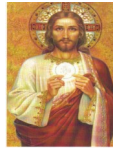


MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday February 27, 2016
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm In Honor of All Angels and Saints

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

Monday February 29, 2016
 7:30am Edward J. Grace
 9:00am Patricia Caltabellotta

Tuesday March 1, 2016
 7:30am
 9:00am Kathleen Ann Dean

Wednesday March 2, 2016
 7:30am
 9:00am Patricia Caltabellotta

Thursday March 3, 2016
 7:30am Pasquale Rocchio
 9:00am Antonio Cipollone

Friday March 4, 2016
 7:30am Lydia Bohn
 9:00am Carmine, Marietta and Antonio Polzella
 10:00am First Friday SFX School Mass
 1-7pm First Friday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
 7:00pm Stations and Benediction

Saturday March 5, 2016
 7:30am Sigismondo and Rosa Cipollone
 9:00am Salvatore Picone

Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Raffaella Baiardi and Luca Palumbo

Sunday March 6,—Fourth Sunday of Lent
 7:30am All Parishioners SFX
 9:30am Joseph Milone
 11:15am John Praino
 12:30pm Michael Manniello

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

Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family:
Sean Alexander Lacerra son of Joseph and Geovanna
Leo Joseph Perez son of Leocadio and Laurie



SAVE THE DATES: St. Francis Xavier Holy Week Parish Mission " Lord, Have Mercy! Receiving from God What We Need But Don't Deserve" 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. Please see flier in bulletin.

MONDAY NIGHT TALKS DURING LENT BY

FR. MATTHEW REIMAN: Mondays, February 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 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. Sponsored by the Confirmation students.



St. Francis Xavier School: Congratulations to all the children who received their First Penance on Saturday, February 27th. Applications for all grades is online at www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org. UPK seats are limited. Please call 718-863-0531 for information.

St. Francis Xavier School and Religious Education

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.**



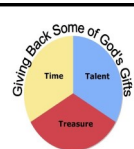
Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: The children of Religious Education and "Wednesdays With Jesus" have raised enough money for two rabbits to be sent to a needy farm through Catholic Relief Services. Congratulations on their Works of Mercy! How beautiful to see all the children celebrate the Sacrament of First Penance—the Sacrament of Healing on Saturday, February 27th. The children understand right from wrong and recognize their need for reconciliation and forgiveness not only on Saturday but throughout their lives.

This week the children of UPK "Wednesdays With Jesus" are learning about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal with a visit to their Chapel.

Big Deal Supermarket & Holy Name Society "LENTEN

FUNDRAISER" now through Easter Sunday, March 27th. A percentage of all sales 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. Please see flier in Church Vestibule.

Next Week's Readings (Fourth Sunday of Lent): Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a); 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.



Weekly Collection (Parish Pay Included)
February 21, 2016: \$6,804

Collection Last Year (Parish Pay Included) 2015
February 22, 2015: \$4,864 (Snow and Frigid Cold)

Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

Anyone who came to the school gym last Saturday Night to see "Broadway Night" performed by the teens and young adults of our Teen Choir and the children of our School's Drama Club saw a fantastic show. What a joy it was to watch the children of our school, our teen agers in high school, and our young adults in College performing together on that stage. They are truly amazing and such a blessing to our parish.

As we come into the heart of Lent, it is good to stop and look at how we are doing. If we have slacked off a little on the resolutions we made, there is still plenty of time to just begin again. The important thing is that we are moving closer to Jesus and away from the things that keep us from Him. That is why this holy season calls us to repentance, culminating in an honest, humble, and sincere Confession in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As Jesus clearly says in today's Gospel: *"Unless you repent, you will perish."*

Pope Francis has made this point repeatedly in homilies in which he has contrasted "sinners" with the "corrupt." In one homily he said: *"The problem is not sinning, but not repenting of the sin, not feeling ashamed of what we have done. That is the problem."* The corrupt do not feel shame for their sins and do not repent. And so Pope Francis has frequently exclaimed, *"Sinners yes, corrupt no!"* That is why Pope Francis desired this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, summoning all of us to recognize that we are sinners who need God's Mercy, to come to receive that gift frequently in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and then having received the riches of God's Mercy, to become more merciful ourselves, loving and forgiving one another as our Lord loves and forgives us.

