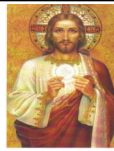


MASS INTENTIONS



Bread and Wine donated this week in loving memory of Patsy D'Agostino by Mr. & Mrs. John Zerafa



Altar Flowers donated this week in loving memory of Patsy D'Agostino by Mr. & Mrs. John Zerafa



The Sanctuary Lamp is being lit this week in loving memory of Patsy D'Agostino by Mr. & Mrs. John Zerafa



Congratulations to Jared Simcik and Erica Mariani who were married here on Saturday afternoon, May 14th.



St. Francis Xavier Feast of Corpus Christi: Please join us as we celebrate the supreme gift of the Eucharist—The Body and Blood of Christ given to us in the Most Blessed Sacrament—Sunday, May 29th, 9:30am Mass. Please see flier.



Please join us for the Rosary at 7:00pm Wednesday evenings May 18 and 25. "The Family that prays together stays together, and a people at prayer will be a people at peace."



St. Francis Xavier School: You are cordially invited to attend May Crowning on Wednesday, May 18th at 1:30pm in the Church. Congratulations to all our 7th grade children receiving Confirmation on Friday, May 20th. Families interested in UPK seats are still available. Contact the school office at 718-863-0531 option 4. Registration is on-going. Application/scholarship information is available at www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org. Visit sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our beautiful

Catholic faith 24/7: The Confirmation students of the School and Religious Education will be receiving Confirmation on Friday, May 20th with Bishop John Jenik. May the Holy Spirit always be in the hearts and souls of the Confirmandi. "Wednesdays With Jesus": Will begin Wednesday, October 5th. **Religious Education Registration for September** begins: Re-registrations forms will be sent to families and will be available in the Vestibule of the Church or by contacting the Rectory. For new families registering, please contact the Rectory. **NEW KINDERGARTEN CLASS** will begin during Sunday Religious Education. This is **FREE**. Please contact Rectory at 718-892-3330 for more information.

NEW SPECIAL NEEDS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: "Saturdays With Jesus" will begin this September on Saturdays at 10:00am in the lower Rectory. If your child or someone you know has special needs, they are very welcome as we work together with the children and parents to prepared them for the Sacraments (Baptism, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation). Please contact the Rectory for more information.

Banns of Marriage Announced
John Mercorella and Courtney Sornatale
Gianni Algeri and Dominique Rivera

Next Week's Readings (The Most Holy Trinity): Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a); Romans 5:1-5; John:12-15

- Saturday May 14, 2016**
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm John William Harrison, Jr.
- Sunday May 15, 2016**
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Giovanni Assalone
 11:15am Deceased Members of Gartner, Falcone and Schneider Family
 12:30pm Special Intentions
- Monday May 16, 2016**
 7:30am College Students of Religious Studies (Living)
 9:00am Kathleen Ann Dean
- Tuesday May 17, 2016**
 7:30am College Students of Religious Studies (Living)
 9:00am Italo Bassani (Birthday)
- Wednesday May 18, 2016**
 7:30am Dorothy Barry
 9:00am Sr. Ann Eigenbauer, O.P. (Living)
 7:00pm **Recitation of the Rosary**
- Thursday May 19, 2016**
 7:30am Mary Kelly
 9:00pm Margaret Rita Dean
- Friday May 20, 2016**
 7:30am Dorothea Mahn—Benefactor
 9:00am Nora Carney
- Saturday May 21, 2016**
 7:30am Dorothy Barry
 9:00am Domenico Mangialardi

Vigil for Sunday
 5:30am In Honor of The Blessed Mother and Jesus Christ

- Sunday May 22, 2016**
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Michele and Carmela Ciaramella
 11:15am Louis Petrozza
 12:30pm Anthony Saraco

League of the Sacred Heart will meet Friday, June 3rd for Mass at 12:00 Noon followed by a luncheon at Captains. \$35 per person. For more information, please call Joyce Russo at 347-302-7635. **Please visit our Parish Website:** stfrancisxavierbronx.com. The Parish Bulletin can be read each week on the website.

Our Gifts Back to the Lord

Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) 2016—May 8, 2016 : \$5,936
 Second Collection (Central and Eastern Europe): \$995
 Ascension Thursday—May 5, 2016: \$1,483

Collection last year (Parish Pay included) 2015—May 10, 2015: \$5,392
 Second Collection (Church in Central and Eastern Europe): \$1,004
 Ascension Thursday—May 14, 2015: \$1,393
 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.





Dear Parishioners,

What a blessing it is this Sunday morning to have our children who received their First Holy Communion last weekend with us at the 9:30 Mass as we continue to celebrate the joy of their First Communion with our parishioners at a Sunday Mass. After Mass the children and their families will enjoy a communion breakfast in the School Gym.

A very Happy Pentecost Sunday to everyone! This is one of the three greatest Feast Days of the Church's year, along with Easter and Christmas. This is the culmination of the Easter Season, the birthday of the Church, the beginning of the Church's mission to preach the Gospel to every people, every nation on earth. By His Suffering, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and outpouring of the Holy Spirit Jesus has made all things new, breathing life into the Church, into the Sacraments, and breathing new life into our souls.

We hear from the Acts of the Apostles in our first reading how on that first Pentecost morning the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit. The same men who denied Jesus and fled out of fear on the night before He died were now boldly and courageously bearing witness to Him in the face of great opposition. They were no longer afraid to suffer for the sake of Christ. They were united in mind and in heart, and strengthened interiorly in their faith and in their love for the Lord and one another. They began to see the world and others through the eyes of Jesus, to think with the mind of Jesus, and to love with the heart of Jesus.

