

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 10, 2016

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Lucy Coscia requested by Hannibal Coscia

Sunday September 11, 2016

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am All Parishioners SFX
 9:30am Thomas J. Hefter requested by Holy Name Society
 11:15am Leo Mayer requested by Joan Mayer
 12:30pm Remembrance of 9/11

Monday September 12, 2016 Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30am Ryan Loud and All Organ Donators requested by Rosemarie
 9:00am Juana E. Greco requested by Castriota Family

Tuesday September 13, 2016 St. John Chrysostom

7:30am Ralph M. Sparano requested by Syria Vazquez
 9:00am Italo Bassani requested by Mrs. Bassani

Wednesday September 14, 2016

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30am Perry Rizopoulos requested by Barbara Ryan
 9:00am Al DeSantis requested by Mrs. Boccia

Thursday September 15, 2016 Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30am Mark J. Ryan requested by Barbara Ryan
 9:00am Nettie Vasti requested by The Vasti Family

Friday September 16, 2016

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian

7:30am Janina Wolosz (living) requested by Barbara Ryan
 9:00am Antonio Pagnotta requested by Marie Rinkle

Saturday September 17, 2016 St. Robert Bellamine

7:30am Mary and Daniel Kelly requested by Mary Cullen
 9:00am Special Intentions requested by Ughette Jilleba

Vigil for Sunday Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30pm Margaret Rita Dean requested by Margaret Dean

Sunday September 18, 2016

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am All Parishioners SFX
 9:30am Albert Andrasko requested Marie Andrasko
 11:15am Pierina Ferrante requested by Joann Schettino
 12:30pm John Praino requested by Donna Marziliano

Next Week's Readings (Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113:1-2,4-6,7-8 (see 1a, 7b); Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13



Bread and Wine is being donated this week in loving memory of Antonio Pagnotta by Grazia Pagnotta and Family



Sanctuary Lamp is being lit this week in loving memory of John Lizzo by Marie Lizzo

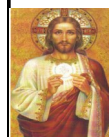


Never Forget 09.11.2001: "On the morning of September 11 2001, 2,976 people from 93 nations lost their lives in New York, at the Pentagon, and on Flight 93. Today, we pause to remember that moment of horror and pray for those left scarred by those terrible events." *"We remember the first time we heard the news. We recall the first time we saw those images. We remember the way our thoughts and prayers were with those families who lost loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with them again today."*

We are very grateful and appreciative over the last five years for the hard work and generous spirit of Mrs. Ughette Jilleba. In the last five years Mrs. Ughette Jilleba has built up our Religious Education Program and has always had a fond love for the children and a very cooperative spirit with the parents of the parish. I am sure that she will be missed by the parents and the children in the Program. The children not only learned their Catholic faith but also practiced it by thinking and doing for others in the Community and outside the Community. Our Catechists and volunteers have flourished under the direction of Mrs. Ughette Jilleba. Again, the Parish cannot thank her enough for a job well done as Secretary and Coordinator of Religious Education. We wish her the best and continue to keep her in our prayers.



St. Francis Xavier School: Office will be open Monday - Thursday 9:00am until 2:00pm. School begins Thursday, September 8th. Visit School website. UPK and Kindergarten received a letter outlining dates and times. Applications and scholarship information is available at www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org.



Religious Education—Learning to live our beautiful Catholic faith 24/7: *You have all been a family to me and I leave with a simple message meant with every fiber of my being "I love you all." Jesus is Waiting for YOU in the Eucharist— Ughette*

SFX FEAST DAY 50/50 RAFFLE:



Tickets are \$20 each or 3 Tickets for \$50
 Tickets will be sold before and after every Mass on weekends in the Church Vestibule and in the Rectory throughout the week. The drawing will be held Saturday, December 3rd, 2016 at a reception celebration immediately following the 5:30pm Mass in honor of our Patron Saint.



Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) 2016
 September 4, 2016: \$4,904
Second Collection (Capital Expenditures): \$1,492
Collection last year (Parish Pay included) 2015
 September 6, 2015: \$ 4,790
Second Collection (Capital Expenditures): \$1,825

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Luke 15:2

This man welcomes sinners

Today marks the 15th anniversary of 9/11 when we watched the Twin Towers at the World Trade Center fall, the Pentagon burst into flames and an airliner crash into a field in Pennsylvania. How heartbreaking and horrifying it was to see all of this evil happening in our country. Yet, as terrible, sinful and evil as this attack was, or any other attack like it, it is important that we remember St. Paul's words in today's second reading: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," and because of His sacrifice, everyone who repents will be "mercifully treated."

Today's Gospel reflection brings our attention to Jesus and how He welcomes and eats with the sinners and offering them forgiveness, love, understanding and care. Just as a doctor heals the sick so too Jesus welcomed the most despised. As Jesus ate with sinners and accepted them into His fellowship, He was offering the forgiveness of sins.

All of the parables (*the lost sheep, lost coin and the lost son*) in today's Gospel illustrate just how far God will go to seek and save the "lost". These parables set a place for our relationship with God and with each other today and every day. We can say that people who commit a horrendous and massive terror attack have "lost" their way. Yet God loves them; He wants to bring them into His Kingdom. He wants them to turn away from their sins and find the mercy that is open to all of us. God has no favorites – No one is more loved than another – no one is dismissed as worthless – every one of us is loved by God.

How do we forgive the unforgiveable? We look to today's Gospel which tells us that God's entire relationship with us is based on love and mercy and forgiveness, whether it is forgiveness for the "big sin" of the Prodigal Son or the "minor sins" committed by his brother. God, clearly represented by the father in the parable, welcomes every prodigal child who returns to Him. He welcomes every prodigal child through Jesus, whom the sinner can once again become righteous with the righteousness of God.

Are we today struggling to forgive someone who has hurt us? It could be a devastating wound or a minor snub. But no matter how much or how little it hurts, God asks us to try our best to forgive. So, what is forgiveness and how do we forgive? The word for forgive that Jesus uses has various meanings. It means to "set free, release and in certain context to wipe away, release."

Holding on to a hurt is like holding onto a piece of *hot coal* in your hand. The only person who is hurting is the person holding the *hot coal*. It is when you "let go or release" the *hot coal* that you can forgive. Forgiveness is "releasing" someone from any moral obligation to make up for a wrong, "releasing" thoughts of vengeance against someone. Forgiving is not saying that the damaging hurt was appropriate in any way - forgiving is releasing the damaging hurt. And, you do not have to reconcile a hurtful relationship allowing a wrongful behavior to continue in your life.

If you are holding onto a piece of *hot coal*, researchers have documented that people who are unforgiving have higher rates of stress-related disorders, cardiovascular disease and clinical depression as well as lower immune system function.

So, as you recall the relationships in your lives that may be wounded or broken, ask God for the grace to forgive. It is in forgiving that we receive an inner peace. If you can't forgive all at once, then ask God for the grace to take you one step closer to mercy because every step counts.

God sees into our hearts. He never calls off His search for us. Wherever we are, whatever our need, God seeks us out to bless us with an experience of His Love, His Mercy and His Forgiveness.

And so, may each and every one of us ask God to help us release our hurts and resentments and ask Him to bring peace and reconciliation where there is hurt and division.—Ughette



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, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, 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 Kreage, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Lifrieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Paul McAllister, Theresa McDermott, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, 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 (6-yr. old), Marie Swain, Paul Teehan, Frank Timpone, Sr., 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: Vincent Mastrogiorganni