

MASS INTENTIONS**ASCENSION OF THE LORD, THURSDAY, MAY 5TH IS A**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: The schedule of Masses is:
Wednesday, May 4th: 5:30pm Vigil
Thursday, May 5th: 7:30am, 9:00am, Noon, 7:30pm

**Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family:**

Charlotte Rose Smith daughter of Shaded and Carina
Dylan Jackson Noonan son of Evan and Kelly Ann
Giuliana Ruta daughter of Rosario and Genine



Please join us for the Rosary at 7:00pm every
Wednesday evening in May (May 4, 11, 18, and 25).

Please come with the whole family and make this a real family prayer. As Fr. Peyton who promoted the Rosary as a family prayer years ago said: "The Family that prays together stays together, and a people at prayer will be a people at peace."



Happy Mother's Day: What greater gift for your Mother on Mother's Day than to be remembered in a special way at all the Masses which will be offered for all Mothers living and deceased. Offertory envelopes are available in the Vestibule of the Church which will be placed on the Altar and remain throughout the month of May.

Saturday April 30, 2016
Vigil for Sunday
5:30pm Alice Noonan

Sunday May 1, 2016
7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
9:30am Albert Andrasko
11:15am Carmela Maulucci
12:30pm Kathleen Ann Dean

Monday May 2, 2016
7:30am Carmela D'Alesandro
9:00am Patsy D'Agostino

Tuesday May 3, 2016
7:30am Dottie Barry
9:00am Pasquale Rocchio

Wednesday May 4, 2016
7:30am Dorothy Ward
9:00am David Salerno
VIGIL—ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Holy Day of Obligation)
5:30pm Helen Tracy
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary

Thursday May 5, 2016—ASCENSION OF THE LORD
7:30am Thomas McCormack
9:00pm Dorothy Barry
12:00 Noon Special Intentions
7:30pm Francis Joseph Dean, Jr.

Friday May 6, 2016
7:30am Maureen and George Lixfield
9:00am Patty D'Agostino
10:00am First Friday SFX School Mass
1-7:00pm **First Friday Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**
7:00pm **Holy Hour and Benediction**

Saturday May 7, 2016
7:30am James Ward
9:00am Jessie Delia
11:00am First Holy Communion
Vigil for Sunday
5:30am **All Mothers (Living and Deceased)**

Sunday May 8, 2016
7:30am **All Mothers (Living and Deceased)**
9:30am **All Mothers (Living and Deceased)**
11:15am **All Mothers (Living and Deceased)**
12:30pm **All Mothers (Living and Deceased)**

Next week's second collection is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.



Our Gifts Back to the Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) 2016—April 24, 2016 : \$5,343

Collection last year (Parish Pay included) 2015—April 26, 2015: \$4,445
Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



St. Francis Xavier School: Registration/Applications and scholarship information is available at:
www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org. Visit sfxschool.net.

**Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic**

faith 24/7: Heartfelt thanks to the catechists and support volunteers of our Religious Education Program who take time from their busy lives to serve our Parish without pay. In their teaching, by words and example, they are helping the children to see the presence of God amidst everyday life. What a special day the Confirmation students of our School and Religious Education Program had on their retreat this week. The day began with Mass here. Then we boarded the bus for the Don Bosco Retreat Center, Stony Point, NY. In addition to their retreat, the students also went through the Holy Doors, and had the opportunity to gain the Jubilee Indulgence by going to Confession, receiving Holy Communion at Mass and Praying for the Holy Father. We departed after praying The *Hail Mary* in front of Our Lady of Fatima. We were all filled with the peace and love of God. **"Wednesdays With Jesus":** This week the children learned about our Blessed Mother Mary. The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal brought the children to their Chapel for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and they learned the *Ave Maria*. **May God bless us one and all!**

Holy Name Society collection of supplies for babies and young mothers in need in our City **ends today, Sunday, May 1st**. Donations can be left in the large boxes in the Church Vestibule for the Sisters of Life at Visitation Mission Center in Manhattan.



