

Saint Francis Xavier Church

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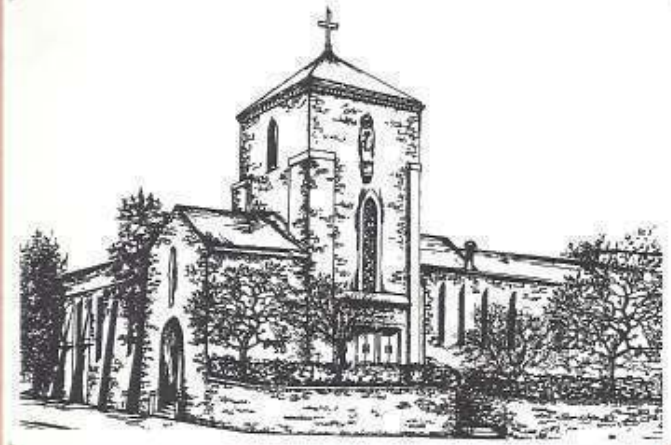
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All Classes - Sunday - 9:30 am to 11 am followed by
Family Mass 11:15 am
Pre-K Wednesdays 2:30 pm

St. Francis Xavier School

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Mrs. Angela Deegan, School Principal
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Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: (Evening) 5:30pm (Vigil for Sunday)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am
Family Mass & 12:30pm
Monday thru Saturday: 7:30am & 9:00am
Holy Days (*Vigil*): 5:30pm
(*Day*): 7:30am, 9:00am, 12 Noon
(*Evening*): 7:30pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Sundays at 1:45pm. Parents are required to call the Rectory for an appointment for Baptismal instruction and to schedule a date for the Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Rectory to schedule an appointment with the priest. Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the intended wedding date.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, or call the Rectory to make an appointment with one of our priests.

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament for the seriously ill and elderly can be arranged by contacting one of the priests or at any time in an emergency.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month at the main altar of the Church.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 1:00 pm - 7:00pm;
Holy Hour with Benediction, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Parish Council:

Every other month in the Rectory

Holy Name Society

Second Sunday every month after 9:30am Mass - Rectory

League of the Sacred Heart

First Friday every month after 9:00 am Mass - Rectory

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The priests regularly visit the ill and homebound.
Please call the Rectory to arrange for home visits.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Following the 9:00 am Mass on Mondays

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA process is an opportunity for instruction and spiritual transformation for any adult seeking a deeper understanding of the Catholic tradition or full incorporation into the Catholic Church. Mondays at 7:00 pm - Rectory.

Cursillo Reunion Meeting

Fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm - Rectory

AARP - Morris Park Chapter 5120

First and Third Wednesdays - School Auditorium

Social hour 12 Noon - Meeting 1:00 pm

A.A. - Wednesdays at 7:30 pm - Rectory

CODA - Tuesday 7:00 pm - Rectory

Blessed Mother Statue Entrance - Lurting Avenue



MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday December 6, 2014
 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, Luigi and Maria Cianci

Monday December 8, 2014—Immaculate Conception
 7:30am Veronica Albert
 9:00am Faruolo and Radino Families
 12 Noon Special Intentions
 7:30pm Maria and George Marino

Tuesday December 9, 2014
 7:30am Sal Pierro Schiaroli
 9:00am Maria Carlantone

Wednesday December 10, 2014
 7:30am Calogero Gambino
 9:00am Orlando Cosmo

Thursday December 11, 2014
 7:30am Michael Goering
 9:00am Henry Miller

Friday December 12, 2014
 7:30am Thomas J. Higgins
 9:00am Luciano DeFeo

Saturday December 13, 2014
 7:30am In Honor of St. Lucy
 9:00am Benito Chiatto
 Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Salvatore Spadafora

Sunday December 14, 2014—Third Sunday of Advent
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Anna and Thomas Miano
 11:15am Louis Lombardi
 12:30pm Kathleen and Harry Riconda

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 at St. Francis Xavier and in all Churches of the Archdiocese of NY. Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin.

Congratulations to the winners of our Feast Day Raffle:
 \$10,000: Denise Giocondo
 \$1,000: Mike and Kevin Barry
 \$500: Vincent Maysa (grandson of Vincent and Rosalie LeVoci)

St. Francis Xavier School: On Wednesday, December 10th and Friday, December 12th the children will be performing in the 15th Annual Christmas Spectacular. Thank you to the faculty and Home-School Executive Board for their hard work. For updated information please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.

Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: Our Annual Christmas Pageant "The King's Birthday" will be held on **December 14th at 9:30am in the gym.** Parishioners, Family, Grandparents and Friends are all 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 as we celebrate the true spirit of Christmas at St. Francis Xavier.

Nursing Home visit: December 13th for Confirmation Service. Please meet at 10:45am in front of Church.

Christmas at St. Francis Xavier: A reminder that Christmas Flowers and Decorations can be memorialized in honor of loved ones. Each \$25 donation can be memorialized with up to three names. The Christmas Flower 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.

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a "Giving Tree". Please take a white angel from the tree located in the vestibule of the Church and fulfill a gift request. White angels are gifts for the residents of Williamsbridge Manor Nursing Home. Blue and pink angels are gifts to be given to children in East Harlem by our Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Please return gifts to the tree by next Sunday, December 13/14.

Please join us for a beautiful Advent Service of Scripture Readings and Sacred Music by our own Music Ministry led by Joyce and Dale Smith, Saturday, December 13th at 6:30pm in the Church (right after the 5:30pm Mass).

Retraction from last week's bulletin: The Father's Club will *not* be selling Christmas Wreaths this year.

League of the Sacred Heart: There will be *no* meeting in January. There *will* be a meeting in February providing it does not snow.

