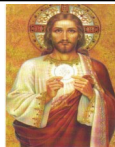


MASS INTENTIONS



The Sanctuary Lamp is being lit this week in loving memory of Elizabeth Heffer by Elizabeth Russo

Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family:
Mia Juliette Cerino daughter of Vanessa and Stephen
Emmanuel Otero Mena son of Jose and Antonia
Anthony Steven Meehan son of Brian and Francesca



Please join us for the Rosary at 7:00pm every Wednesday evening in May (May 11, 18, and 25). Please come with the whole family and make this a real family prayer. As Fr. Peyton who promoted the Rosary as a family prayer years ago said: "The Family that prays together stays together, and a people at prayer will be a people at peace."



Today, Sunday, May 8th—Mother's Day: What greater gift for your Mother on Mother's Day than to be remembered in a special way at all the Masses which will be offered for all Mothers living and deceased. Offertory envelopes are available in the Vestibule of the Church which will be placed on the Altar and remain throughout the month of May.



St. Francis Xavier School: This past weekend the Xavier Players performed "The Lion King Jr." produced by Bettina D'Erasmus and her staff. The show was spectacular, the children amazing. Congrats to all! UPK seats are still available. Registration/ Applications and scholarship information is available at: www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org. Visit sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our beautiful Catholic faith 24/7: **First Holy Communion:** The children of the School and Religious Education received First Holy Communion this weekend. What joy it was to see the children receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus for the first time. May Jesus live in their hearts always and may they know that He is always there to guide them.

"Wednesdays With Jesus": It is our hope that the PreK children look back one day at our classes and remember how much fun we had together and that we planted the little seed of the love of Jesus into their hearts.

Religious Education Registration for September begins: Re-registrations forms will be sent to families and will be available in the Vestibule of the Church or by contacting the Rectory. For new families registering, please contact the Rectory.

NEW SPECIAL NEEDS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: "Saturdays With Jesus" will begin this September on Saturdays at 10:00am in the lower Rectory. If your child or someone you know has special needs, they are very welcome as we work together with the children and parents to prepared them for the Sacraments (Baptism, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation). Please contact the Rectory for more information.



Banns of Marriage Announced
Jared Simcik and Erica Mariani
Gianni Algeri and Dominique Rivera

Next Week's Readings (Pentecost Sunday): Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1m 24m 29-30,31m 34 (30); Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23b-26

Saturday	May 7, 2016
Vigil for Sunday	
5:30pm	All Mothers (Living and Deceased)
Sunday	May 8, 2016
7:30am	All Mothers (Living and Deceased)
9:30am	All Mothers (Living and Deceased)
11:15am	All Mothers (Living and Deceased)
12:30pm	All Mothers (Living and Deceased)
Monday	May 9, 2016
7:30am	Agostino and Maria Calisi
9:00am	Michael Fragola
Tuesday	May 10, 2016
7:30am	Maria Conte Calisi
9:00am	Dominick Prestipino (1st Anniversary)
Wednesday	May 11, 2016
7:30am	Mary Goldie
9:00am	Elizabeth Heffer
7:00pm	Recitation of the Rosary
Thursday	May 12, 2016
7:30am	Pasquale Eduardo
9:00pm	Mary Seivers and Michael Manniello
Friday	May 13, 2016
7:30am	Yolanda Cupta (Living) 3rd Anniversary of Consecration
9:00am	Temistocle De Vivo (5th Anniversary)
Saturday	May 14, 2016
7:30am	Deceased Members of Goldie and Ward Families
9:00am	Salvatore Picone

Vigil for Sunday	
5:30am	John William Harrison, Jr.
Sunday	May 15, 2016—PENTECOST SUNDAY
7:30am	All Parishioners of SFX
9:30am	Giovanni Assalone
11:15am	Deceased Members of Gartner, Falcone and Schneider Family
12:30pm	Special Intentions

Please take Prayer Card for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Vestibule of the Church.

This week's second collection is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please visit our Parish Website: stfrancisxavierbronx.com. The Parish Bulletin can be read each week on the website.

<p>Our Gifts Back to the Lord</p> <p>Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) 2016—May 1, 2016 : \$5,473</p> <p>Second Collection (Capital Expenditures): \$1,757</p>
<p>Collection last year (Parish Pay included) 2015—May 3, 2015: \$6,073</p> <p>Second Collection (Capital Expenditures): \$1,701</p> <p>Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.</p>





Dear Parishioners,

What a spectacular performance the children of our School put on last weekend with the musical, *"The Lion King."* Our children are truly amazing and so talented, beyond anything I have seen anywhere else at the elementary school level. They worked so hard for months getting ready and it really paid off. The Drama Program we have in our School now is such a wonderful thing thanks to Bettina and Phil D'Erasmus, Mario Gamilo who provides the technology for the sound and lighting, and so many parents who give so much of their time. And what a blessing that our own Teens, the same young people who sing in our Teen Choir, produced, directed and choreographed the whole thing.

Another wonderful thing we have here as part of our Parish Religious Education Program is *"Wednesdays with Jesus"* for the four-year-olds of our School's Universal Pre-K. It is an after school program run by our Coordinator of Religious Education, Ughette Jilleba, who I cannot thank enough for taking on this project along with everything else she does for our Parish. She runs the program with our second grade Catechist, Angela Lifrieri, and aides, Nancy Weihe, Rosemarie Vasti, and Joanne Conte. Our Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal also graciously give of their time every month, teaching the children songs about Jesus and Mary and introducing them to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharistic in their Convent Chapel. This is such an adorable program and the children absolutely love it. It is amazing to see how much these precious little children can absorb and understand about our beautiful Faith and the Love of God with their pure, innocent, and uncomplicated hearts and minds.

