

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday September 5, 2015
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Mary Lombardo

Sunday September 6, 2015
 7:30am Silveria Romano
 9:30am In Thanksgiving
 11:15am Lauren Cummings
 12:30pm Rosaria and Luigi Rampino

Monday September 7, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:00am Special Intentions Janelle Amador (Living)

Tuesday September 8, 2015
 7:30am William Rivers
 9:00am Bruna Dominici

Wednesday September 9, 2015
 7:30am Vincenzo Ficarotta
 9:00am Joseph Milone

Thursday September 10, 2015
 7:30am Frances Hangee
 9:00am Lucy Coscia

Friday September 11, 2015
 7:30am Remembrance of 9/11
 9:00am Remembrance of 9/11
 9:30am-6:45pm Day of Prayer in Remembrance of 9/11
 Eucharistic Adoration ending with Benediction and a Special Memorial Mass at 7:00pm

Saturday September 12, 2015
 7:30am Mary and Patrick Buckley
 9:00am Maria Estela Dragone

Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Marie Marino

Sunday September 13, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Salvatore Picone
 11:15am Italo Bassani (34th Anniversary)
 12:30pm Frank Vitacco

The Rectory Office will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.
Next week's second collection is the annual collection for St. Joseph's Seminary which provides critical funding for the formation of our future priests.



The Sanctuary Lamp is being lit this week in loving memory of Anna Rosa Randazzo by Joseph Grace Falardo

14th Anniversary of September 11, 2001 this Friday:
 Eucharistic Adoration after the 9am Mass. Benediction at 6:45pm and Special Memorial Mass at 7pm.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you are interested in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist) and being received into the Catholic Church at Easter, or if you are already baptized but not yet received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is meant for you. Please call Rectory at 718-892-3330.



SAVE THE DATE: SFX Welcome Back Barbecue, Sunday, September 27th immediately following the 12:30pm Mass. Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin.



St. Francis Xavier School: School begins on Wednesday, September 9th at 8:00am for grades 1-8. UPK and Kindergarten will follow the schedule outlined in the Welcome Back letter. Tuition must be paid to SMART Tuition in order for your child to begin school. Please visit sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: My Church—My family: Classes begin Sunday, September 13th at 9:30am in the school. Students are to come prepared with pen/pencil, folder and backpack. There will be a meeting for the parents during class time on September 13th.

Pre-K "Wednesday Afternoon With Jesus" are free and open to all Pre-K students. Classes will begin October 7th.



SIGN UP TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER: Open to all students in 5th grade and up. Forms are available in the vestibule of the Church or at the Rectory.



2nd Annual "Ladies Night Out" Pocketbook Bingo: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH AT 7PM in School Gym. Lots of fun!



Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin. *Please come and support our Parish—our family.*

PAPAL VISIT TO NYC: We are excited to welcome Pope Francis to NY. Please complete the form in the vestibule of Church and return it to the basket or Rectory if you would like to be included in a lottery to see him on September 25th. We will be receiving 15 tickets. Please see PopeFrancisNYC.org.

Banns of Marriage Announced Second Time
Edward Sheeran and Elyse Torres



Our Gifts Back to the Lord
 Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) August 30: \$5,070
 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.

Next Week's Readings (Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time):
 Isaiah 50:5-9a; Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9); James 2:14-18;
 Mark 8:27-35



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Labor Day Weekend to everyone! That means Summer for the most part is over, especially for our young people returning to school. What an exciting time this is for our young people beginning high school or college for the first time. Let us hold them in our prayers in a special way as they begin this new adventure in their lives. May they walk always with our Lord Jesus as the beautiful plan He has for their lives unfolds in the years ahead.

While it is exciting to begin a new school year, it always brings with it now the sad memory of September 11th, 2001, as we mark the 14th anniversary on Friday of this tragic day in the history of our City and our Nation. We pray in a special way for all who died on September 11th, 2001, for their families, for our heroic firefighters, police officers, and emergency workers who lost their lives that day and who risk their lives every day for us, for the men and women of our armed forces serving throughout the world who sacrifice so much for our safety and freedom, many of whom have died far away in war to protect us here at home, and for all those who were so profoundly affected by that horrible day.

We will mark this anniversary of September 11th this Friday with a Day of Prayer here at Saint Francis Xavier. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed immediately after the 9:00am Mass and remain on the Altar for silent prayer and adoration throughout the day, ending with Benediction at 6:45pm and a special Memorial Mass at 7:00pm. Let us come together in prayer as we put all our trust in Jesus, knowing that His Cross and Resurrection assures us that evil does not have the final word – that good triumphs over evil, love triumphs over hate, and life triumphs over death.

Finally, I just want to touch on the confusion that was generated this past week with a document from the Vatican on the Year of Mercy to begin on December 8th, which said that Pope Francis would give to all priests throughout the world during the Year of Mercy permission to forgive the sin of abortion in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The headlines in the papers make it sound as if up to now abortion was a sin that could not be forgiven. As usual, the media speaks about matters of our Catholic Faith with very little knowledge and understanding of it. The confusion is unfortunate because it has left many women who have confessed this sin wondering if they had truly been forgiven. Be assured, they have been forgiven. There is no sin, no sinner, beyond the Mercy of God. What the document appears to be talking about is not giving priests permission to forgive the sin (this they always had), but giving them permission to lift any canonical penalties, such as excommunication, that attach to certain sins such as abortion. That is a different matter from forgiveness.

