

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday January 3, 2015

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Maria Morante Vinciguerra

Sunday January 4, 2015 –Epiphany of the Lord

7:30am John Ayala

9:30am Frank Ramunno

11:15am Antonio Morales

12:30pm Lawrence Calabrese

Monday January 5, 2015

7:30am Yolanda and Giordano Fronk

9:00am Andrew George Sedia

Tuesday January 6, 2015

7:30am In Thanksgiving

9:00am Angelo DeMarco

Wednesday January 7, 2015

7:30am Diane Hoeneveld

9:00am Nikolin Gjushi

Thursday January 8, 2015

7:30am Marie Marino

9:00am Helen Posillico

Friday January 9, 2015

7:30am Madeline Provenzano

9:00am Joseph DeFedele

Saturday January 10, 2015

7:30am Wilfredo Corpuz

9:00am Salvatore Picone

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Clair Morreale

Sunday January 11, 2015-The Baptism of the Lord

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Francesco Cipollone

11:15am Joseph Campione

12:30pm Emilio Fiori

Next Sunday's second collection is for Catholic Communications and Catholic University.



**Our Gifts Back to Our Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included)**

December 21, 2014: \$6,075

Christmas Collection, Holy Family Sunday, Solemnity of Mary will be reported in next week's bulletin

Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in Loving Memory of Mrs. Virginia Steffen by Celeste and Richard Berretta



Francis Xavier School: School resumes on Monday, January 5th, 2015. For updated information please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: “What can we give Jesus? - Our hearts.”

Classes will resume on: Sunday, January 4th, 2015.

Confirmation Requirements due: Information Form,

Letter to Bishop Lagonegro, Saint Name Report and Sponsor Eligibility Letter.

Visiting the residents of Williamsbridge Nursing Home on Saturday, January 10th at 10:45am in front of the Church with Ms. Mariangela.

Rosary Making will resume on Friday, January 9th at 4pm in the Rectory with Ms. Celeste.

March for Life in Washington D.C., Thursday, January 22nd, 2015: Pilgrimage to Washington, DC with hundreds of thousands from throughout our nation to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds may be opened to the Gospel of Life and laws may be changed to reverence all human life. Buses will be traveling to DC from all over the Archdiocese. For a complete listing of locations and further info please go to www.NYFamilyLife.org or email sr.lucy.marie@archny.org. If you are not able to make the trip, we will have a day of prayer here with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9am Mass ending with the Rosary for Life, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction starting at 3pm.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

John Dormi and Sons Funeral Home for donating our 2015 Parish Calendars, and for their ongoing support of our Parish throughout the year. **Joseph**

Lucchese Funeral Home for their ongoing support and generous donations to our Church throughout the year.

Ridgewood Savings Bank for their generosity to our Parish at Christmas; and **Guy Bartolotta** of Al Jampol Hardware Store for building the new Stable for the Nativity in front of our Church and for all the work he has donated for our church throughout the year; and to **all of our Parishioners** for your constant support and generosity to our Parish all year long.

*Catholics can always come home to
St. Francis Xavier- We are family!*

Next Week's Readings (The Baptism of the Lord): Isaiah Chapter 55:Verses1-11; Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm Isaiah12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6(3); Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b); Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b);1 John 5:1-9; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Mark 1:7-11.



Dear Parishioners,

I pray that this New Year has gotten off to a good start for all of you and that 2015 will be filled with an abundance of grace and blessings for our families and our parish. Since Christmas Day we have been delving deeper into the mystery of the Incarnation with the celebrations of the Feast of the Holy Family last Sunday and the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God on January 1st. And today we go even deeper with this beautiful Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (the Christmas Season will culminate next weekend with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord). The word Epiphany is a Greek word which means "revelation" or "manifestation." The infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger was made known only to the people of Israel in the persons of Mary, Joseph and the Shepherds at His birth on Christmas morning. Today, with the arrival of the magi from the Far East, He is revealed or manifested to the people of every race and nation as the Savior of the whole world.

The magi are also known as the three Kings or the three "wise men." They were men of great wealth, learning and sophistication. But what made them truly rich, what made them truly wise, was that they were searching for something that they knew all the wisdom and wealth in the world could not give them – they were searching for God. And their search, guided by the light of a star, led them to a stable in Bethlehem, to an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. By an interior light of faith they knew they were in the presence of God, and they fell on their knees and worshipped Him.

The journey of the magi from the East represents the journey we are all on, the search to find God - to find meaning to our lives, to find happiness, mercy, salvation and peace. None of us are born with the wisdom to know where or how to find these things. We all need a light to guide us on our journey in this world. The bright star of Bethlehem represents the light of faith which guides us on our way through the darkness of this world leading us toward Heaven. And Heaven has come down to Earth at the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, and continues to come down to Earth on the Altar at every Mass when the "Word becomes Flesh" once again in the Eucharist.

The magi, in the presence of the baby Jesus, knew by an interior light of faith that they were in the presence of God and fell on their knees to worship Him. May we, too, when in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, know by the same light of faith that we are in the presence of God and fall on our knees to worship Him. There should be a star shining like the star of Bethlehem above every Catholic Church leading people to where Jesus can be found – His Real Presence in the Eucharist on the Altar at every Mass and in all the Tabernacles throughout the world. That is why the sanctuary candle burns with light at every moment above the Tabernacle.

The word Bethlehem in Hebrew means literally "House of Bread." That is what every Catholic Church is, another Bethlehem, a house where the Bread of Life, our Lord Jesus Himself, dwells in the Tabernacle. He is right here every day in our own beautiful Church. "O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord." May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



"I am with you always." A reminder that Jesus is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle in the small chapel off the vestibule of the Church which is open every day until 6 pm. Please stop in at some time throughout the day to make a visit and spend some time with our Lord Jesus, who is there waiting for you!



An Epiphany Prayer

*O God, who on this day
revealed your Only
Begotten Son to the
nations*

*by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy*

*that we, who know you already by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty
of your sublime glory.*

Amen.



Please remember the following

members of our parish community in your prayers:

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edward Alicea, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Maryanne Cataldo, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Maria Ciocco, Theodore Civetta, Jerry Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Dasm, 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 Liferri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liferri, 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'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parthen, Richard Quararone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosens, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Anthony Saraco, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravianopoulos (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 Tolona, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpl. Brian Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardillo



Pray for those who have died: Davide Chiappa, John Lizzo and Mary Sozzari



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January 4, 2015

Dear friends in the Lord:

Each year here in the Archdiocese of New York, we take up a special collection in January to support The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and the Catholic Communications Campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.


Since 1987, The Catholic University of America has been educating students from all fifty states in philosophy, theology, and the arts and sciences. It is a splendid tribute to the commitment of the Catholic faithful to the best in academic training and religious formation for our young people. So, too, it has educated thousands of priests and religious who served and are serving the Church in the United States and throughout the world. All of the funds received through this collection are earmarked to underwrite the financial aid program of the University.

The Catholic Communications Campaign serves all of the Catholic (arch)dioceses of our nation by producing outstanding spiritual programs for radio and television alike. One half of your gift will sustain the Campaign and the other half will assist us here in the Archdiocese of New York in our own Communications Office.

Your generous support of these two most worthy causes will be deeply appreciated.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

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Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York