

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday November 29, 2014

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Anna Radovanovich

Sunday November 30, 2014—First Sunday of Advent

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Anna Radovanovich

11:15am Yolanda Fronk

12:30pm James M. Ferrari

Monday December 1, 2014

7:30am Irene Rinaldi

9:00am Antonio Cinque

Tuesday December 2, 2014

7:30am Francisco Provenzano, Deceased and Living Members of the Provenzano Family

9:00am Joseph Campione

Wednesday December 3, 2014—Feast of St. Francis Xavier

7:30am In Thanksgiving

9:00am All Parishioners (Solemnity with Music)

10:00am SFX School Mass

Thursday December 4, 2014

7:30am Johannah Higgins

9:00am Maria Theresa Ore

Friday December 5, 2014

7:30am Salvatore Arturo Fata

9:00am Maria Theresa Ore

1-7pm First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7pm Holy Hour with Benediction

Saturday December 6, 2014

7:30am Arturo Fata

9:00am Mike Parubi

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Savina Nigro and Michael Nigro

Sunday December 7, 2014—Second Sunday of Advent

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Catherine Cordani

11:15am Mary Manning

12:30pm Anthony Cianci and Luigi and Maria Cianci



Friday, December 5th: First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 1pm and ending with Holy Hour and Benediction from 7pm to 8pm. Please come and spend some time with our Lord Jesus who is waiting for you.



*BANNS OF MARRIAGE—Third Time
Anthony Minella and Siobhan Slattery*

Due to the early printing deadline because of Thanksgiving, last week's collections will be reported in next week's bulletin.



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

Mary, Monday, December 8th is a Holy Day of

Obligation: Mass Schedule: Monday, December 8th:

7:30am, 9:00am, 12 Noon and 7:30pm (There is no Vigil Mass on Sunday for the Immaculate Conception.)

Reconciliation Monday: Monday, December 15th.

Confessions will be heard from 4pm to 8pm here and in all Churches of the Archdiocese of NY



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY

CELEBRATION: Today, Sunday, Nov. 30th

Potluck Dinner in the Gym after the 12:30

Mass. **Drawing for \$10,000 Feast Day Raffle.**

\$5/adults plus your favorite potluck dinner dish.



St. Francis Xavier School: On Wednesday,

December 3rd, the children will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis Xavier with Mass at 10:00am in honor of our

Patron Saint. For updated information please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic

faith 24/7: The Annual Christmas Pageant "The King's

Birthday" will be held on **December 14th at 9:30am in**

the gym. Our Parish Family is invited to attend as

Christmas comes alive with our children being a part of the beginning—The Birth of Our Lord in Bethlehem. Please join us to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas.



Christmas at St. Francis Xavier: As we prepare our

Church for the Christmas Season, a reminder that

Christmas Flowers and Decorations can be

memorialized in honor of a loved one. The envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church and included with your Church envelopes. You can leave these envelopes at the Rectory or drop them in the collection basket. Each \$25 donation can be memorialized with up to three names.



The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a "Giving

Tree" this Advent Season until December 13th and

14th. Please take a white angel from the tree located in the vestibule of the Church and fulfill a gift request. You can place your gift under the tree. The gifts will be given to the residents of Williamsbridge Manor Nursing Home. **Also,** the tree will have angels in blue and pink for gifts for children. The gifts will be given to the children in East Harlem by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Please do not wrap (wrapping paper can be included). What a lovely way to fulfill your role as an "Angel to the World."



The Father's Club will be selling Christmas Wreaths in

the back of the Church before and after all Masses next weekend December 6th and 7th.

League of the Sacred Heart will meet in the Rectory immediately following the 9am Mass on First Friday, December 5th. There will be no meeting in January.



Dear Parishioners,

I hope and pray everyone had a very blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. Let us give thanks for this brand new year of Grace which begins today with the First Sunday of Advent – a new start, a new opportunity to grow deeper in our faith and to live it even more fervently and sincerely than we did last year. May our observance of this Holy Season of Advent be a time for us to rekindle in our hearts a burning desire for the coming of our Lord Jesus - who came in *history* over 2000 years ago as a little baby Bethlehem, who will come again in *majesty* at the end of time, and who comes to us right here and now in *mystery*, most especially in the supreme gift of the Eucharist.

