

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday November 8, 2014
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Deceased Members of the Mazzella Family

Sunday November 9, 2014
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Salvatore Picone
 11:15am Frank Ramunno
 12:30pm Raffaella and Luca Palumbo

Monday November 10, 2014
 7:30am Frank Ramunno
 9:00am Rosaria and Salvatore Pulitano

Tuesday November 11, 2014
 7:30am John and Maggie Clancy
 9:00am Veteran's Day Memorial Mass

Wednesday November 12, 2014
 7:30am In Thanksgiving
 9:00am Walter Chistoni

Thursday November 13, 2014
 7:30am Freddy Ziolla
 9:00am Carl Catuogno

Friday November 14, 2014
 7:30am Michael and Amelia Hangee
 9:00am Michael Fragola

Saturday November 15, 2014
 7:30am Mary Ann Moloney (3rd Anniversary)
 9:00am Cosimo Gabriele
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Antonio Mazzella

Sunday November 16, 2014
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am John Cipollone
 11:15am Celia "Sally" Gervasi
 12:30pm Kathleen and Harry Riconda

Next week's second collection is the Thanksgiving Day Collection for Human Development

"...she... put in everything - all she had..."
 Mark 12:44

Weekly collection (Parish Pay included)
November 2: \$ 5,502
Second Collection
(Capital Expenditure): \$2,142
All Saints: \$920
Thank you for your generosity.
May God Bless you.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER WEBSITE: is being updated under the direction of Tom Tronconi and the Holy Name Society. Thank you Tom and the Holy Name Society. You can visit us at <http://stfrancisxavierbronx.com>



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY

CELEBRATION: Sunday, November 30th Potluck Dinner in the Gym after the 12:30 pm Mass.

Drawing for \$10,000 Feast Day Raffle (winner need not be present), fun, music, camaraderie, cotton candy, face painting, great food made by our parish family, fun for the whole family and chances to win more prizes. \$5/ adults plus your favorite potluck dinner dish. Please complete the flier in today's bulletin and return to the Rectory.



St. Francis Xavier School: As a fundraiser, the children will be selling Yankee Candle products.

Please support the school by purchasing a candle.

Report Card conferences are scheduled for Friday, November 14th. For updated information please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7:

Parents' Meeting for First Penance is tomorrow evening, Monday, November 10th at 7pm in the Church. Important information will be distributed and discussed.

Confirmation students Community Service:

Rosary Making every Friday at 4pm in the Rectory.

Next Visit to the Residence of Williamsbridge Nursing Home:

Saturday, November 15th. Please meet in front of the Church at 10:45am. Return time approx. 12:15pm.

Potluck Dinner, November 30th, Setup and Cleanup, Face Painter etc. Please call Rectory to sign up.



Thanksgiving Food Drive by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal:

Will be most grateful to receive financial contributions or the following non-perishable foods: **cans of corn, green beans, sweet potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, cans of potatoes/box of mashed potatoes, stuffing and non-refrigerated dessert items.** Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule of the Church until next weekend, November 15th/16th.

Holy Family Church: Christmas Flea Market on Sunday, December 7th from 8am—4pm. Tables and chairs available. Over 70 vendors. 718-8639156 for information.

Pilgrimage to Italy: With Fr. Stephen Norton and Fr. Brian Taylor (St. Benedict's Church) from April 6th-12th, 2015. For more information, please call Fr. Taylor at 718-828-3403 X106.

Catholics can always come home to St. Francis Xavier



Dear Parishioners,

Let us first keep in our prayers all the people and the priests of our Archdiocese who are profoundly affected by the closing/merging of over 50 Parishes in the Archdiocese of New York as was announced by Cardinal Dolan last Sunday. There is a lot of hurt and disappointment. I can only imagine how I would feel if our beautiful parish was one of them. And I thank God for each and every one of you for making this parish vibrant and strong. Please realize the difference your sacrifices and response to the needs of our parish have made. The Archdiocese will reevaluate the parishes every two years. We must continue to move in the direction we are heading in order to ensure our future for many, many more years to come.

Today, November 9th, is the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. Why are we celebrating the dedication of a Church in Rome here in Morris Park? The importance of the Lateran Basilica is captured in the words above the entrance which can be seen by every person entering this magnificent structure: *“The most holy Church of the Lateran, the mother and head of all the churches of the city and the world.”* The Lateran is the mother of every church edifice because it was the first Christian basilica in history, built on land owned by the Laterani family by the Emperor Constantine after he legalized Christianity in 313, and dedicated to Christ the Savior by Pope Sylvester I on November 9, 324. The Lateran is the head of all the churches because Rome, the see of St. Peter, is the principal local Church in the world, and the Lateran is the principal Church of the Diocese of Rome. The Pope is the Bishop of Rome and therefore the Lateran Basilica, not St. Peter’s surprisingly, is the Pope’s Cathedral, where his *cathedra*, the chair symbolic of his teaching authority, rests. In this sense we can say that the Lateran Basilica is the Cathedral of the world. This Feast is meant to remind us of the unity of the Church throughout the world, presided over by the successor of Saint Peter, Pope Francis, the visible sign of the Church’s unity.

As one author put it: “The history of the Lateran is, in many ways, the history of the Church as a whole. Over the course of the centuries, the Lateran has been pillaged by vandals, decimated by fire three times, toppled by an earthquake, and neglected by Popes and people sometimes for decades. After every fall on its Way of the Cross through time, however, the Lateran rose again, continuing to proclaim to the city and the world the Church’s faith, through the words of the popes and five ecumenical councils held there, and through the language of its art and architecture.”

The readings for today also remind us that the essence of the Church is not a stone building, but all of us baptized into Christ Jesus - *living stones* – built upon Christ, the Cornerstone. This Feast calls us, then, to recommit ourselves as living stones, building our entire lives on Christ.

What makes us *living stones* is that we have the very life of God within us, making you and me Temples or Basilicas where God dwells within. As St. Paul reminds us today: *“Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?...The temple of God, which you are, is holy.”* What a reverence we would have for God, for others, and ourselves if we truly grasped this incredible reality. As we celebrate today the dedication of the Lateran Basilica to Christ the Savior on November 9, 324, let us remember that every time we receive Christ our Savior in Holy Communion we rededicate our temples, our basilicas – our bodies, our minds, our hearts, and our souls – to Him. Let us never forget that we are the temple of God, and that this temple is meant to be Holy. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Matthew J. Furey



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY CELEBRATION:

\$10,000.00 RAFFLE

The raffles are selling slower than usual. There are only three weeks left to purchase raffles.

\$10,000 First Prize

\$1,000 Second Prize

\$500 Third Prize

Raffles are \$50 each and will remain on sale before and after every Mass in the Church vestibule, and in the Rectory until November 30th.

POTLUCK DINNER CELEBRATION

The drawing will be held Sunday, November 30th, 2014 at the Potluck Dinner Celebration after the 12:30pm Mass in honor of our Patron Saint. Winner need not be present at drawing.



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, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlann Defedele, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Alfred DeSantis, John Dinelli, 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, Donald Gallagher, 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), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Lifrieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Joseph Milone, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mazzella, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O’Donnell, Teresa O’Hara, Kerry O’Keeffe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Richard Quartarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Leslie Russin, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Anthony Saraco, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Juliana Szanto, Paul Teehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villara, Gelacio Villaviza, Christopher Vitale, Kathy Vitale, George Walsh, Rev. Arthur Welton, 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: Patricia Foley, All the Souls of the Faithful Departed