

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 7, 2015

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Michael Maniello

Sunday March 8, 2015—Third Sunday of Lent

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Thomas Lozada

11:15am Maria Schneider

12:30pm Louis Lombardi

Monday March 9, 2015

7:30am Georgiana Rogalewski

9:00am Giuseppe Bruno

Tuesday March 10, 2015

7:30am Tony Vegliante, Sr.

9:00am Teresa O'Hara

Wednesday March 11, 2015

7:30am Charlie Gangemi, Tullio and Alda Beltrami
Ugo Tisi and Steven Bartoli

9:00am Manuel San Pascual

Thursday March 12, 2015

7:30am Georgiana Rogalewski

9:00am Angela Ferante

Friday March 13, 2015

7:30am Antonio Cipollone

9:00am Lucy Valentino

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 14, 2015

7:30am Carlos Malcolm

9:00am Emilia Fata

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Geraldine Vurchio
(With Teen Choir)

Sunday March 15, 2015—Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Emilia Fata

11:15am Andrew Sedia, Sr.

12:30pm Rita and Thomas Leanza

Youth Center, Saturday March 14th immediately following the 5:30pm Mass for all grades 5 through 9. There will be plenty of food, games and fellowship in the school gym. Come with friends. \$10 at door. Free for those who attend the 5:30pm Mass.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Second Time:

Joseph Castiglia and Melissa Coscia

Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):

March 1, 2015: \$7,032

Second Collection (Capital Expenditures): \$2,363

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



Bread and Wine donated this week in loving memory of Theresa O'Hara by Theresa and Maurice Reynolds



St. Francis Xavier Lenten Parish Mission:

We are happy to welcome back TODAY Father Pat Angelucci, former President of Salesian High School and well known to us as a powerful and inspirational preacher. The Mission will

be preached by Fr. Pat beginning with all the Masses on the weekend of March 7th and 8th and continuing through the week on the evenings of March 9th, 10th and 11th—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, at 7:00pm.

Holy Week Retreat: preached by Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of Holy Week, March 30, 31 and April 1 at 7pm each evening. More information will follow.

St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day:

Tuesday, March 17th—The Solemnity of St. Patrick After the 9:00am Mass all are invited to the Rectory for Coffee, Irish Soda Bread and a Corn beef sandwich.

Thursday, March 19th—The Solemnity of St. Joseph We will have a special 7:00pm Mass in Italian. Immediately following the Mass all are invited to the Rectory for Espresso and Italian St. Joseph pastries. *Benvenuti a tutti!*

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent at 7:00pm.

March 13, 20, 27 and April 3.



St. Francis Xavier School: Children in grades 4 to 8 will be attending the Mission on Wednesday, March 11th at 1:30pm in the Church. Registration for the new school year is on-going. Applications and tours are available daily from 9:00am—2:00pm. For updated information, please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



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

Thank you to those who have given to the Holy Childhood Association. Our Lenten sacrifice of saving \$1.00 and donating it to the less fortunate and truly desperate children in other parts of the world continues. Rosary Making continues in the Rectory every Friday at 4pm.

Big Deal Supermarket & Holy Name Society "Lenten Fundraiser"

Now through Easter Sunday, April 5th. A percentage of all sales during this period will be donated by Big Deal Supermarket to St. Francis Xavier and St. Clare's. Just drop your receipt into the jar labeled Lenten Fundraiser.

Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal Easter Food Drive: Needed are non-perishable-canned pineapple and fruit, boxed/canned potatoes, rice, cookies, hostess cakes, gravy, tomato sauce. *Please no glass jars.* Also accepting monetary donations for hams for Easter. Please drop off food in bins in vestibule of Church before March 21/22. May God reward your generosity.

Next Week's Readings (Fourth Sunday of Lent): 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:1-2,3, 4-5, 6 (6ab); Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21



Dear Parishioners,

As we come into the heart of Lent, it is good to stop and look at how we are doing. If we have slacked off a little on the resolutions we made, there is still plenty of time to just begin again. The important thing is that we are moving closer to Jesus and away from the things that keep us from Him. And what great timing it is as we come to the midpoint of Lent for our Parish Mission this week. I am so happy to welcome back Father Pat Angelucci of the Salesians of Don Bosco, who will preach the Mission beginning with all the Masses this weekend and continuing on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Father Pat is the real thing and we are so blessed to have him back with us. We also welcome at the 11:15 Mass this weekend our Scouts from Bronx Pack 162 who are Chartered here at St. Francis Xavier and meet every Friday evening in the Rectory and the School cafeteria. It is good to recognize and honor our children involved in this good organization that teaches them so many good and wholesome values, and the adult scout leaders who give so much of their time in guiding and teaching them.

