

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday January 30, 2016****Vigil for Sunday**

5:30pm Joseph Milone

Sunday January 31, 2016

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am All Souls in Purgatory

11:15am Joseph Campione

12:30pm Frank Mondrone

Monday February 1, 2016

7:30am Ernest Allen and Intentions of Paul Siebert (Living)

9:00am Kathleen Ann Dean (1st Anniversary)

Tuesday February 2, 2016—Presentation of the Lord

7:30am Antonio and Angelo Busani

9:00am George Marino

Wednesday February 3, 2016—St. Blaise

7:30am Beto Ore

9:00am Pasquale Rocchio

Thursday February 4, 2016

7:30am Eugenia Brown

9:00am Joseph Saraco

Friday February 5, 2016

7:30am Intentions of the Brown Family (Living)

9:00am Richard Craveiro

10:00am First Friday SFX School Mass

Saturday February 6, 2016

7:30am George Rukaj (9th Anniversary)

9:00am Thomas Hefter

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Elena and Andrea Ponzini

Sunday February 7, 2016

7:30am All Parishioners SFX

9:30am Edward Cardinale

11:15am Oliviero and Ida Civetta

12:30pm Wildredo Navarro, Jr.

First Friday Adoration will resume on Friday, March 4th, 2016.**League of the Sacred Heart** will meet on First Friday, February 5th after the 9am Mass in the Rectory weather permitting.

Bread and Wine donated this week in loving memory of Kathleen Ann Dean by Margaret Mary Dean



The Sanctuary Lamp is being lit this week in loving memory of Kathleen Ann Dean by Margaret Mary Dean

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Candlemas**Day, Tuesday, February 2nd:** Candles will be blessed during the 7:30am and 9:00am Masses. If you would like to have candles blessed, please place the candles on the table in front of the Altar before Mass.**Feast of St. Blaise, Wednesday, February 3rd:**

The Blessing of Throats, traditional on this Feast day, will take place during the 7:30am and 9:00am Masses.

**St. Francis Xavier School:** The children are looking forward to all the special activities planned for Catholic School Week. On February 5th, First Friday Mass will be prepared by Grade 3. Parents are cordially invited to attend. Information for the new school year 2016-2017 is available in the main office during the hours of 9:00am—2:00pm. Please visit sfxschool.net for updated information.**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. We are very proud of the 7th graders from Mrs. Vasti's class for requesting today's 9:30am Mass for All Souls in Purgatory, a Spiritual Work of Mercy.**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.**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 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 Teen Choir & Drama Club** will present Broadway Night, Saturday, February 20th, 2016. Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin.**SFX Card Party Committee Presents the Great Gatsby,** Thursday, April 14, 2016. For more information, please call Liane Weihe 347-410-2744. Please see flier in Church Vestibule.**Next Week's Readings (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time):** Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c); 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.**Weekly Collection (Parish Pay Included)**
January 24, 2016: \$2,104
SNOW STORM (Saturday and Sunday)**Weekly Collection Last Year (Parish Pay Included) 2015**
January 25, 2015: \$6,341

Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.



Dear Parishioners,
What a difference a week makes after that huge blizzard last week. I pray everyone got through it safe and sound.

Today begins "Catholic Schools Week" in the Church throughout the United States. We are blessed here at St. Francis Xavier Parish with such a beautiful Catholic School. The Week begins here with the 11:15am Family Mass with the children and faculty of our School participating as altar servers, readers, petitioners, and gift bearers, along with our great children's choir made up of the children of our Parish from our School and Religious Education Program. Special activities will continue in our School throughout the week culminating with First Friday Mass with the children, faculty, and parents.

Outside the family, our Catholic Schools are the best and most effective vehicle we have for passing on our beautiful Catholic Faith to our children and to lead them to a lasting friendship with the Lord Jesus. Catholic Schools are not merely alternatives to public schools. They exist for only one reason: Jesus Christ and our duty to lead our children to Him, and to form our children as young men and women outstanding in holiness and heroic in virtue. This is the only way they will be truly happy and come to discover the beautiful plan God has for their lives.

