

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday September 26, 2015
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Rose Pignataro

Sunday September 27, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners
 9:30am Albert Andrasko
 11:15am Betty Catarcio
 12:30pm Anthony Saraco

Monday September 28, 2015
 7:30am Franklin A. & Mary Ann Spitz, Deceased Relatives and Friends and All Souls in Purgatory
 9:00am Ferdinando Ziolla

Tuesday September 29, 2015
 7:30am John and Joseph Rios
 9:00am Vivian Amato

Wednesday September 30, 2015
 7:30am Patricia Jones
 9:00am Daniel J. Moloney

Thursday October 1, 2015
 7:30am Antonio Pagnotta
 9:00am Kathleen Ann Dean

Friday October 2, 2015
 7:30am Louis Vegliante, Sr.
 9:00am
 10:00am SFX First Friday School Mass
 1-7pm First Friday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
 7pm Holy Hour with Benediction

Saturday October 3, 2015
 7:30am Assunta Scotti Conte
 9:00am Giuseppe Salvatore Adragna (13th Anniversary)
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Luke Turrisi

Sunday October 4, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Davide Chiappa
Rosary Procession Immediately Following Mass
 11:15am In Thanksgiving
 12:30pm In Honor of Santo Cosimo and Damiano
 (Blessing of Animals 2:00pm after 12:30pm Mass on the lawn on Van Nest)

Recitation of the Rosary will be held Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Church during the month of October in Honor of the Blessed Mother Mary. Please join us October 7, 14, 21 and 28.
First Friday is October 2nd: Can you spare an hour to spend with Jesus who is waiting for you at the Main Altar? Please sign up for First Friday Adoration in the sign up book in the Vestibule.



Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included)
 September 20: \$6,598
 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



Altar Bread and Wine donated this week in loving memory of Daniel J. Moloney by Elizabeth Russo



Altar Flowers donated this week in loving memory of Daniel J. Moloney by Elizabeth Russo



Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in loving memory of Daniel J. Moloney by Elizabeth Russo



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family Rohan Samuel Rosin son of Rojay and Sheila

Congratulations to Edward Sheeran and Elyse Torres who were married here at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, September 26th.



Rosary Procession in Honor of Our Blessed Mother: Please join us next Sunday, 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.



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, please call Rectory at 718-892-3330. **Classes begin Monday, October 7th.**



St. Francis Xavier School: Thank you to the Home-School Executive Board for making the Penny Social a fun evening. Please buy a Hershey Candy bar from the students who are fundraising for the school. sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: "If you have God in your life, you have everything. If you don't have God in your life, you have nothing."

Rosary Procession: Next Sunday, October 4th, all students and families are to attend the 9:30am Mass, Rosary Procession and end with fellowship in the gym.

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 Friday, October 2nd under the direction of Celeste Berretta.



TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Open to all 5th graders and up. Fliers are in the Vestibule of the Church. Next Altar Serving Training will be October 3rd at Noon in the Church with Fr. Matthew Reiman.

League of the Sacred Heart will meet after to 9:00 am Mass on First Friday, October 2nd, in the Rectory.

Next Week's Readings (Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time): Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5,6 (5); Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16



Dear Parishioners,

With Summer behind us, things have gotten off to a great start here. This is truly a beautiful Parish with so many wonderful people who volunteer their time and talents out of love for God and His Church. A great example of this is the tremendously successful "Pocket Book Bingo" last Friday evening which brought in more than \$17,000 for our Church. The flier in today's bulletin thanks everyone who contributed, but one person not mentioned there, without whom it could not have happen, is our Parish Secretary and Coordinator of Religious Education, Ughette Jilleba. Ughette worked so hard throughout the Summer, as she always does in all things, to put this event together. She gives so much of her time and energy for this parish, and I am so grateful to her. I know it might get tiring to hear of fundraisers all the time, like our Parish Feast Day Raffle which is now underway. But your patience and support are so much needed. Because of this supplemental income to our Sunday Collections, we were able to pay all our bills last year and stay off of Archdiocesan Financial Support for the first time in many years. That is such an important thing for us to maintain, and it cannot happen without you.

Today we look forward to our "Welcome Back Barbeque," which is not a fundraiser, but a wonderful opportunity for our parish family to come together for plenty of food, fun and fellowship. I am so grateful to the Dads of the Father's Club of our School who put so much work into this event, and the Moms of our Home School Association along with other parishioners who volunteer their time in setting up and serving the food and providing desserts. It is a beautiful reminder that we are not two separate entities here, the Church and the School, but we are one Parish Family united in faith and in love, a union that flows from our union with Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass. Although our School is no longer the financial responsibility of our parish, but is under the governance of the East/North East Bronx Region, nothing has changed in terms of our life here. Our school children and their families are an integral and beautiful part of this wonderful Parish, and our Barbeque today is a beautiful expression of that.