Banns of Marriage Announced
Jared Simcik and Erica Mariani
Gianni Algeri and Dominique Rivera

Next Week's Readings (Seventh Sunday of Easter): Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 (1a,9a); Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20; John 17:20-26.



Dear Parishioners,

We have entered this beautiful month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Mary. We will honor Mary in a special way this month as we always do by praying the Rosary every Wednesday evening in the Church. How beautiful it would be to see entire families, parents and children together, in the Church praying the Rosary. Why not try it for this month?

As we pray the Rosary we think about Jesus: the Incarnation, His birth, His Life, His Passion and Death, His glorious Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In the words of Saint Pope John Paul II, *“through the Rosary we contemplate the face of Jesus through the eyes of Mary”* as she draws us closer to the Heart of her Son. How much we need to keep our families close to the Heart of Jesus. As Pope Francis said to a Joint Session of Congress in his visit here last Fall: *“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 in a special way during our Wednesday evening Rosary this month for our families, for all married couples and families which are facing such difficult and challenging times. As Father Peyton who promoted the Rosary as a Family Prayer back in the 1950's put it so profoundly: *“The Family that prays together, stays together. And a people at prayer will be a people at Peace.”*

Peace is what Jesus desires to give us as we hear Him say to His disciples in today's Gospel on the night before He died: *“Peace I leave with you; my Peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”* True and lasting Peace does not come from the world, nor does it depend on anything that happens to us in this world. It is not simply an absence of conflict or of troubles in our lives.

True and lasting Peace is a Gift that comes from Heaven, that is given to us by Christ. It is the Peace that flows from grounding our lives in God, loving Him with our whole Heart and keeping His Commandments. *“Whoever loves Me will keep my words,”* Jesus says, *“and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling within him.”* Peace, as one spiritual writer put it, is the infallible sign of the Presence of God, the Holy Trinity dwelling within us, a gift given to those who love God and obey His Commandments.

Who better to look to for help in loving God more and obeying His Commandments than to Mary? Mary is our Queen of Peace because she always points us toward Her Son, the Prince of Peace, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through our devotion to Mary, and in a special way through our praying the Rosary, may the Peace of Christ reign in our world, in our Church, in our families, and in our hearts. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



So far 124 of our parishioners have pledged \$37,425 to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal which puts us at 71.29% of the goal for our parish of \$52,500. Cardinal Dolan is asking for your support of the many charitable works of the Archdiocese. Please consider making a gift or pledge to help our Parish surpass our goal and earn a much needed rebate for our Parish. Please fill out your pledge card and send it in, or drop it in the collection or at the Rectory. Extra pledge envelopes are available in the Vestibule of the Church. You can also make a gift online: www.cardinalsappeal.org. If you have already made a pledge, thank you!



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, May 6th from 1:00pm until 7:00pm
Holy Hour and Benediction at 7:00pm

A reminder that Jesus is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please stop in at some time throughout the day to make a visit and spend some time with our Lord Jesus, who is there waiting for you!

St. Francis Xavier Golden and Silver Wedding Celebration Mass: For couples celebrating their 50th or 25th Anniversary during 2016, there will be a parish celebration with renewal of vows on Saturday, June 4th at the 5:30pm Mass here at SFX. Please contact the Rectory so that we can have a certificate commemorating your golden or silver jubilee prepared for you.



Remember in Prayer

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, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Yolanda Carrozza, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Margaret Mary Dean, 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, Bill Ford, Donald Gallagher, Maritza Garcia, Brian Gillick, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Lifrieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Janet Kreaage, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liffrieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Theresa McDermott, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Richard Quartarone, Barbara R. and Mollie R, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Maureen Dean Schmidt, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Paul Teehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, 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 Cardiello



Pray for those who have died: Deceased parishioners of SFX

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

HOLY ROSARY



May the Rosary

WEDNESDAYS
MAY 4, 11, 18 and 25

7:00 PM IN CHURCH

PLEASE JOIN US DURING

THE MONTH OF MAY FOR

THE RECITATION OF

THE ROSARY

HONORING OUR BLESSED MOTHER

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