What better way to start off the Advent Season than by our celebration today as a parish family the Feast of our Patron Saint, St. Francis Xavier (the actual Feast Day is this Wednesday, Dec. 3rd). He was a man who knew and loved Jesus with all of his being and burned with a desire to make Him known and loved. He was one of the original seven Jesuits whom St. Ignatius Loyola gathered in 1534. Without fear for his personal safety or health, St. Francis Xavier brought the gospel to the Far East—to western and southern India; to the uncharted Islands of the Indian Ocean; to the then unknown land of Japan; and died from disease and exhaustion trying to reach the people of China. He expended himself completely all the way to death, compelled by the desire to make Jesus known and loved to the then known farthest ends of the world.

What a model St. Francis Xavier is for all of us as we begin this Advent Season. We are all called to make Jesus known and loved, not necessarily all the way to the Far East as St. Francis Xavier did, but right here in Morris Park, and in our own families. Missionary territory is no more only in places far away, but is right here at home where so many have drifted away from the Church, where so many do not know the Lord Jesus. Advent is a time for conversion of hearts, beginning with my own heart. May each of us experience that conversion of heart and a deepening of our relationship with the Lord Jesus this Advent Season so that we can hear the Christmas Gospel with renewed joy: *"Today in the City of David is born for you a Savior who is Christ the Lord."* For how can I make Jesus known and loved by others, if my own heart is not filled with the joy of knowing and loving Him?

This is what Advent is all about. This is what St. Francis Xavier was all about. The joy of knowing and loving the Lord Jesus drove him to expend his life totally in trying to bring that joy to others all the way to the ends of the earth. May our parish celebration of the Feast of St. Francis Xavier give us a portion of his spirit and zeal, and unleash many graces and blessings upon our parish, upon our families, and upon each one of us personally. A blessed Advent, and a Happy Feast Day! May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



FAMILY PRAYER

First Sunday of Advent-The Advent Wreath

The Advent Season is a time to look forward to Christ's coming. The Advent Wreath is a circle of four candles, each candle representing a week of Advent. The family may gather around the wreath, recite a short prayer and light the appropriate number of candles. As each week passes, one more candles is lit to remind the family that Christ's birthday is getting closer. The purple candles remind us of our need for penance. The Rose candle (third week) reminds us Christmas joy is truly near.

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent:

Lord God, Let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (Someone lights the first purple candle.)



FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER: is Wednesday, December 3rd. It will be celebrated as a Solemnity here with music at the 9:00am Mass and a School Mass at 10:00am to which all are invited.

We will celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint as a Parish Family today, Sunday, November 30th with the 12:30pm Mass followed by the family potluck dinner and the drawing of the \$10,000 Feast Day Raffle in the school gym.

Raffles will remain on sale before and after every Mass and in the gym up until the time of the drawing. There will be plenty of Fun, Music, Camaraderie, Cotton Candy, Face Painting, and Great Food made by our Parish Family-\$5/adults, children free plus your favorite dish. If you haven't signed up already, just come and pay at the door.



Please remember the following

members of our parish community in your prayers:

- William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alices, 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., Peter Frenna, Donald Gallagher, 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), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liferi, 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, Leslie Russin, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Anthony Saraco, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Juliana Szanto, Paul Teehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villara, Gelacio Villaviza, Christopher Vitale, Kathy Vitale, George Walsh, Rev. Arthur Welton, Gary Wieler, Jonathan Wilson (12-year old), Ottilla 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. Bianco, Emmanuel Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardilello



Pray for those who have died: Raymunda Valderama and All the Souls of the Faithful Departed



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What's New?

Registered parishioners:

692

Parishioners who
participated:

165

Prior offertory:

\$5,539

New offertory:

\$6,186

Our weekly offertory has
increased by more than 12%!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parishioners who have increased their weekly offering and have continued to fulfill their commitment!

We as a parish are benefiting from your generosity. Your dedication is a true example of what is needed to keep our community flourishing.

You can still increase your weekly offering!

We ask that everyone consider increasing their weekly offering. We know it can be a sacrifice to you, but we need your continued help and support.

Please use, or continue using the envelope system. This will allow us to better know our parishioners.

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