

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday October 18, 2014**

**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

**Monday October 20, 2014**

**7:30am** Gladys Bonano

**9:00am** Alice Bieder

**Tuesday October 21, 2014**

**7:30am** Virginia Steffen

**9:00am** Francesco Cipollone

**Wednesday October 22, 2014**

**7:30am** Pietro Genovino

**9:00am** Lillian and Victor DiGiambattista and Marie DeBellis Pascale

**7:00pm** **Recitation of Rosary**

**Thursday October 23, 2014**

**7:30am** Amy Newmann—Benefactor

**9:00am** Giglio Chistoni

**Friday October 24, 2014**

**7:30am** Sal Pierro Schiaroli

**9:00am** Michael Fragola

**Saturday October 25, 2014**

**7:30am** Francisco Rodriguez

**9:00am** Maria Pilar Pernet

**Vigil for Sunday**

**5:30pm** Anthony Esposito

**Sunday October 26, 2014**

**7:30am** All Parishioners of SFX

**9:30am** Stefania Leone

**11:15am** Anna Radovanovich

**12:30pm** Anna and Michael Keyes and Jeremiah T. Walsh



**Bread and Wine lovingly donated this week in honor of Rose Picone (90th Birthday-Living) by Debbie Picone.**

**Sanctuary Lamp donated this week in loving memory of Francesco Cipollone by the Cipollone Family**

**On the weekend of November 1st/2nd** Al Barbarino will be a guest singer and speaker at our parish. He will sing/speak at each of the Masses and offer a spiritual reflection/concert on Sunday (November 2nd) following the 12:30pm Mass. The focus will be on "Where are we headed in our Faith and in our society".



**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 for special remembrance at every Mass.

**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 flier in the vestibule of the Church.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** Next session is October 20th at 7pm in the Rectory. 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:** For updated information please visit the school website at [sfxschool.net](http://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, 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.

**ARCHDIOCESAN "INCREASED GIVING CAMPAIGN":** The Increased Giving Campaign is underway here at St. Francis Xavier. Thank you to those who already have made a commitment to increase your offertory. Please see insert in today's bulletin.



**ARCHDIOCESAN SPONSORED FLOCKNOTE:** Get important updates from our parish and the Archdiocese in a convenient way. Please see insert in today's bulletin to sign up.



**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 22, and 29.**

Today's second collection is for World Mission Sunday.

"...she... put in everything - all she had..."  
Mark 12:44



**Weekly collection October 12: \$5,725**  
Thank you for your generosity.  
May God Bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

We have been hearing a lot in the news this week about the Synod of Bishops taking place in Rome right now discussing "The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization," which began on October 5<sup>th</sup> and will end this Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Cardinal Dolan is among them. It is interesting how the media is harping on what they call a major change in Church teaching regarding the welcoming tone of a document still in progress toward Catholics who are homosexual. For those who know their faith, there is no change in Church teaching here, but a reiteration of the need to embrace and accompany all God's children wherever they are at with the compassion of Christ. While the Church cannot condone any life-style or activity that is objectively sinful, the Church is not *against* anyone, but has always sought to meet people where they are at and lead them to that transformation of mind and heart that comes from a genuine encounter with Jesus Christ. We can love the person without condoning the sin. This, it seems to me, is what the Church is trying to communicate in a new way to our times.

Today we join the Church throughout the world in observing World Mission Sunday. Mission is at the very heart of the Church's identity - that is to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every person on earth. From the moment of our Lord's Command to His first disciples over 2000 years ago to "go and teach all nations," heroic men and women right up to today have left their homelands to be missionaries in faraway lands. We think of our own Patron, St. Francis Xavier, Patron Saint of the Missions, who left his homeland in Spain to bring the Gospel to the Far East - to India, Japan, and China. He died on the shores of China literally having expended himself to death, compelled by one thing - his love for Jesus and his desire to make Him known and loved so that all may have eternal life in Him.

Certainly not all are called to be a missionary in a faraway land. However, by our baptism, we are all called to be missionaries where we live and work. In fact, the real challenge today is not so much reaching those in distant lands who never heard of Christ, but reaching those right here at home who need to be *re-introduced* to Him and our beautiful Catholic faith - so many who, for various reasons, have stopped practicing their faith, stopped coming to Sunday Mass, or just stopped believing. It is a constant pang of conscience for me that we are not doing enough to reach and invite back people who have fallen away, and to draw all our people, young and old alike, closer to Christ and His Church. Mission Sunday is a good opportunity to pray for that missionary spirit that is at the heart of the "New Evangelization."

While we may not be called to go to faraway lands, we are connected to our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world most especially in prayer. There is so much in this world we need to pray about right now, but I cannot help but mention the horrific situation going on right now in the ancient lands of the Middle East, in Iraq and Syria. We are not hearing too much about it lately in the media, but the atrocities against human life, and systematic persecution of Christians and other ethnic and religious minorities are going on there with unheard of ferocity. ISIS, the so called Islamic State, continues to advance throughout Iraq beheading men, women and children who refuse to convert to their fanatical form of Islam. They are pleading for help. Let us commit ourselves on this World Mission Sunday to pray and do penance for our brothers and sisters who are in great peril, that the Love of Christ will drive out the evil that is causing the suffering of so many innocents, and the Peace that only Christ can give will reign in that area of the world, throughout the entire world, and in our hearts. 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Potluck Dinner following the 12:30pm Mass.



**Attention SFX Basketball Alumni:** Next, Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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 Defedele, 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'Keeffe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Richard Quartarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Leslie Russin, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Anthony Saraco, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (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:** Veronica Albert, Jennie Gula, Patricia Marcello and Frank Vitacco