

**MASS INTENTIONS**



**Saturday February 20, 2016**  
**Vigil for Sunday**  
 5:30pm Joseph Milone

**Sunday February 21, 2016**  
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX  
 9:30am Salvatore Picone  
 11:15am Joseph Campione  
 12:30pm Vita D'Onghia

**Monday February 22, 2016**  
 7:30am Justice Antonin Scalia and the Scalia Family (Living)  
 9:00am Michael Fragola

**Tuesday February 23, 2016**  
 7:30am  
 9:00am Angelina Sciacca and Angelina Delia

**Wednesday February 24, 2016**  
 7:30am Angela and Thomas Lifrieri and Family (Living)  
 9:00am Francis Joseph Dean

**Thursday February 25, 2016**  
 7:30am  
 9:00am Lucy Coscia

**Friday February 26, 2016**  
 7:30am Rev. Msgr. G. Howard Moore—4th Pastor SFX  
 9:00am Elmi Natale  
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday February 27, 2016**  
 7:30am  
 9:00am Benedict Catalano  
 11:30am First Penance  
**Vigil for Sunday**  
 5:30pm In Honor of All Angels and Saints

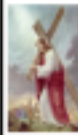
**Sunday February 28, 2016—Third Sunday of Lent**  
 7:30am All Parishioners SFX  
 9:30am Maria and Giovanni Ciacera and Giuseppe Antonio Ciacera  
 11:15am Maria Schneider  
 12:30pm Mafalda Bergassi



Bread and wine are donated this week in loving memory of Eva Bertolacci by Katherine Saraco



**Newly Baptized:** We welcome into our Parish Family Vincent Anthony Velella son of Vincent and Maria



**SAVE THE DATES: St. Francis Xavier Holy Week Parish Mission** preached by

Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of Holy Week, March 21, 22 and 23 at 7:30pm each evening. More information will follow.

**MONDAY NIGHT TALKS DURING LENT BY**

**FR. MATTHEW REIMAN:** Mondays, February 22, 29 and March 7 and 14 in the lower Rectory at 7:30pm

**Stations of the Cross:** Fridays in Lent at 7:00pm on February 19, 26; March 4, 11, 18 and 25.

**PALM CROSSES** will be available for purchase after Masses in the Vestibule of the Church beginning on the weekend of March 5th and 6th.

**St. Francis Xavier School:** The second grade children will be receiving First Penance on Saturday, February 27th at 11:30am. Contact the school office for information regarding registration and a tour at 718-863-053. Please visit [sfxschool.net](http://sfxschool.net).



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**Catholic faith 24/7:** *From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.*

The children of UPK "Wednesdays With Jesus" are learning about the Miracles of Jesus.

**First Penance:** Saturday, February 27th, 11:30am in the Church for Religious Education children and SFX School children.

**Confirmation Retreat** for parents, students and sponsors of Religious Education and SFX School with Colleen Kelly Rayner Friday, March 4th at 6pm in gym.

**Communion Retreat** for parents and students of Religious Education and SFX School with Colleen Kelly Rayner 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 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.



**League of the Sacred Heart** will meet First Friday, March 4th after the 9:00am Mass in the lower Rectory.

**Next Week's Readings (Third Sunday of Lent):** Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9



**Weekly Collection (Parish Pay Included)**  
 February 14, 2016: \$4,798  
**Second Collection (Peter's Pence): \$948**  
 February 10, 2016, Ash Wednesday: \$1,466

**Collection Last Year (Parish Pay Included) 2015**  
 February 15, 2015: \$4,130 (Frigid Cold and Icy Weather)  
 Second Collection (Peter's Pence): \$945  
 Ash Wednesday: \$1,295

Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

Pitchers and Catchers arrived at Spring Training this week, which is a sure sign that this cold winter is almost over. Permit me to begin with an important item of business. Next Weekend is *Commitment Weekend* for the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* when you will have a chance to prayerfully consider making a pledge to this year's Appeal, if you have not already done so. As you know, this annual Appeal is the major source of funding for all the many ways in which the Archdiocese of New York helps the people in the Archdiocese. Our goal this year is to raise \$52,500. Remember that *60% of every dollar raised over our goal remains with our Parish*. I ask everyone to please make a special effort to support this Year's Appeal at whatever level you can, so that we can go well over our goal and earn a much needed rebate for our Parish.

