

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday September 19, 2015

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Yolanda Hung

Sunday September 20, 2015

7:30am All Parishioners

9:30am Nora Carney

11:15am Filippo Ferron

12:30pm Ralph and Mary DeSantis

Monday September 21, 2015

7:30am Special Intentions

9:00am Francesco Cipollone

Tuesday September 22, 2015

7:30am Silverio Conte

9:00am Elizabeth Hefler

Wednesday September 23, 2015

7:30am Charles Vegliante

9:00am Severino DeAntoni and His Deceased Family

Thursday September 24, 2015

7:30am Sid Martino

9:00am John Francomano

Friday September 25, 2015

7:30am Special Intentions

9:00am Bobby DiBene

Saturday September 26, 2015

7:30am Antonio Pagnotta

9:00am Davide Chiappa

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Rose Pignataro

Sunday September 27, 2015

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Albert Andrasko

11:15am Betty Catarcio

12:30pm Anthony Saraco

Open House: Aquinas HS: Sunday, October 4 from 1-3pm for 8th grade girls. For more information, 718-367-2113, X137.

"Aquinite for a Day" program, please contact Betsy Davila at 718-367-2113 or davilab@aquinashs.org.

Dominican College Adult and Graduate Information Session: Wednesday, September 30th from 5:30pm-7:30pm in the Hennessy Center, 845-943-4582 or graduate.admissions@dc.edu or www.dc.edu/rsvp.



Congratulations to Sr. Antonia Marie of the Good Shepherd of our Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal on her Profession of First Vows.

**Rosary Procession in Honor of Blessed**

Mother: Please join us on October 4th beginning with the 9:30am Mass and following with a beautiful Rosary Procession throughout the neighborhood. We will conclude with a Continental breakfast and fellowship in the school gym. All are welcome.



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: All the UPK children arrived with smiles and some tears. However, by the end of the day all the children were happy! Children in grades K to 8 were happy to see their friends and meet their teachers. SFX is off to a great start! Visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: My Church—My family: As we celebrate Catechetical Sunday at the 11:15am Mass, we honor all our catechists who give so generously of their time and talent for our children. They truly have hearts of gold. Pre-K "Wednesday Afternoons With Jesus" are free and open to all Pre-K students. Classes will begin October 7th.

Confirmation Service Hours:

Rosary Making will resume October 2nd under the direction of Celeste Berretta.

Visiting Williamsbridge Nursing Home first visit on Saturday, September 26th. Please meet Ms. Mariangela at 10:45 on the corner of Haight and Van Nest.



TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Open to all students in 5th grade and up. Forms are available in the vestibule of the Church or at the Rectory. Second Altar Serving Training will be on September 26th at Noon in Church with Fr. Matthew Reiman. Please bring your completed forms with you.

Next Week's Readings (Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a); James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.



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

September 13: \$5,896

Second Collection (St. Joseph's Seminary): \$1,183
Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

We are coming close to the end of this special year dedicated to Consecrated Life declared by Pope Francis back in November, and how blessed we are here at Saint Francis Xavier with the presence of so many consecrated women, our own Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. What a blessing their joyful witness to Christ brings to all of us. They do so much for our parish in many unseen ways. They love teaching our school children about Jesus, and they support all of us by their constant prayers. Father Reiman and I had the honor of attending the First Profession of Vows of one of the Sisters, Sr. Antonia Marie of the Good Shepherd, last Saturday. The beauty of that Mass and the joy that resonated in that Church was so uplifting. How inspiring and encouraging it is to see these Sisters giving everything over to God. In living out their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, they give up everything the world says they need to be happy, and are given the unique joy of belonging totally to Christ. "Seek first the Kingdom of God," Jesus tells us, "and everything else will be given to you besides."

The presence of our Sisters and all those living in Consecrated Life are a reminder of how all of us should be living out our faith. They are a living sign that there is a different way to live in this world. To be consecrated means to be given to God, to belong totally to Him. We were all consecrated by our Baptism. All of us belong entirely to Christ, and are called to live out that consecration in different ways according to our own state in life. May this Year dedicated to Consecrated Life inspire all of us to live our lives more fully in union with the heart and mind of Jesus, and to know the Joy of belonging totally to Him. And there is nothing more precious that we could pass on to our children.

That is why today is so important. Throughout the United States this Sunday is designated "Catechetical Sunday," when we recognize in a special way and pray for the dedicated Catechists in our Parish who volunteer so much of their time and energy to teach the children of our parish our beautiful Catholic Faith. We will honor them and bless them at the 11:15am Family Mass. There is no greater responsibility we have as a community of faith - as parents, grandparents, godparents, priests, religious and catechists - than to introduce our children to Jesus and teach them how awesome, beautiful and true our Catholic Faith really is.

Although this is the responsibility of all of us as a community of faith, the primary responsibility falls on the parents to raise their children in the practice of the faith. That is the commitment they made before God on the day they brought their child to the Church to be baptized. And our Parish is here to help them and accompany them every step of the way. Indeed, there is nothing more beautiful than to see a family together at Sunday Mass.

God bless all of our parents who bring their children to Mass every Sunday. They are the most important and influential teachers of their children in the ways of faith. May they be the very best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do. 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.

St. Francis Xavier Home School Penny Social: Friday, September 25th at 7pm, \$5/person. Wine and cheese will be served. Each guest must bring a new unopened unwrapped gift valued at \$15 to be raffled during the evening. Cash raffle donations are no longer accepted. Please make checks payable to "SFX HSA" and address envelope SFX HSA Penny Social. For information 718-863-0531

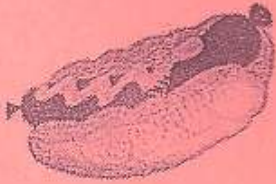
Catholics can always come home to St. Francis Xavier

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

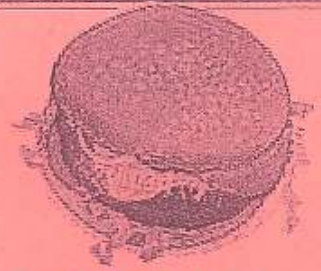
William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alicea, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlann Defedele, 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 Liferi Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liferi, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogirovanii, Paul McAllister, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keeffe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Jerry Paredes, 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, Paul Teehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villara, 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 Cardillo

Pray for those who have died: Antonio Pagnotta



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"**