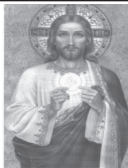


**MASS INTENTIONS**



**Saturday October 3, 2015**  
**Vigil for Sunday**  
 5:30pm Luke Turrisi

**Sunday October 4, 2015**  
 7:30am All Parishioners  
 9:30am Davide Chiappa

**Rosary Procession immediately Following Mass**  
 11:15am In Thanksgiving  
 12:30pm In Honor of Santo Cosimo and Damiano  
**(Blessing of the Animals 2:00pm after 12:30pm Mass on the lawn on Van Nest)**

**Monday October 5, 2015**  
 7:30am Kathleen Cotter  
 9:00am Marion Macellaro

**Tuesday October 6, 2015**  
 7:30am Juan Navarro Arzuaga  
 9:00am Special Intentions of Sirikit Noronha (Living)  
 Marynoll Lay Missioner

**Wednesday October 7, 2015**  
 7:30am In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of the Rosary  
 9:00am Intentions of the Lifrieri Family (Living)  
 7:00pm **Recitation of the Rosary**

**Thursday October 8, 2015**  
 7:30am Antonio Pagnotta  
 9:00am Mary A. Regan

**Friday October 9, 2015**  
 7:30am Marie Theresa Ore  
 9:00am John Denner

**Saturday October 10, 2015**  
 7:30am Otto and Mary Schoepp  
 9:00am Giovanni Assalone

**Vigil for Sunday**  
 5:30pm James Lane

**Sunday October 11, 2015**  
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX  
 9:30am Salvatore Picone  
 11:15am Juanito and Elena Mangalindan  
 12:30pm Francesco Nigro

**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 beginning this Wednesday, October 7th at 7pm in the Church.



Altar Bread and Wine donated this week in loving memory of Pauline Sammut by the La Vallie Family



**TODAY, October 4th, Rosary Procession in Honor of Blessed Mother:** Please join us 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, please call Rectory at 718-892-3330. **Classes begin tomorrow, Monday, October 5th at 7pm in the Rectory.**



**St. Francis Xavier School:** Thank you to the Executive Board for their hard work in making our annual "Penny Social" a great success. There is still time to buy Hershey candy. This is a fundraiser for the school. Visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



**Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7:** *Religious Education is a two-part program consisting of classes followed by the Family Mass. There cannot be genuine catechesis without participating in the heart and soul of our Catholic Life: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.*

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

**Confirmation Service Hours—Please mark your calendars:** **Rosary Making** will resume October 2nd under the direction of Celeste Berretta .

**Visiting Williamsbridge Nursing Home next date will be on Saturday, October 24th.** Please meet Ms. Mariangela at 10:45 on the corner of Haight & Van Nest.

**Mater Dei 18th Annual Memorial Mass** honoring deceased members on Friday, October 16th, 9am Mass. Breakfast to follow at Pelham Bay Diner. Reservations (718) 863-2618. If you have a name to add, please call.

*A Special Thank You*

To our parishioners Frank, Rafaela and Carmela Nigro for their generosity in having all the brass in the Sanctuary (Crucifix on the Altar, Processional Cross, Candle Stands, Thurible, Holy Water Container) refinished and sparkling like new. What a beautiful gift to our parish!

**Next Week's Readings** (Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 90:16-17 (14); Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30



**Our Gifts Back to the Lord**  
**Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included)**  
**September 27: \$5,418**  
**Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.**



Dear Parishioners,

What a great afternoon it was at our "Welcome Back" Barbeque last Sunday. So many children playing outside, families from of our School and Religious Education program, our senior citizens and every age in between came together for a fun-filled afternoon. It was a beautiful cross-section of our entire parish. Such an event takes an awful lot of preparation and hard work, and I cannot thank enough all the volunteers who worked so hard: especially the dads of our Fathers' Club, the moms of our Home School Association, the school families who donated the desserts, and the wonderful sound system and music provided by Mario and Ryan Gamilo. I cannot mention every name here, but God knows all the wonderful people who so generously gave their time and effort.

The beauty of our parish could also be seen at the Masses last weekend. In addition to Joyce and Dale Smith whose talent is second to none in this Archdiocese, we also had our Teen Choir singing on Saturday evening, our Children's Choir at the 11:15, and our Filipino Choir at 12:30. We truly are blessed.

This Sunday we have another beautiful event with our annual Rosary Procession immediately following the 9:30 Mass, as we pray the Rosary throughout the streets of our neighborhood to start off this month of October dedicated to our Blessed Mother and the Rosary. The Procession will take the place of Sunday morning Religious Education classes, for what better way to teach our children about Jesus than by teaching them the beautiful and powerful prayer of the Rosary. As we pray the Rosary we think about Jesus: The Incarnation, His birth, His Life, His Passion and Death, His Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. As Saint John Paul II put it, *"in praying the Rosary we contemplate the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary"* as she draws us closer to the Heart of her Son.

There are two very important intentions we need to pray for as we pray the Rosary today and in our prayers every day. First, today is "Respect Life Sunday" when we are asked to pray, among other things, for an end to abortion. Let us turn to Mary in this most powerful prayer of the Rosary as we dedicate ourselves to building a Culture of Life. Today's focus on respect for human life reminds us that all life comes from God and belongs to God, and that every human person is created in the image and likeness of God, and therefore must be loved, nurtured, and protected from the moment of conception in the womb through natural death and at every point in between.

The second intention we need to pray for is the Synod of Bishops on the Family with Pope Francis and Bishops from around the world which begins today in Rome, focusing on important issues relating to marriage and family life today.

In his address to a joint session of Congress during his visit here last week, Pope Francis said of the family: *"How essential the family has been to the building of this Country, and how worthy it remains of our support and encouragement. Yet I cannot hide my concern for the family, which is threatened, perhaps as never before, from within and without. Fundamental relationships are being called into question, as is the very basis of marriage and family. I can only reiterate the importance and, above all, the richness and the beauty of family life."*

Let us pray earnestly for our families, which are facing such difficult and challenging times. In the words of Pope Francis again at the "World Meeting for Families" last week in Philadelphia: *"Family is the most beautiful thing God made."* 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.**

*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, Al & Dot 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), Janet Kreege, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liferi, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Theresa McDermott, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Jerry Paredes, Richard Quartarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Maureen Dean Schmidt, 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, 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:** Vitoccia D'Oniglia