If you have been keeping track of our weekly collections printed in the bulletin each week, you will notice that they have been trending down anywhere from about \$300 to \$500 a week compared to last year. This, with all our costs, expected and unexpected, will make balancing our budget this year a real challenge. We have surpassed our goal for the Cardinal's Appeal the last seven years in a row with only about 15% of our Parishioners giving. If we could get 50% or more to give (not to mention 100%), we will well surpass our goal and raise much needed funds for our Parish, while at the same time doing our part in supporting the charitable works of the wider Church in New York. I know an awful lot is asked. We can only do the best we can.

Every year on this Second Sunday of Lent the Church gives us this beautiful Gospel of the Transfiguration. We hear that Jesus took His three closest friends – Peter, James, and John – up a mountain to pray, and while He was praying His face changed in appearance, His clothing became dazzlingly white, and the voice of the Father in Heaven was heard saying: *"This is my Chosen Son, listen to Him."* They were on the way to Jerusalem, and Jesus had just finished telling them that in Jerusalem He would be turned over to evil men who would crucify Him, and on the third day He would rise. But they had no idea at that time what He was talking about.

The disciples wanted to remain on that mountaintop with Jesus forever. But it was not to be, not in this world. They had to come back down from the mountain to face what was to come in Jerusalem. There Jesus would ascend another mountain called *Calvary* where His clothing would not be dazzling white, but soaked in blood, where the Voice of the Father in Heaven would remain silent as Jesus cried out from the Cross: *"My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"* The Transfiguration is something the disciples would never forget, and it strengthened their faith to persevere in the trials that would come.

The Transfiguration is not only about what happened with Jesus, but about what will happen to us who belong to Him. St. Paul tells us in our second reading today: *"Our citizenship is in Heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with His Glorified Body."* Jesus promises us that we will share in His Glory, but not without first sharing in His Cross. This was true for His disciples, for saints and martyrs and holy men and women throughout the centuries, and it is still true for us today. Therefore, we remain firm in faith and serene in hope, knowing that Jesus is with us in good times and in bad, and will bring us safely through it all to the glory that lies beyond the cross. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



**Cardinal Dolan is asking for your support of the vital ministries, programs and services provided through the *Cardinal's Appeal* each year. Invest in your faith and your parish by making your gift to the 2016 Appeal. Please fill out your pledge card and send it in, or drop it in the collection or at the Rectory. Thank you!**

**St. Clare of Assisi:** Celebration of the Extraordinary Rite of the High Mass in Latin, Monday, February 22nd, 7:30pm by Father Daniel D'Alessi. Reflections on Pope Francis' understanding of Mercy on February 27th at 1:00pm by Louis Marini. Please call Rectory at 718-863-8974.

**Serra Club** luncheon meeting, Wednesday, February 24th, at Noon, Eastwood Manor at 3371 Eastchester Road, Bronx, \$25/person. Our own Father Matthew Reiman will speak on his journey from discernment, seminary and the priesthood. 718-671-8915 for reservations before Feb. 22nd.

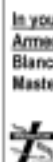


Remember  
to Pray

Please remember the following

members of our parish community in your prayers:

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alicea, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barboglio, Dottie Barry, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappo, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Ciovetta, Jenny Cioffi, Lorean Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Yolanda Carrozza, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, 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, Bill Ford, Donald Gallagher, Maritza Garcia, Brian Gillick, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Lihieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Janet Kneago, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Lihieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Theresa McDermott, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzolla, Marjorie Morales, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louis Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parthen, Richard Quararone, Barbara R. and Mollie R, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosen, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Maureen Dean Schmidt, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Paul Teahan, 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. Carnata, Carlos E. Blanco, Emmanuel Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Cardito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardello

Pray for those who have died: Florence Stannard and Justice Antonin Scalia



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Blessed are those who mourn, for they *shall be comforted.*

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—Matthew 5:4

**ANSWER GOD'S CALL** to serve our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. In the *Beatitudes*, Jesus reminds us what it is to be a disciple of God, to act with mercy, compassion, and love.

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Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they *shall be satisfied*.



—Matthew 5:6

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