 Cardello



Pray for those who have died: Angelina Zarcone, Eva Bertolacci, Carmen Candal and Clara Susan Moore



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ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Sharing God's Gifts

The 2016 *Cardinal's Appeal* has begun!



You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify our

During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, we are called to help one another and be merciful, as Jesus is for all of us. It is only with **your help** that the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters through our ministries and charities.

Answer the call and donate today!

TO MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT, VISIT

www.cardinalsappeal.org

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Today marks a very important time here at our parish and across the Archdiocese of New York. This is the official kickoff of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. There are so many reasons why the *Appeal* is important, not only to those in need in the Archdiocese, but also to us, in our parish community. Your support of the *Appeal* helps countless men, women and children, and it sustains the fabric of our ministries throughout our parishes.

If you have not already, you will be receiving a letter from Cardinal Dolan, along with some material that illustrates the deep importance of the *Cardinal's Appeal* to our community. Part of being a steward means living with trust in God's generosity and a responsible tending of that which God has entrusted to us. Cardinal Dolan is asking you to participate by making a gift to this important annual initiative.

- *Your Gift to the Appeal:*

Supports offices, ministries, and programs throughout the archdiocese that nurture and encourage our journey in faith;

- ✓ Helps educate our children in our Catholic schools and religious education programs;
- ✓ Provides for retired priests and religious by giving them the retirement care they deserve after decades of service;
- ✓ Helps to educate our future clergy and prepare them for a life of service; and
- ✓ Helps fund Catholic Charities, which provides loving care to millions of people in our Archdiocese;
- ✓ Finally, it is through the *Appeal* that we receive a myriad of services and guidance from the Archdiocese. Whether it involves building, finance, questions of law or questions of faith, the Archdiocese of New York has at our service professionals of the highest quality. It is with their help that we are able to go about our role of caring for the faithful of St. Francis Xavier parish.

The Archdiocesan goal for the 2016 *Appeal* is \$20,000,000. And our individual parish goal is \$52,500. I ask that you prayerfully consider your gift, fill out the pledge card and mail it in.

If you need time to think about your gift, you will be given an opportunity to make your pledge during Mass on Commitment Weekend in a few weeks. You can also pledge on line at www.cardinalsappeal.org. Thank you so much for your support of the *Appeal* and please pray for its success at our parish.

Gratefully in Christ,
Reverend Matthew J. Furey