Let us pray this Pentecost Sunday for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the world, upon the Church, and upon each one of us, and in a special way upon our young people who will be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation this Friday. How much we need the Holy Spirit. Like the first disciples, we face a very difficult world, a culture which more and more promotes values and practices that are contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of His Church. How easily we can be deceived and led astray, especially our young people. How much we need those **Gifts of the Holy Spirit** in this difficult world to have the **Wisdom, Knowledge, and Understanding** of the things of God; to have the **Right Judgment** to discern and to know what is right and wrong; to have the **Fortitude** to choose to do what is right even if it causes us great sacrifice and personal suffering; and to have the **Piety and Fear of the Lord** to love Him above all things.

The Holy Spirit should have the same effect in our lives as it did in the lives of the first disciples, for the very same Holy Spirit has been poured out into our hearts beginning on the day of our Baptism and strengthened and sealed within us on the day of our Confirmation.

And every time we receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion, every time we receive absolution from our sins after making a good Confession, the Holy Spirit continues to be poured out into our hearts. As Pope Saint Leo the Great put it: *"The visible presence of the Lord Jesus after His Ascension has passed into the Sacraments."* How marvelously we share in the Divine Life of God through the sacramental life of the Church. What a gift, what a treasure is our Church born on Pentecost Sunday and still alive and thriving right here at St. Francis Xavier. *"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love."* May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

Thank you Holy Name Society for providing carnations at the 9:30am Mass for Mother's Day!

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.



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ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
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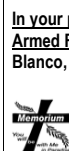
So far 132 of our parishioners have pledged **\$41,075** to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal which puts us at **78.24%** of the goal for our parish of **\$52,500**. Cardinal Dolan is asking

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!



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 Liferieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Janet Kreaage, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liferieri, 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 Stravrianopoulos (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

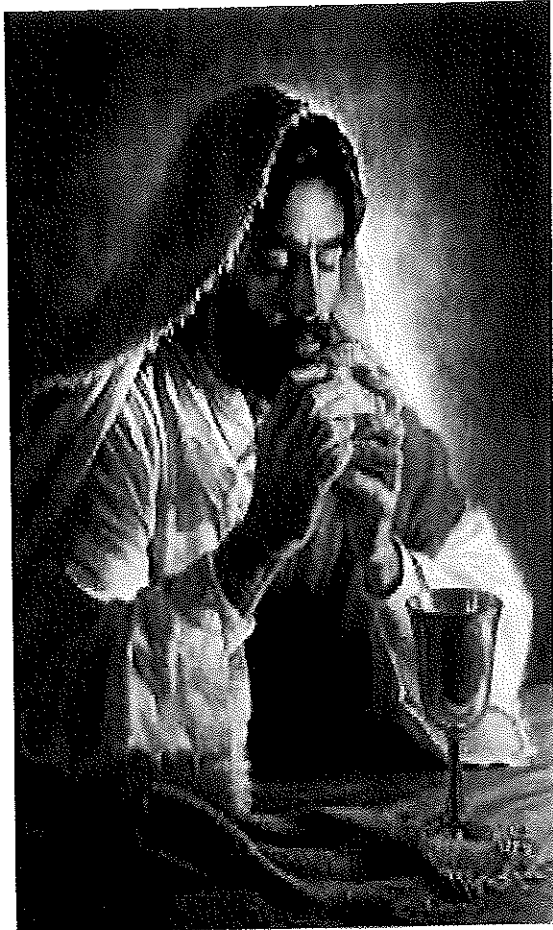


In your prayers please remember all the men and women serving in our Armed Forces, especially: Zachary Piragnoli, Nick Visconti, Christopher C. Cannata, Carlos E. Blanco, Emmanuel Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardiello

Pray for those who have died: Juana Greco, Arcangelo Galella and Angel Rodriguez

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FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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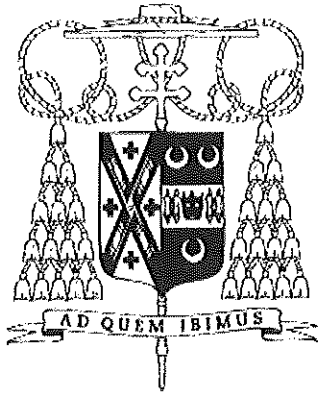


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9:30 AM MASS
PROCESSION
CONCLUDING
WITH
BENEDICTION
IN SCHOOL GYM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

PLEASE COME WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY
AND BRING A FRIEND!

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HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$52,500

Please Make a Gift Today

So far 127 of our parishioners have pledged \$39,175 to this year's Appeal, which puts us at approximately \$13,000 away from our goal of \$52,500. Although we are getting closer to our goal, we are quite a bit behind where we usually are at this stage in the Appeal in the number of gifts or pledges made. It is always our goal to increase participation each year. It is so important for our Parish that we achieve and even surpass our goal, as we have for the past seven years. There is still time to make a gift or pledge. Please consider doing so this week if you have not done so already. Pledge envelopes are always at the doors of the Church. And thank you so much to all of you who have already given to this year's Cardinal's Appeal.

Pastoral Offices and Programs	\$6 million
Support for Needy Parishes	\$4.5 million
The Departments of Education and Religious Education	\$3 million
Works of Charity	\$2.5 million
Retired Priests and Religious	\$2 million
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May God bless you for your generosity.