The truth is that most people never incur such penalties because, quite frankly, most people are unaware of them. But even if they do, here in New York and throughout the United States and in most parts of the world, Bishops have already given their priests the permission to lift any canonical penalties within the Sacrament of Reconciliation that attach to certain sins. This has been going on for decades. All that the Pope is doing for the Year of Mercy, it appears, is extending this permission to priests in every part of the world. I hope there is no one here or anywhere else who has been unsettled by all this. *"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His Mercy endures forever."* May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



\$10,000.00 \$

SFX FEAST DAY RAFFLE

Tickets are \$50.00 each

First Prize-\$10,000.00

Second Prize-\$1,000

Third Prize-\$500



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 Sunday, December 6th, 2015 at a Potluck Dinner Reception Celebration immediately following the 12:30pm Mass in honor of our Patron Saint.

Please remember the following

members of our parish community in your prayers:



William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Eduardo Alico, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Blanchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciocco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Lorean Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlann Defedeo, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Alfred DeSantis, Patrick Dolan, Baby Max D'Onofrio, Carmella Emily DonVito, Mario Esguerra, Cheryl Espinoza, John Esposito, Esther Finn, Carmen Flores, Billy Fischer, Rosemarie Flatley, Luis Paz Florencio, Sr., Peter Frenna, Donald Gallagher, Maritza Garcia, Brian Gillick, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Liffieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liffieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Nuzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Jerry Paredes, Richard Quarbarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Paul Teehan, Frank Toepfus, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villars, 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: Anthony Dogonakis



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August 2015
Year of Consecrated Life

Dear friends in the Lord:

Getting the care we need to keep ourselves and those we love healthy, safe, and enjoying life can be a huge challenge. Finding a trusted guide who will take the time to explain the options and help people access the programs and services they are eligible for can be even harder. Thankfully, our excellent archdiocesan healthcare ministry, *ArchCare*, can help.

The dedicated team of health and social service professionals who staff *ArchCare's Care Navigation Center* can provide information about which organizations and agencies offer the services that best meet your needs, answer questions about Medicare and Medicaid coverage, and suggest options you may not even know about. If *ArchCare's* own wide range of services can't assist, a "Care Navigator" will be happy to provide information about other resources located right in your area, including those offered by Catholic Charities and other groups. Help from a "Care Navigator" is free of charge, and extends to questions about such things as:

- Housing for Seniors and Disabled Persons
- Health-Related Legal and Financial Issues
- Caregiver Support Groups
- Access to Healthcare
- Food and Nutrition
- Dementia Care
- Transportation Options
- Volunteer Opportunities

Whether you are seeking help for yourself or a loved one, are concerned about a neighbor or friend, or just want to find out about programs that may be available to you, *ArchCare's Care Navigators* stand ready to serve with patience, compassion, and kindness.

ArchCare Care Navigation Center
(855) 951-CARE (TTY/TDD: 711)
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week

ArchCare also offers some wonderful community resources designed to ease the stress of caring for another person. To learn more, go to www.archcare.org/community-resources.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

CARE NAVIGATION

Helping You Access Social, Health, and Community Services

- Need help caring for yourself or someone else, but not sure where to turn with questions about:
 - Housing for seniors and disabled persons
 - Health-related legal and financial issues
 - Access to healthcare
 - Transportation options
 - Caregiver support groups
 - Dementia care
 - Food and nutrition
 - Volunteer opportunities
- Wish you could stop talking to recordings and speak with a caring person who understands your needs and wants to help?

Call ArchCare. We'll answer.

ArchCare Care Navigation Center

(855) 951-CARE (TTY/TDD: 711)

Our Care Navigators are here to help you from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week.

ArchCare is the healthcare system of the Archdiocese of New York. Our Care Navigation Center is staffed by health and social service professionals dedicated to helping people better understand and access the social, community, and other services they are eligible for. If our programs and services can't assist, a Care Navigator can tell you about other resources located right in your neighborhood. To us, going that extra distance is what caring is all about. **Help from a Care Navigator is totally free.**





Ladies Night Out!



Win an Authentic Designer Handbag!

Playing Pocketbook Bingo!

St. Francis Xavier Parish Fundraiser

Friday—September 18, 2015

7 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier School Gym

1711 Haight Avenue

Coffee/Tea & Dessert Provided

BYOB & BYOA—Bring your own beverages & appetizers

\$35.00 /10 bingo games with 3 games on a card

\$10.00 for an extra set of cards

& Tricky Tray Tables of raffles each valued at \$100-\$895 including

money trees, 50/50, and featuring our Special Raffle for the

Louis Vuitton (\$1,000 value) & Door Prizes

(Michael Kors, Coach, Dooney & Burke, Vera Bradley etc)

Lots of fun! Please come and support our Parish—our Family.



Please call Ughette at 718-892-3330

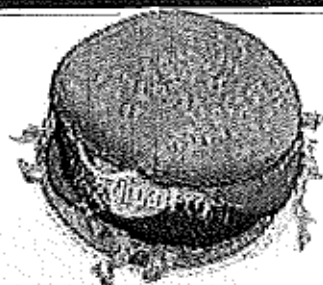
to reserve your seat/table.

Tickets are now available in the Rectory.





ENJOY OUR



2015 SFX WELCOME BACK BARBECUE

Sunday, September 27, 2015

Immediately Following 12:30pm Mass

SFX School Lawn and Gym



**Feast on
Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers,
Hot Dogs,
Sausages, Salads and more
Soda and Water
50/50 Raffle**

ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

Minimum Donation \$5 Per Person

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Family Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Number of Attendees: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

**Please return to SFX Rectory or School Office in an envelope
Marked "Barbecue"**