Our gospel for this Third Sunday of Lent is the cleansing of the Temple as we see Jesus become quite angry when He sees the hypocrisy going on there. Jesus' anger was not a sinful and self-centered anger, but a righteous anger out of zeal for His Father's House. He was angry because He hates sin; He hates hypocrisy; He hates whatever keeps us from Him. Even though He hates sin so much, Jesus loves the sinner, so much so that He suffered and died to free us from the sins that separate us from Him. And the more we come to love Him, the more we, too, come to hate sin. That is why this holy season of Lent calls us to conversion and sincere repentance which leads us to make an honest, humble, and sincere Confession in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A good Confession means that we first must feel sorrow for our sins, called contrition. Second, we must be resolved to avoid those sins in the future. Third, we must bring those sins to the Father of Mercies, making an honest and sincere Confession of all mortal sins by name and number. And although it is not absolutely necessary, it is a good practice to confess our venial sins as well even if we are not aware of any mortal sins. A frequent Confession of venial sins strengthens us to avoid serious sin, and helps us to grow in humility and holiness. And finally, we must make some act of reparation by doing the penance assigned, usually some form of prayer, self-denial, or act of charity. A good Confession is a profound act of worship, and one of the most authentic expressions of sincere love for God.

How sad it is that so many ignore this Sacrament of Divine Mercy that we all need so much. What a source of inner peace it is for the human heart when those words of Absolution are heard, a peace that nothing of this world could ever give.

There will be plenty of opportunities here and elsewhere to make a good Confession before Easter, including during our Parish Mission this week. Tuesday night is especially devoted to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is my prayer that many who have been away will come back to the practice of their faith through the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent, and that a good Lent will enable all of us to experience deep within the Joy of Easter in a way we never have before. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Matthew J. Furey



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER LENTEN MISSION THIS WEEK

Preached by Father Pat Angelucci, SDB

7:00pm Each Evening

Monday (March 9th): Talk Within

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday (March 10th): Talk Within

Penance Service—Confession Available

Wednesday (March 11th): Closing Mass With Healing Service



the CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

So far 46 of our parishioners have pledged \$16,795 to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal which puts us at 35% of the goal for our Parish. Cardinal Dolan is asking for your

support of the vital ministries, programs and services provided through the Appeal each year. Your participation is vital for the good of the Church in New York and of our own Parish. Pledge envelopes are in the back of the Church. Thank you to all who have already given to this vital effort.



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, Cariann Defede, 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, Maritza Garcia, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hommer, Laura Liferri Hernandez, Gloria Inzaray, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jalman, 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 Parchen, Richard Quararone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, 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

