

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 11, 2014
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Francesco Nigro

Sunday October 12, 2014
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Salvatore Picone
 11:15am Juanito and Elena Mangalindan
 12:30pm Kathleen and Harry Riconda

Monday October 13, 2014
 7:30am Marie Marino
 9:00am Thomas and Anna Miano

Tuesday October 14, 2014
 7:30am Intentions of Rosa Russo (Living)
 9:00am Michael Anzovino

Wednesday October 15, 2014
 7:30am Nancy Thomson
 9:00am Alice Bieder
 7:00pm **Recitation of Rosary**

Thursday October 16, 2014
 7:30am Maria Theresa Ore
 9:00am Alice Bieder

Friday October 17, 2014
 7:30am Manuel San Pascual
 9:00am Lillian and Victor DiGiambattista

Saturday October 18, 2014
 7:30am Giuseppe Salvatore Adragna (12th Anniversary)
 9:00am Nora Carney
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Anna Radovanovich

Sunday October 19, 2014
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Pietro Mellone
 11:15am Catherine Donovan and Louise Santucci
 12:30pm Steven A. Parascandola



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family: **Jackson James Weihe** son of James and Liane



All Souls Day: What greater gift for your departed loved ones than to be remembered in a special way at all the Masses. Offertory envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church which will be placed on the altar for All Souls Day and remain throughout the month of November.

All Souls Day: Those who have died in the last year will be remembered in a special way by name at the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, November 1st, the Vigil of All Souls. Please see insert in today's bulletin.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Next session is October 20th at 7pm in the Rectory and will meet every Monday evening thereafter until Easter in preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. If you missed the first session and would like to attend, please call the Rectory or just come on Monday evening.



St. Francis Xavier School: Children in grades 6, 7, 8 are looking forward to going to the Liberty Science Center on Friday, October 17th. Children in grades K to 8 will be taking an Interim Assessment in ELA and Math beginning October 21st. For updated information please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: Confirmation Parents' Meeting: Monday, October 20th in the Church at 7pm. Service for Confirmation students:

Rosary Making every Friday at 4pm in the Rectory.
Visiting the Residence of Williamsbridge Nursing Home: under the direction of Ms. Mariangela Agovino will be on Saturdays, October 11th, November 15th, December 13th, January 10th, February 7th, March 14th and April 11th. Please meet in front of the Church at 10:45am. Return time approximately 12:15pm. Parents and Grandparents of students are also welcome.



Attention SFX Basketball Alumni: Sunday, October 26th, Alumni Basketball with 5 games featuring Lions Alumni from 5 decades. Kick off with 11:15am Mass, Doors open at Noon, 1pm First Game. \$10/adults, \$5/children except current players. For more information, please call John 347-219-0762.



Salesian High School Open House— A parish that shapes character through Christian values – Saturday, October 18th from 12:00 - 3:00 PM.

Open House St. Catharine Academy: Sunday, October 26 from 11am-2pm. 718-882-2882 or visit www.scahs.org



Recitation of the Rosary will be held Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Church during the month of October in Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary. Please join us October 15, 22, and 29.

Weekly collection October 5: \$7,065
Second Collection (Capital Expenditure): \$2,451
 Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

What a beautiful Sunday morning we had here last week with our Rosary Procession. The Church was filled to capacity at the 9:30 Mass, and the Procession was powerful and inspiring. Adding to it all was the installation of our 14 new Altar Servers. We are so proud of them. I want to thank in a special way Ughette Jilleba, our Coordinator of Religious Education and Parish Secretary, who worked so hard, as she always does on everything, to make last week's Procession and the reception in the gym such a beautiful event. A special thanks, too, must go to Angela Lifrieri, who always does so much behind the scenes and worked all day Saturday preparing the beautiful array of flowers for the statue of Mary for the Procession. Thank you also to Scaglione's Bakery and Deli for their generous donation of food for the reception. They are always so generous to our Church and School. Special thank you, too, to Celeste Berretta and "Our Lady's Rosary Makers" who made hundreds of Rosaries, and the Caringal Family who made over 100 Rosaries so that we could give as a gift a set of Rosaries to each of the hundreds who attended the 9:30 Mass and the Procession. I must also thank Tim Tinawin for his help with the sound system for the praying of the Rosary during the Procession, and the 49th Precinct and Lefty Negrón for clearing the way and seeing that the streets were safe for the Procession. And to all the unseen and unnamed volunteers who help with set-up and clean-up at such events, thank you so much!

I also want to thank so many of you for your patience and immediate response to our "Increase Giving Campaign" that the Archdiocese has asked me to commence here. I know a lot is asked, and that not everyone will be able to give more, and that is perfectly fine. We can only do the best we can. Even one dollar more per person will have a tremendous impact on the financial health of our parish. As you can see from last week's collection printed in the bulletin today, so many have responded immediately to the needs of our parish. We received more than 150 commitment envelopes last weekend and more have been coming in during the week. Also, the Archdiocese has asked all parishes to offer the convenience of making your donations electronically using ParishPay (See insert in today's bulletin). Not all are comfortable with this, but it is just an option to enable you to make steady contributions even when you are away or not able to attend Mass here.

It is heartwarming to see how many people love their parish and want St. Francis Xavier to thrive for many, many more years to come. For those who did not receive or have not yet returned a commitment envelope, they will be available in the back of the Church for the next several weeks and can be dropped in the collection basket at Mass or anytime during the week at the Rectory. Again, a huge thank you to all of you who have already responded.

Let me just leave you with these beautiful words spoken by Nancy Weihe, one of our parishioners, at Mass last Sunday:

"I have been a member of this Parish for over 60 years...I know we are all working hard to pay our own bills, as costs increase each year. So it is for our Church, as well. St. Francis Xavier is a beautiful place and we are blessed to be able to be here. I know for me and my family it is the one constant in our lives. We have celebrated so many beautiful milestones here within these hallowed walls. As I watched each one of my children get married here, their whole childhood ran through my mind. I saw images of sweet little babies being baptized, and that little innocent child receiving Jesus for the first time. I saw Confirmations, Graduations, my children singing in the choir, Christmas and Easter Sundays, and Family Sundays. They "grew up" here! And so did I. My husband and I just recently celebrated 40 years of marriage here, the very same Church we were married in. And just yesterday, our 8th grandchild was baptized here. My grandchildren are enjoying this beautiful Church and School. St. Francis Xavier is a very important part of our lives. How important is it to you? It is our responsibility to help maintain it. We owe it to ourselves and our children to keep this Church around, so it may continue to be a blessing for our families and friends."

What a beautiful expression of love from a Parishioner who has lived here her whole life. And so many feel the same way. This Parish is indeed a treasure. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

\$10,000 SFX FEAST DAY RAFFLE: Tickets \$50.00, sold before and after every Mass in the Church vestibule and in the Rectory throughout the week. Drawing: Sunday, November 30th, 2014 at Potluck Dinner following the 12:30pm Mass.



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, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlann Defede, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Alfred DeSantis, John Dinelli, Patrick Dolan, Baby Max D'Onofrio, Carmella Emily DonVito, Mario Esguerra, Cheryl Espinoza, John Esposito, Esther Finn, Carmen Flores, Billy Fischer, Luis Paz Florencio, Sr., Pat Foley, Peter Frenna, Donald Gallagher, 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), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Lifrieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Joseph Milone, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mazzella, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Teresa O'Hara, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Richard Quartarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Anthony Saraco, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Juliana Szanto, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villara, Gelacio Villaviza (Fr. Neil's Father), 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 Cardiello



Pray for those who have died: Father Benedict Groeschel, CFR