

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 6, 2016
Vigil for Sunday Transfiguration of the Lord
 5:30pm Kathleen Ann Dean requested by Margaret Dean

Sunday August 7, 2016
Nineteen Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30am All Parishioners SFX
 9:30am Salvatore Picone requested by Debbie Picone
 11:15am Finnualla Ahearn requested by The Rice Family
 12:30pm Joseph and Gloria Saraco requested by Susan Saraco

Monday August 8, 2016 St. Dominic
 7:30am Reverend Domingo Matiga
 9:00am Daniel J. Moloney requested by Elizabeth Russo

Tuesday August 9, 2016
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
 7:30am Al DeSantis requested by The Hefter Family
 9:00am Neil O'Donnell requested by Peter Jordan

Wednesday August 10, 2016 St. Lawrence
 7:30am Clara King requested by The Weihe Family
 9:00am Lawrence Boinholz requested by Alicia Gabbamonte

Thursday August 11, 2016 St. Clare
 7:30am Alfred DeSantis requested by Dr. & Mrs. Ed Casey
 9:00am Kenneth Hogarty requested by Martinez Family

Friday August 12, 2016
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
 7:30am Luigi Magliocco
 9:00am Millie Strona requested by The Pazienza Family

Saturday August 13, 2016
Sts. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus
 7:30am John and Eva Boglioli requested by Julie Boglioli
 9:00am Special Intentions of Mrs. Mary Furey (Living) requested by Ughette Jilleba

Vigil for Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:30pm Joseph Milone requested by Joan Milone

Sunday August 14, 2016
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30am All Parishioners SFX
 9:30am John Pasti requested by Dolores Pasti
 11:15am Frank Ramunno requested by Jeneanine Ramunno
 12:30pm Anthony Cianci, Luigi Cianci and Maria Cianci requested by Mimma Cianci



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Monday, August 15th.

Next Week's Readings (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Psalm 40: 2,3,4,18 (146); Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53



Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in loving memory of Daniel J. Moloney by Elizabeth Russo



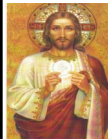
Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family **Sienna Raine Tedesco** daughter of Angelo and Melanie



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you are interested in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist) and being received into the Catholic Church at Easter, or if you are already baptized but not yet received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is meant for you. If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 718-892-3330. Sessions will begin the end of September.



St. Francis Xavier School: During the weeks of August 8th & 15th, the school office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am until 12 Noon. August 22nd, the school office will be open Monday to Thursday from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Registration is on-going. Applications and scholarship information is available at www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org.



Religious Education—Learning to live our beautiful Catholic faith 24/7: *Jesus is waiting for you in the Eucharist!*

Please remember there is no vacation from our obligation of attending Sunday Mass. If you are traveling, you can check local Mass times at www.masstimes.org. Also, tune into EWTN TV Channel 135 for general viewing and movies on Saturdays at 8pm. You can also start your day with the Rosary online at comepraytherosary.org either individual or worldwide recitation.

Classes will begin Sunday, September 11th at 9:30am in the School. Parent meeting is scheduled during class time in the gym. Re-registrations forms are available in the Vestibule of the Church and the Rectory. For new families registering, please contact the Rectory.

NEW KINDERGARTEN CLASS will begin during Sunday Religious Education. This is **FREE**. Please contact 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.

Next week's second collection is for Latin America and Home Missions.



Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) 2016—July 31, 2016 : \$4,975
Collection last year (Parish Pay included) 2015—August 2, 2015: \$4,969
Second Collection (Capital Expenditures): \$1,787

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for. Hebrews 11:1

Scholars have argued over the years about who wrote the letter to the Hebrews in the Bible. However, we are sure of one important fact which is that the letter to the Hebrews brings about a chronological order of the Bible, from Creation of the World (Old Testament) to the Life of Christ (New Testament).

When the author of Hebrews calls faith the “realization of what is hoped for,” he is talking about an ongoing realization of all that Jesus has won for us. Our faith is meant to be living and active, capable of growing as we welcome the Lord into our lives. So, what is faith? Faith is not blind. Faith is assurance. We *know-so* not just *hope-so*. It is a belief and conviction of things we have not seen.

In the Old Testament, God commanded the Jews to sacrifice a lamb and place its blood on the doors of their homes so that the Angel of Death would pass over their homes. Then they ate the lamb to seal their covenant with God. This Passover lamb is a foreshadowing of what was to come – the coming of the Son of God, Jesus—The Lamb of God.

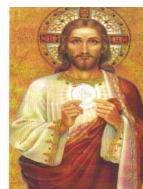
At the Last Supper, the night before Jesus died, while celebrating the Jewish celebration of Passover with His Twelve Apostles, Jesus took bread and wine and said, *“Take, this is my body... This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”* In this way Jesus gave us the most beautiful Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and the first Mass. It is this sacrificial meal, the Holy Eucharist, which we consume at each Mass.

The Church teaches us that the sacrifice of Christ dying on the cross on Good Friday occurred “once for all.” It cannot be repeated. Christ does not “die again” during Mass, but the very same sacrifice that occurred on Calvary is made present on the altar. That’s why the Mass is not another sacrifice but a participation in the same, once-for-all sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The bread and wine really become by a miracle of God’s grace, the actual body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. After the consecration of the bread and wine, no bread or wine remains – *only Jesus Himself*. What appears to be bread and wine, even the last speck of bread and the tiniest drop of wine, *is* the body and blood of Christ. Yes, *Christ is present, God and man, body and blood, soul and divinity.*

It is by God’s greatest gift to us that the Holy Eucharist, Jesus’ Body and Blood, also becomes our flesh and blood. Jesus gave us the Holy Eucharist not only so that the bread and wine will change but also that **we will change**. Christ dwells within us that we might become more Christ-like in our words and actions and more Christ-like in our attitudes and thoughts while offering our daily lives to God. When we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus lives in us. So, how can we become more Christ-like? Is there room in your heart to visit the sick, feed the hungry, pray for another, help the homeless, be a genuine friend to a lonely person, forgive someone who has hurt you or apologize to someone you have hurt?

God sent us His only Son, Jesus, so that we might see His presence in the flesh. In turn, Jesus gave us the Holy Eucharist, the most perfect manifestation of God’s presence to His people. When we receive the Holy Eucharist, we are asking Jesus to open our eyes, minds and our hearts to His love and His wisdom in a new and deeper way.

It is by our growing faith, the belief of what we have not seen, and by receiving the Holy Eucharist that we truly embrace Jesus. May the greatest gift we can receive from God, Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, dwell within each and every one of our hearts so that we may realize the life-changing effects in our lives.



Jesus is waiting for you in the Eucharist!

**Remember
Prayer**

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 Defedele, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Dot DeSantis, Patrick Dolan, Baby Max D’Onofrio, Carmella Emily DonVito, Mario Esguerra, Cheryl Espinoza, John Esposito, Esther Finn, Carmen Flores, Billy Fischer, 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, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Janet Kreaage, 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, 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: Anthony Vincent Boccia, 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: Nicholas Pugliese, Milagros Gayagoy, John Bobby and Candida Fragola