

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday	November 22, 2014—Vigil for Sunday
5:30pm	Anna Radovanovich
Sunday	November 23, 2014—Christ the King
7:30am	All Parishioners of SFX
9:30am	Anna Radovanovich
11:15am	Ida Civetta
12:30pm	Joseph Petrozza
Monday	November 24, 2014
7:30am	Rose Galasso
9:00am	Carmela and Francesco Nigro
Tuesday	November 25, 2014
7:30am	Louis Lucie, Jr.
9:00am	Lucy Coscia
Wednesday	November 26, 2014
7:30am	Intentions of Catherine McNamara (Living)
9:00am	Aisling Cooke
10:00am	Thanksgiving Mass SFX School
Thursday	November 27, 2014—Thanksgiving Day
7:30am	Vincenza Lopane
9:00am	Thanksgiving Day Mass—All Parishioners
Friday	November 28, 2014
7:30am	Stella Parker
9:00am	Jessie, Joseph and Angelina Delia
Saturday	November 29, 2014
7:30am	Rosetta Iodice
9:00am	Mona Tutino
	Vigil for Sunday
5:30pm	Anna Radovanovich
Sunday	November 30, 2014 –First Sunday of Advent
7:30am	All Parishioners of SFX
9:30am	Anna Radovanovich
11:15am	Yolanda Fronk
12:30pm	James M. Ferrari

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY CELEBRATION: Next Sunday, Nov. 30th
Potluck Dinner in the Gym after the 12:30

Mass. **Drawing for \$10,000 Feast Day Raffle.** 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 (50/50 prize and lady's handbag, make-up and toiletry baskets, large painting, wine, table cloth set, and more). \$5/adults plus your favorite potluck dinner dish. Please complete the flier inserted in today's bulletin.

St. Francis Xavier School: During the Thanksgiving season, the children collected canned goods for the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal to donate to families who are less fortunate than us. On Wednesday, November 26th, Fr. Matthew will celebrate Thanksgiving Mass for all the children and their families. For updated information please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.

Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: As we give thanks for all of God's blessings, may we also give thanks to all the volunteers of the SFX Religious Education Program who give selflessly from their hearts to teach the children about Jesus' love. And, to know that every time we volunteer, lives are changed. A Blessed Thanksgiving to all. There will be no classes on November 30th. Classes will resume on December 7th. The Annual Christmas Pageant which will be held on **December 14th at 9:30am in the gym.** Our Parish Family is invited to attend as Christmas comes alive with our children being a part of the beginning—The Birth of Our Lord in Bethlehem. Please join us to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas.

Christmas at St. Francis Xavier: As we prepare our Church for the Christmas Season, a reminder that Christmas Flowers and Decorations can be memorialized in honor of a loved one. The envelopes will be in the vestibule of the Church and included with your Church envelopes. You can leave these envelopes at the Rectory or drop them in the collection basket. Each \$25 donation can be memorialized with up to three names.

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a "Giving Tree" this Advent Season. Please take a white angel from the tree located in the vestibule of the Church and fulfill a gift request. You can place your gift under the tree. The gifts will be given to the residents of Williamsbridge Manor Nursing Home. **Also,** the tree will have angels in blue and pink for gifts for children. The gifts will be given to the children in East Harlem by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Please do not wrap (wrapping paper can be included). What a lovely way to fulfill your role as an "Angel to the World."

Today's second collection is the Thanksgiving Day Collection for Human Development.

Happy Thanksgiving
May you and your families have
a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving
With love and gratitude
All your priests and staff at the Rectory
Thanksgiving Day Mass: Please join us at the 9am Mass for our
Parish Mass of Thanksgiving

BANNS OF MARRIAGE -Second Time
Anthony Minella and Siobhan Slattery

Weekly collection (Parish Pay included)
November 16: \$5,775
Thank you for your generosity.



Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving and the Advent Season are upon us. What better time to say thank you to all of you for all you are and do for this beautiful parish. Thank you for making St. Francis Xavier such a beautiful place to be. I hope as many as possible can join us next Sunday afternoon as we anticipate the celebration of our Parish Feast Day with our Family Pot Luck Dinner and the drawing of our Feast Day Raffle right after the 12:30 Mass in the School gym. There will be plenty of food, music and fun for the children. This event has really become a wonderful parish family celebration.

Today we come to the last Sunday of the Church's Liturgical Year with this great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Next week we begin a brand new year of grace with the First Sunday of Advent as we spiritually prepare for Christmas. We begin the New Year next Sunday in the same way we end the current year today – focusing on Jesus, our Savior, our Redeemer, our Shepherd, and our King. The whole structure of the Church's year teaches us that Jesus Christ is the beginning, the end, and the center of our entire lives.

The Kingdom of Christ the King is not one of domination and tyranny, but one of justice, love and peace. His throne in this world is not found in an opulent palace, but on the wood of the Cross. His Kingdom was established not by force, but by allowing Himself to become powerless and to suffer the agony of the Cross. The power of Christ our King was not manifested in the way the world thinks of power, but in humble, selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love. Love is the driving force behind all that Jesus endured in His Passion, and by His Resurrection this love was revealed as the most powerful force in the universe - more powerful than evil, more powerful even than death.

To proclaim that Jesus Christ is our King is to proclaim that we belong to Him, and that He alone - and not anyone or anything else – has dominion over our lives, over our minds, and over our hearts. Today's Feast of Christ the King calls each of us to consider whether we truly profess Christ as our King not just with our words, but in the way we think and live. If Jesus does not have dominion over my life, then someone or something else will. There will never be true peace and justice in our world until Christ the King reigns in every human heart - beginning with my own heart.

As we enjoy Thanksgiving Day on Thursday with our families and friends, let us give thanks first and foremost that we have such a King, who exercises His dominion and power over our lives not with the power of fear and domination, but with the power of love and mercy.

Perhaps on Thanksgiving day we can take a few moments to say to our Lord Jesus: "Thank you Jesus for loving me so much, and help me to love you more and more." Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Matthew J. Furey



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY RAFFLE

First Prize: \$10,000

Second Prize: \$1,000

Third Prize: \$500

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

The raffles are selling slower than usual. There are only two weeks left to go. We have come to rely on the money raised from the raffle over these past few years to pay some major bills and to accomplish various repairs and improvements to our church and school buildings. Last summer we were able to do much needed pointing on the two school buildings which we could not have accomplished without increasing our debt if it were not for the funds in the Raffle Account. Please try to support this important effort for our parish if you can, and join us for our parish celebration of our Patron Saint at the Family Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday, November 30th.



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

William Ahsam, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alices, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbogallo, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciocco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Joanne Cunnisen, Richard Daum, Carlana Defedeo, Antonette 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 Mario Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Litreri Hernandez, Gloria Irtzary, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (5-yr. old), Rosemaria Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liffieri, 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, Tessa O'Hara, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louise Paona, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parthen, Richard Quartarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Roasano, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Leslie Russin, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Anthony Saraco, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravianoopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Juliana Szanto, Paul Teehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoi, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villera, Gelacio Villavieja, Christopher Vitale, Kathy Vitale, George Walsh, Rev. Arthur Walton, 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. Bianco, Emmanuel Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardello



Pray for those who have died: Iida Corto, Mary Jane Villani, Joseph DeFedele, Debra Newman, Maria Libera and All the Souls of the Faithful Departed



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WE WILL PROVIDE THE PAN FOR YOUR SPECIAL DISH TO SHARE.

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USE THE TEAR-OFF FORM BELOW.**

\$5/ADULTS PLUS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD DISH ---- CHILDREN FREE!!

Name _____ Telephone # _____

No. Adults _____ No. Children _____ Total Enclosed _____

Main Dish _____ / Salad _____ / Appetizer _____ Dessert _____

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