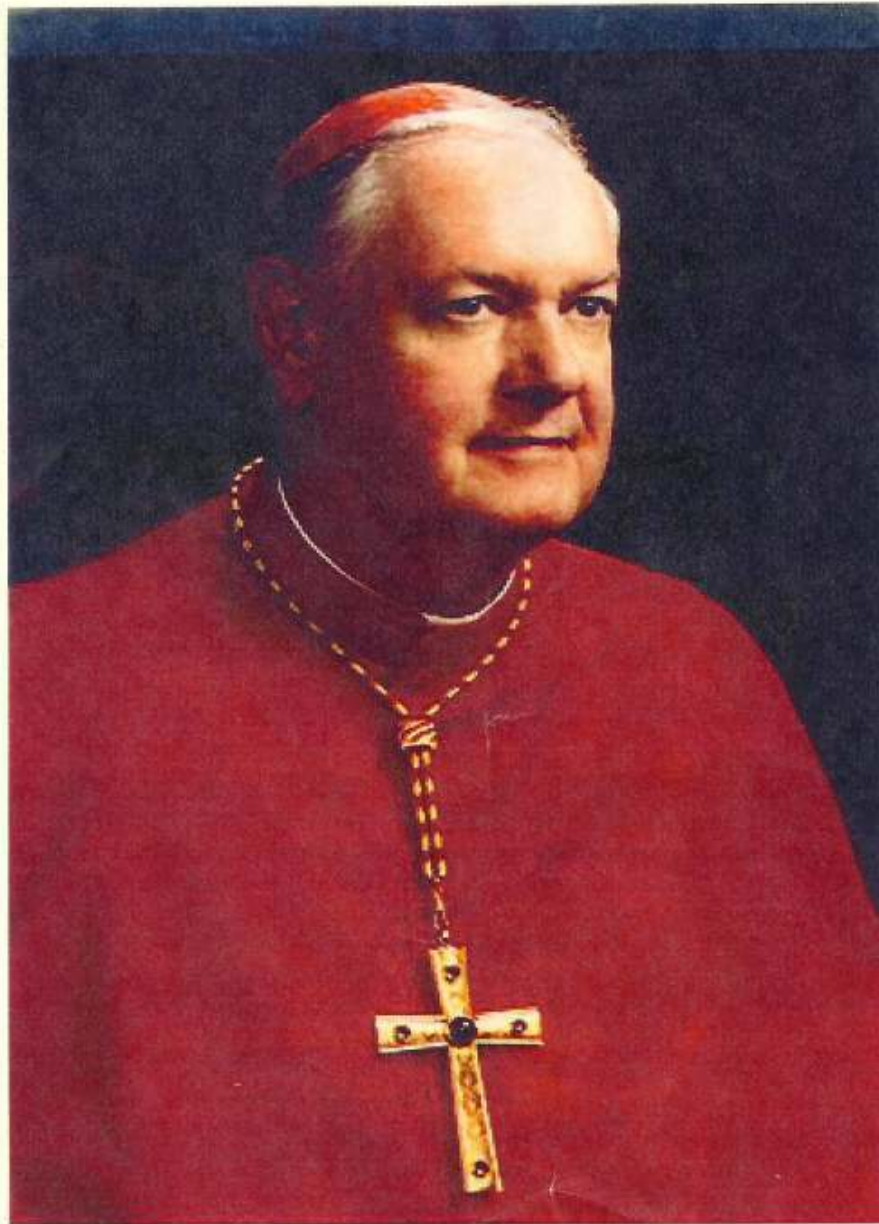


In your prayers please remember all the men and women serving in our Armed Forces, especially: Zachary Piragnoli, Nick Visconti, Christopher C. Cannata, Carlos E. Blanco, Emmanuel Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardello



Pray for those who have died: Viola Ann Dascoli

**His Eminence Edward Michael Egan
Cardinal, Archbishop Emeritus of New York**



1932 – 2015

Ordained a Priest: December 15, 1957

Consecrated a Bishop: May 22, 1985

Auxiliary Bishop of New York: 1985-1988

Bishop of Bridgeport: 1988 – 2000

Appointed Archbishop of New York: May 11, 2000

Installed as Archbishop of New York: June 19, 2000

Created a Cardinal: February 21, 2001

Retired as Archbishop of New York: February 23, 2009

Entered into Eternal Life: March 5, 2015

May He Rest in Peace



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March 15, 2015

Dear friends in the Lord:

The *Catholic Relief Services* collection funds six Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters around the world. Through humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims, the *Catholic Relief Services* collection allows us to see every encounter with a suffering person as an opportunity to help Jesus.

During drought seasons, the only water available in Ethiopia and other areas of East Africa runs deep underground – often as deep as 1,000 feet. *Catholic Relief Services* worked with other aid partners to bring in rigs that can drill down to these depths. Taking into account the nomadic nature of many people in this region, wells were made along community migratory paths so as to graze their herds and move them according to their needs. These water sources make a tremendous difference in the community. Livestock stay healthier and produce more milk, which means that the people have more food and rely less on outside resources. However, more work remains to be done. Many of the wells serve double and population they were made for, and program managers fear that the communities will be unable to continue their pastoral work if more wells are not added.

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. is a dedicated network of legal immigration programs that promote the dignity and protect the rights of immigrants. Religious Immigration Services (RIS), a department of *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.*, assists Catholic religious workers with visas. In 2013, they helped a priest from Kenya enter the United States on a religious worker visa so that he could serve as a chaplain for the Little Sisters of the Poor and Saint Anne's Home in San Francisco. The home gives elderly people of limited financial means a place to live with dignity. Since its foundation in 1901, the home has welcomed more than 20,000 elderly men and women of all faiths, nationalities, and backgrounds. Thanks to the *Catholic Relief Services* collection, they now have a chaplain.

Catholic Relief Services and *Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.* are two of six worldwide Catholic relief agencies funded by our special collection. These agencies work to provide food, water, disaster relief, and other vital assistance to Jesus through our suffering brothers and sisters in the Lord each day.

Please be as generous as you can to the *Catholic Relief Services* collection. Your support truly makes a difference.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

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Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York