Of course, the most beautiful thing we have in our Parish is the most precious gift of the Eucharist. This is the weekend of First Holy Communion for the children of our School and Religious Education Program. What a joy it is to see the children approach Holy Communion for the very first time with such reverence, excitement, and joy. They remind us of the joy we should all have every time we receive Holy Communion, for every worthy reception of Holy Communion is just as beautiful and special as our very first time because every time it is the same Jesus we receive into our bodies and souls.

Adding to the beauty of this weekend is our celebration of Mother's Day. We pray in a very special way today for all mothers, living and deceased. We pray, too, for all those heroic grandmothers, foster mothers, godmothers, aunts and all women who have loved a child with a mother's heart. A mother's love is so precious because a mother mirrors for us in such a unique and beautiful way the tender and unconditional Love of God. Indeed, a mother's love is so special in God's plan that He wanted His Only Begotten Son to have one, the Blessed Virgin Mary whom we honor in a special way throughout this month of May.

At His birth in Bethlehem Mary held the baby Jesus in her arms. At His death on Good Friday she held Him in her arms again as He was taken down from the Cross. And it was from the Cross just before He died that Jesus gave His Mother to us to be our Mother. Jesus' Mother was so special to Him, that He wanted to share her with us, so much does He love us. May God bless all of our Moms, and may He bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



***A Mother's Day Prayer
Gracious and Loving Mary,
Mother of Jesus
And our Mother
Pray for all mothers
the world over
On this their special day***



So far 127 of our parishioners have pledged \$39,175 to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal which puts us at

74.62% of the goal for our parish of \$52,500. Cardinal Dolan is asking for your support of the many charitable works of the Archdiocese. Please consider making a gift or pledge to help our Parish surpass our goal and earn a much needed rebate for our Parish. Please fill out your pledge card and send it in, or drop it in the collection or at the Rectory. Extra pledge envelopes are available in the Vestibule of the Church. You can also make a gift online: www.cardinalsappeal.org. If you have already made a pledge, thank you!



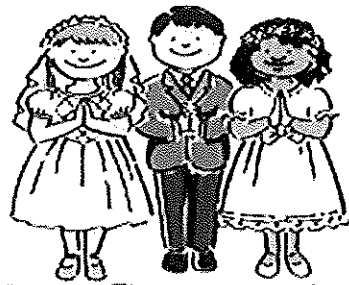
Remember Please remember the following members of our parish community in your prayers:

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alicea, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Yolanda Carrozza, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Margaret Mary Dean, Carlann Defede, 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, Brian 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 Cardiello



Pray for those who have died: Juana Greco



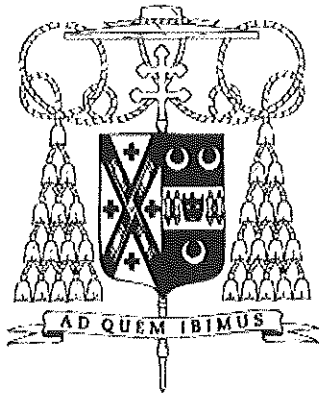
First Communion
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER 2016

What joy to see the children of St. Francis Xavier receiving for the first time the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 7th. May Jesus be always in their hearts and may He and His Mother Mary bless them always!

*Nathaniel Abviar
Matthew Barisano
Nicolas Paul Cianci
Aiden Khan
Michael Lagares
Adrian Martinez
Alex Miranda
Cristian Hau Maloney
Franklin Oddo
Luis Perez
Scott Pricoli
Anthony Raneri
Joseph Rosario
Dylan Santana-Pagan
Shadeed Smith, Jr.
Arsi Tinaj
Kevin Ulaj*

*Gia Alessandro
Angelina Frangella
Brianna Gonzalez
Kristina Gjonaj
Susana Gjonaj
Kelly Guire
Olivia Hernandez
Angela Kalavaci
Angelina Puig-Samper
Samantha Reyes
Leilani Rodriguez
Melina Rodriguez
Antonella Ruggiero
Victoria Timpone
Adriana Traina
Taylor Weihe
Emily Wieler
Elizabeth Zefaj*

And, Ariel Genao, Mariela Genao, John Martinez, Matthew Martinez, Brandon Otero, Celine Otero, Emmanuel Otero, Alhana Pastor, Lisandra Tusen, Michael Vilajeti and Michelle Vilajeti who received First Holy Communion on Mother's Day, May 8th, 2016.



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Sharing God's Gifts

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$52,500

Please Make a Gift Today

So far 127 of our parishioners have pledged \$39,175 to this year's Appeal, which puts us at approximately \$13,000 away from our goal of \$52,500. Although we are getting closer to our goal, we are quite a bit behind where we usually are at this stage in the Appeal in the number of gifts or pledges made. It is always our goal to increase participation each year. It is so important for our Parish that we achieve and even surpass our goal, as we have for the past seven years. There is still time to make a gift or pledge. Please consider doing so this week if you have not done so already. Pledge envelopes are always at the doors of the Church. And thank you so much to all of you who have already given to this year's Cardinal's Appeal.

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