How beautiful is our Catholic Church. As I write this letter, Pope Francis is in Washington, D.C., and will soon be here in New York. The tremendous crowds and all the excitement generated by the Pope's visit - from the White House and Congress, to the virtual shutting down of New York City, and to Philadelphia - has to make us stop and think. It is not just Catholics that are flocking to see and hear the Pope, but people of every faith and of no faith at all. What other world leader, what other religious leader attracts so much attention? What is this really all about? People are hungering for God, thirsting for Truth. Even if they cannot articulate it, the human person is searching for God, and the Pope's presence taps in to this yearning that is deep within. Only Jesus can satisfy the desire of every human heart.

As Saint John Paul II put it: "Jesus is the answer to every question that troubles the human heart." What pride we should take in our beautiful Catholic Faith. While so many, whether they know it or not, are searching for Christ, we have Him right in our midst, most especially in the Eucharist. How much we take it for granted. If we Catholics truly lived our faith and cherished it as we should, we would transform our culture and our world. As Saint Catherine of Siena put it: "If we truly were who we are supposed to be, we would set the world on fire." May Pope Francis' visit this week enkindle that fire in the hearts of many, setting our hearts and our world on fire with God's Love. 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.

Fall Fest at the Greek American Institute, 3573 Bruckner Blvd., on Saturday, October 10th from 12-5pm and Sunday, October 11th from 1-5pm. Greek foods and desserts, fall treats, pumpkin patch, bouncies, games, crafts, face painting, raffles, vendors, and so much more. Come and enjoy great food and fun for the whole family. Vendors wanted. 718-823-2393 for information.

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

Our Parish Prayer List
 William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alices, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Blanchini, Joe Blandino, Nelli Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cloffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Cariann Defede, 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 Liffrieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liffrieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiorganni, Paul McAllister, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, John Mulliane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parthen, Jerry Paredes, Richard Quartarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santanillo, 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: Deceased parishioners of SFX



**PLEASE JOIN US IN
HONOR OF OUR LADY
SUNDAY**

OCTOBER 4th, 2015

9:30 AM MASS

**FOLLOWED BY A
ROSARY PROCESSION
THROUGHOUT THE
NEIGHBORHOOD!**

**We will conclude with a
Continental Breakfast &
Fellowship in the
School Gym**

**St. Francis Xavier
1703 Lurting Avenue
Bronx, NY 10461
(718) 892-3330**



IN HONOR OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2015
LAWN OF THE SCHOOL ON VAN NEST
AT 2:00PM
SHORTLY AFTER THE 12:30PM MASS
ALL PETS ARE WELCOME

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH FAMILY POCKETBOOK BINGO HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO

Our Sponsors: NY Yankees, Actress Chita Rivera, Ballerina Savannah Lowery, The JETS, NYSKYRIDE, Susan Schoepp, The Vasti Family, Anonymous Parishioner, Maritza Ayala, The Weihe Family, Dormi Funeral Home, Ridgewood Savings Bank, Doyle's Pub, Anthony Puleo (Parishioner and Principal of St. Barnabas)

All the Merchants: (Scaglione Bros. Bakery, Good to Go, Doyle's Pub, Ann Claire's, Tosca, Giancarlo Hair Salon, Cabo Cuisine, Patricia's – Morris Park, Villa Barone Restaurant, Liberty Diner, Side Street Sports, Luciana's Pizzeria, Captain's, Jerome Florist, Spoto's Restaurant, Caputo's Jewelers, Patsy's Pizzeria, Big Deal Grocery, Imagination Hair Salon, Patricia's – East Tremont, Throggs Neck Clipper, Brewski's Bar and Grill, Ava's Rainflorist, Morris Park Flooring, Forever More, Flowers by Nelly, Just for Looks, Morris Park Bakery, Enzo's Restaurant, Fiorino's Jewelers)

Parishioners for their contributions: Celeste Berretta, Nora Lombardi, Santa Fumo, Pat and Maria Mazzella, Denise Giacondo, Priscilla Thomas and Evelyn Hone

All the volunteers with much gratitude and love: Ryan and Mario Gamilo, Francis Borja, Andy Payla, Perla, Angela Liferieri, Joann Schettino, Tim Tinawin, The Ahearn Family, Joanne Conte, Nancy Weihe, Kathy Lavallie, Dottie and Richard Jennings, Tom Vasti, Andrew Alessandro, Confirmation students of the St. Francis Xavier School and Religious Education Program, Lefty and the 49th Precinct .

And especially, to all who were able to attend who made the evening such a success and so much fun!

May God bless all your generous hearts