To make a good Confession requires first, that we sincerely repent, feeling sorrow for our sins, called contrition, and being resolved to avoid those sins in the future. Then, that we bring those sins to the Father of Mercies, making an honest and sincere confession of all mortal sins by name and number. And although it is not absolutely necessary, it is a good practice to confess our venial sins as well even if we are not aware of any mortal sins. A frequent Confession of venial sins strengthens us to avoid mortal sin, and helps us to grow in humility and holiness. And finally, that we make some act of reparation by doing the penance assigned, usually some form of prayer, self-denial, or act of charity. A good confession is a profound act of worship, and one of the most authentic and sincere expressions of our love for God.

How sad it is that so many ignore this Sacrament of Divine Mercy that we all need so much. Cardinal Dolan recently reminded us priests that in order to encourage our people to go to Confession, we ourselves must go to Confession frequently.

He reminded us of the example of Pope Francis in his first meeting with his priests in the Diocese of Rome. Confessions were available during the day of the meeting, and Pope Francis was assigned as one to hear them. But, on the way to his assigned spot, he stopped at another confessional and made his own confession. Don't let Lent go by without making a good Confession. What a source of inner peace is this beautiful Sacrament of Divine Mercy, a peace that this world cannot give. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



TODAY IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND: 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. You can also make a gift online: www.cardinalsappeal.org. If you have already made a pledge, thank you!

SFX CARD PARTY COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE GREAT GATSBY. Thursday, April 14, 2016. Please call Liane Weihe 347-410-2744. Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin.

Young Adult Mass with Cardinal Dolan: Wednesday, March 9th at St. Patrick's Cathedral for Mass with His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Adoration and Confessions will be available from 6:30-7:30pm. Mass begins at 7:30pm. Social after the Mass at Vermillion, 48 Lexington Ave, NY, NY. For more information and to join the CatholicNYC event's newsletter, please visit www.catholicnyc.com.

St. Clare of Assisi: Reflections for men on March 5th at 1:00pm by Deacon Jaime Bello. The mission in Italian on March 12th, Saturday at 1:00pm by Deacon Vincenzo La Gamba. Reflections for women on March 19th at 1:00pm by Kathy Jankowski. Please call Rectory at 718-863-8974.



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, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciaccio, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen 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 Lifrieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Janet Kreage, 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 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 Cardielli



Pray for those who have died: Sebastian (Benny) Falsone and Philip Conga



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER HOLY WEEK MISSION

**Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal**

MONDAY, MARCH 21: 7:30PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 22: 7:30PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23: 7:30PM

"Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR, is a founding member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, a community begun by eight Capuchin friars in the spring of 1987. The community, which presently has over 120 members and 15 friaries, was founded to care for the poor and to preach renewal and reform in the Church. After spending many years in formation and leadership positions in the community, he now serves others through spiritual direction, pastoral counseling, spiritual deliverance ministry, preaching parish missions, and other forms of evangelization."

The Holy Week Parish Mission:

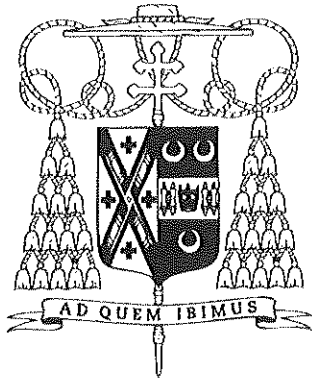
Lord, Have Mercy!

Receiving from God what we need but don't deserve

We all know we live in uncertain times. Things are rapidly changing - and not for the best. The world in which we were raised has become quite confusing and, what was wholesome is now, at times, hostile. The simplicity, security, and innocence of childhood and family life are threatened. What are we to do?

Where are we to go? Who can help us? The answer - the only answer - is found in the One who promises us true peace, joy, unity, integrity, and eternal life. The answer is not a what - but a Who - Jesus Christ!