Next week's second collection is for Retired Sisters and Brothers of the Archdiocese.

Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included)
 November 23: \$6,282
 Second Collection (Thanksgiving/Human Development) \$1,380
 Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) November 30: \$5,547
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December 13-14, 2014

Dear friends in the Lord:

It's that special time of the year when we pause to give thanks to the Lord for the religious who have served and continue to serve the Church with much dedication and great distinction. This weekend our parishes are conducting the annual collection for the *Retirement Fund for Religious* that benefits some 34,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. As we reflect on the service of our women and men religious, we recall the words of Jesus in John's Gospel: "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be" (Jn 12:26). Through their prayer and works, religious can be found wherever Jesus is found – not just in our parishes, schools, and hospitals, but also in service to the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed.

In a profound way, we also find Jesus in the ongoing witness of our elder religious. While many continue in active and volunteer service, others are frail and need assistance. Yet they remain wholly committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to focus more fully on praying for our Church and world.

Most elderly religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of healthcare and an increase in the number of those needing care, many religious communities now struggle to provide for their senior members. The *Retirement Fund for Religious* offers vital financial assistance to help meet day-to-day needs for prescription medications, nursing care, and more.

The annual collection is an opportunity for each of us to give thanks to the Lord for our senior religious, and so I ask simply that you give what you can. Please join me in supporting the *Retirement Fund for Religious* and in praying for God's continued blessing on our elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

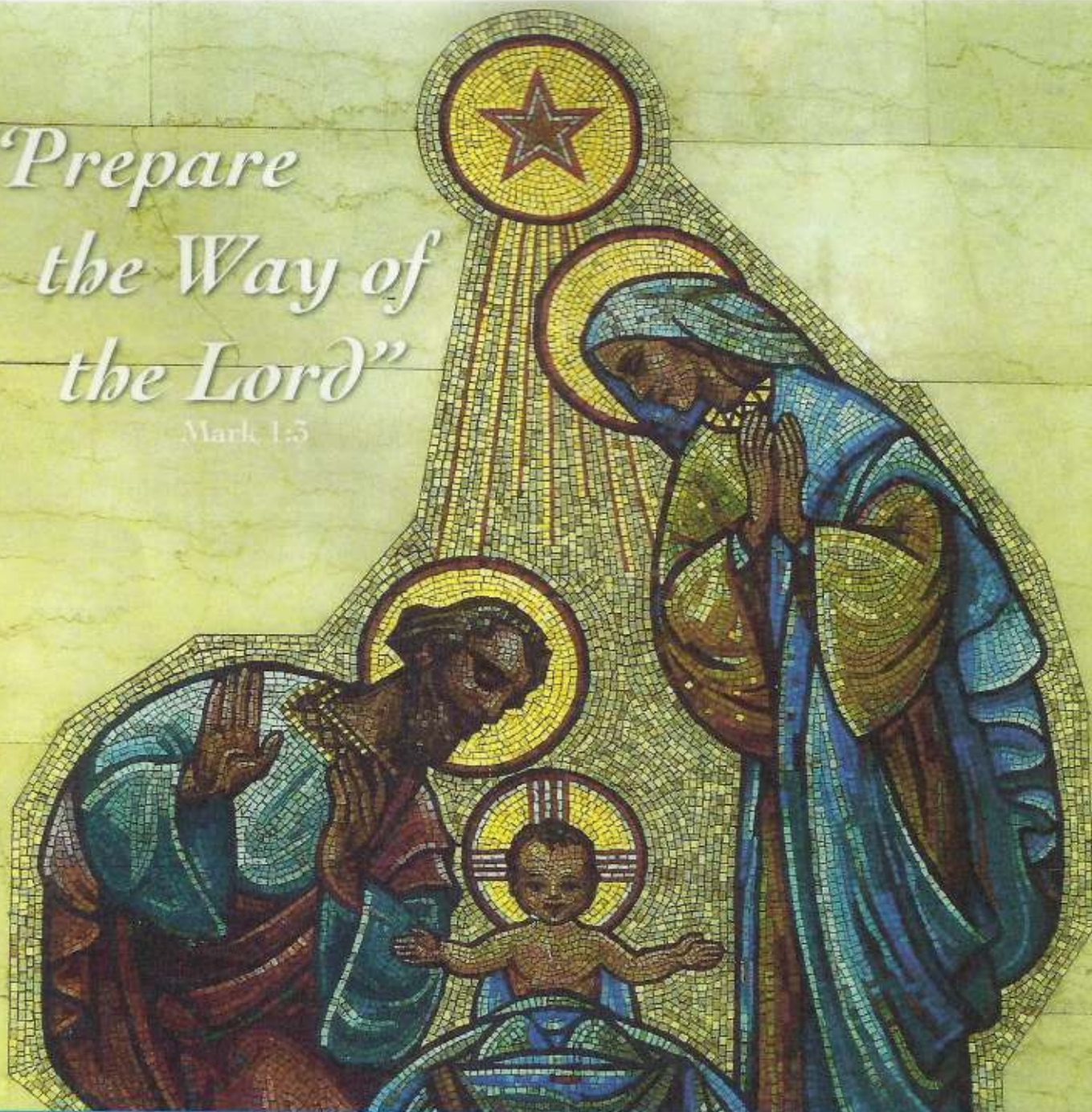
Faithfully in Christ,

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Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

*“Prepare
the Way of
the Lord”*

Mark 1:3



RECONCILIATION MONDAY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

*This Advent, prepare your heart for the Peace of Christ.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

Confessions will be heard at All Parishes in the
Archdiocese of New York from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.