We here at St. Francis Xavier are equally committed to this mission for our children who attend public schools through our wonderful Religious Education Program on Sunday mornings. There is no more important work we could be doing, and no greater gift we could give to our children. The Mission of Catholic Schools is more important today than ever in this difficult, morally confused, and highly secularized world we live in. Our world is starving for people of faith, of integrity, of virtue, and of love. These are the kinds of people that make all the difference in our world.

Speaking of people who make all the difference in our world, this week also marks the end of the Year for Consecrated Life which began on the First Sunday of Advent (2014) and ends on Tuesday, February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Pope Francis established this Year wishing to express the "beauty and preciousness of this unique form of Christian discipleship." He wanted the laity to become more aware of what a gift the presence of our many consecrated men and women is. And what a gift we have right here in our own Parish with the presence of so many consecrated women, our own Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. What a blessing and inspiration our Sisters are to our Parish and our children. They love teaching our school children about Jesus, leading them in a beautiful Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every month, and helping with our "Wednesdays with Jesus" Program for our Universal Pre-K children. And they pray constantly for all of us.

These Sisters have given everything over to God. In living out their Vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, they give up everything the world says they need to be happy and are given the unique Joy of belonging totally to Christ. May they continue to inspire us to live our faith more fervently and help us to discover for ourselves the Joy of knowing and loving the Lord Jesus. May our Sisters know how much we love and appreciate them, and may God continue to bless them abundantly with much Peace and Joy in carrying out their beautiful and crucial work for the Church and for the poor. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



2016 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL:

Last Weekend was the beginning of 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 of this beautiful parish and the goodness of our people, and does so much good for so many in need.

2015 CONTRIBUTION OFFERING: The year-end reports for 2015 from the envelope company will reflect totals for the year 2015 for envelopes on which parishioners' numbers and amounts have been recorded on the outside of the envelope through the year.

Statements will be mailed shortly.

Please remember the following

members of our parish community in your prayers:

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Eduardo Alcoa, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Dottie Barry, Nettle Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodora Civotta, Jenny Cioffi, Lorean Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Yolanda Carrozza, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocora, Joanne Cunneen, Patsy D'Agostino, Richard Daun, Margaret Mary Dean, Carlann Defedele, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Al & Dot DeSantis, Patrick Dolan, Baby Max D'Onofrio, Carmella Emily DonVito, Mario Esqueria, Cheryl Espinoza, John Exposito, Esther Finn, Carmen Flores, Billy Fischer, Rosemarie Flatley, Luis Paz Florencio, Sr., Peter Fresno, Bill Ford, Donald Gallagher, Maritza Garcia, Brian Gillick, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Liffieri Hernandez, Gloria Izazary, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Janet Kreage, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liffieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lonasso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogianni, 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'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Panikovic, Virginia Panches, 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 Tospha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Dominick Villara, Christopher Vitale, Kathy Vitale, George Walsh, Gary Wheeler, 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. Bianco, Emmanuel Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpl. Brian Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janella Amador, Anthony Thomas Cardillo, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardillo



Pray for those who have died: Patricia Caltabellotta and Kathleen O'Shea



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CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts



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.

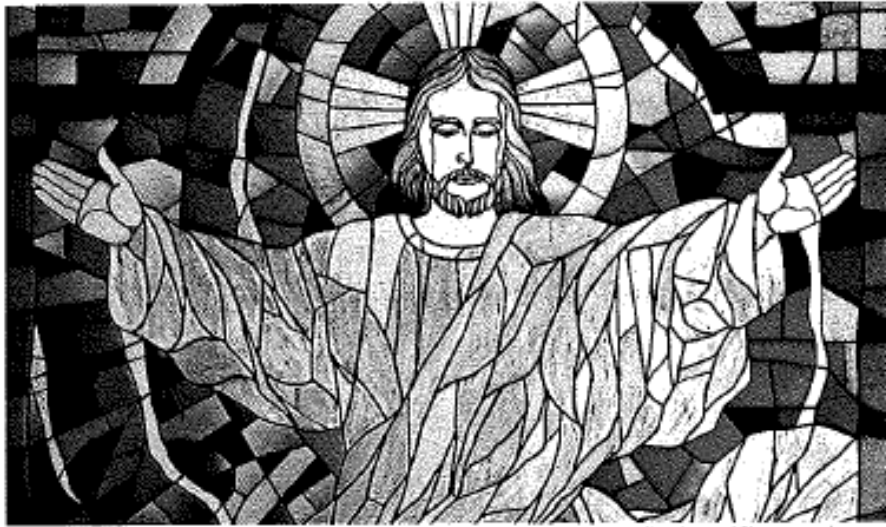
If you need time to think about your gift, you will be given an opportunity to make your pledge during Mass on Commitment Weekend in a few weeks. You can also pledge on line at www.cardinalsappeal.org. Thank you so much for your support of the *Appeal* and please pray for its success at our parish.

Gratefully in Christ,
Reverend Matthew J. Furey



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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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ARCHDIOCESE OF NY 
FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS:
TODAY

January 31, 2016 thru Sunday, February 7th

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:

1. Donate money to support emergency programs;
2. 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
3. And/or volunteer at a food pantry.

**Due to snow storm last weekend, we will
continue to collect food items in the Vestibule
of the Church until next weekend.**

Feeding Our Neighbors

Catholic Charities
Archdiocese of New York

Providing Help. Creating Hope.



Archdiocesan-Wide Food Campaign

Acceptable Food Items

Thank you for participating in "Feeding Our Neighbors: A Catholic Response". Your efforts will help support pantries feeding Catholics and Non-Catholics across the Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese of New York Network needs the following nutritious foods:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canned Vegetables• Tomato Sauce• Vegetable Soups	Vegetables
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canned Fruits (in juice or light syrup)• Dried Fruits• 100% Fruit Juices	Fruits
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beans- canned or dry• Peanut Butter• Nuts• Canned Meat (chicken, beef, ham)• Canned Fish (tuna, salmon, sardines)• Canned Stews (chicken or beef)	Proteins
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rice (white, brown, flavored)• Pasta/noodles• Dry Cereal and Hot Cereal (grits, oatmeal, farina)• Flour/Cornmeal/Baking Mixes• Whole Wheat Crackers• Couscous	Grains
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dry Milk packets• Shelf stable milk• Soy/Almond/Rice Milk	Dairy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nutritional Beverages (Boost, Ensure, Carnation Instant Breakfast)• Spices• Coffee/Tea• Personal Care Items	Other Items

To ensure food safety, we cannot use:

- Rusty or Unlabeled Cans
- Avoid glass containers and all perishable foods
- Homemade Items
- Noncommercial Canned Items
- Noncommercial Packaged Items
- Alcoholic Beverages & Mixes
- Open or Used Items

The Xavier Players & the SFX Teen Choir
Proudly Present Our 1st Annual...



ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2016

This **one night only event** will feature the members for the Xavier drama club and parish teen choir performing songs from old & new Broadway musicals.

Tickets: \$10*

May be bought in advance or at the door

**no assigned seating
(all proceeds go to Church)*

Performance will be held at
St. Francis Xavier School
1711 Haight Ave. Bronx, NY 10461
on Sat., Feb. 20, 2016 at 7pm

Send in slip below to SFX rectory or contact the rectory (718-892-3330) or Bettina D'Erasmus (347-778-6296) for tickets

Name _____

Phone Number _____

_____ tickets x \$10 = total \$ _____

_____ cash or _____ check # _____

Make checks payable to St. Francis Xavier Church