***Come to the St. Francis Xavier Parish Mission and
see how to receive Divine Mercy –
not because we deserve it, but because we need it!***

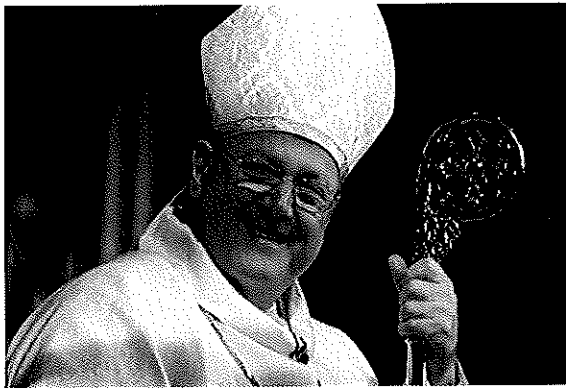


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CARDINAL'S
 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts 2015

THIS IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND!

Please prayerfully consider making your 2016 Appeal gift before you leave Mass today.

Envelopes can be found in your pew.



"Our Catholic family is strong, and only made stronger through your generosity."

Cardinal Dolan

Your generosity supports our neediest parishes, strengthens our religious education programs, and ensures our future and retired priests are cared for.

You can make your gift online at

www.cardinalsappeal.org

May God bless you for your generosity.

Commitment Weekend



For the past few weeks, our parish has actively been conducting the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. Cardinal Dolan has mentioned in his letters that the *Appeal* is critical to the work and life of the Archdiocese of New York and each of its parishes, including ours.

As we make our pledge to the 2016 *Cardinal's Appeal*, we recognize that all we have is a gift from God. As a sign of our gratitude we respond to the *Appeal*, which helps all Catholic institutions do their work of ministering to the needs of God's people. This work includes caring for the elderly; feeding the hungry; teaching the children the truths of our faith; supporting churches on the margin who need to keep their doors open so their parishioners can pray, hear the Word of God and receive the sacraments. This work also includes fighting for the unborn, educating our future priests; and supporting our retired religious.

If you have been thinking and praying about a gift or a pledge, may our time together today help you to make a decision... to make a sacrifice for those who need our help so desperately. If you have already made your gift, thank you most sincerely for your generosity.

As you consider your gift of thanksgiving, please realize that you are not alone in this effort.

To date our parish has received 53 pledges, totaling \$11,875. Our goal is \$52,500. Please remember that 60% whatever we raise over our goal remains here to help our own Parish.

Across the Archdiocese 11,979 families have committed \$5,023,353. This is a testimony of how many people understand how vital these programs and services are to the daily operations of our church.

As you see, there are four steps to making a pledge:

1. The first is to prayerfully consider your gift. We ask that you make a sacrificial gift, but as you see, there is a gift chart that demonstrates what the pledge would be over a five-month period.
2. The second step is to write the amount of your pledge. You are not expected to make an initial payment today; the Archdiocese will send you reminders monthly until your pledge is fulfilled.
3. Next choose your method of payment. You can pay your pledge in a number of ways, including by check or by credit card.
4. Finally, write in all of the pertinent information on the bottom left hand side of the envelope so we can thank you for your gift.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

May God bless you for your support of St. Francis Xavier Parish and for your goodness to others.

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Fifty Five Dollars

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER GATSBY CARD PARTY !!

CRAZY FLAPPERS ON THE LOOSE

Known as the SFX Card Party Committee, this group has been spotted soliciting gifts along Morris Park Ave. Proceed with caution, these dolls are extremely funny and looking for a good time.

50/50 Raffle Tickets are on sale now !!!!!!!!!!!
Please buzz Liane Weihe 347.410.2744 or Catherine DiPasquale 917.416.2541 for information.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER IGNORES PROHIBITION LAW

18th Amendment Violated

BRONX, NY - Saint Francis Xavier will be holding their Soiree' on April 14, 2016 at Maestro's Caterers. Guaranteed to be the Bee's Knees! Get dolled up for a night of food , hooch, and raffles. Don't forget your clams for chances to win prizes. Wet Blankets will get the Bronx Cheer !!

Maestro's Caterers
1703 Bronxdale Ave

April 14, 2016

**JUICE JOINT
OPENS
7 O'CLOCK**

\$55 per person

Tickets on sale in the Saint Francis Xavier Rectory.

**Table
Name:** _____

Phone: _____

**Dames'
Names:** _____

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Enclosed:** _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER