

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday January 10, 2015

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm Claire Morreale

Sunday January 11, 2015 –The Baptism of the Lord

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Francesco Cipollone

11:15am Joseph Campione

12:30pm Emilio Fiori

Monday January 12, 2015

7:30am Vincenzo Nargi

9:00am Laura Licate

Tuesday January 13, 2015

7:30am Filippo Ferron

9:00am Giordano Fronk

Wednesday January 14, 2015

7:30am Stanley J. Dabrowski

9:00am Emilia Bartolotta

Thursday January 15, 2015

7:30am Filippo Ferron

9:00am Frank Prestipino (1st Anniversary)

Friday January 16, 2015

7:30am Maria and Angelo Busani

9:00am Vincent and Thomas Boccia

Saturday January 17, 2015

7:30am Louis Vegliante, Sr.

9:00am Savina Nigro and Frances Brown

Vigil for Sunday

5:30pm William L. Busch

Sunday January 18, 2015-The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am All Parishioners of SFX

9:30am Nora Carney

11:15am Stefano Anello and Family

12:30pm Thomas and Rita Leanza

Day of Prayer at St. Francis Xavier: Thursday, January 22nd. We will have a day of prayer to mark the 42nd anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church beginning after the 9am Mass. At 3:00pm we will end by praying the Rosary for Life, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and close with Benediction. This is a Day of Prayer and Penance for a deeper Respect for Human Life and an end to abortion.



March for Life in Washington D.C., Thursday, January 22nd, 2015: Pilgrimage to Washington, DC with hundreds of thousands from throughout our nation to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds may be opened to the Gospel of Life and laws may be changed to reverence all human life. Buses will be traveling to DC from all over the Archdiocese. For a complete listing of locations and further info please go to www.NYFamilyLife.org or email sr.lucy.marie@archny.org. If you are not able to make the trip, we will have a day of prayer here at St. Francis Xavier. Please see Day of Prayer at SFX above.



Francis Xavier School: Beginning Friday, January 16th, CYO will be sponsoring a "Chess Club" for children in grades 3 to 8. Catholic School Week begins on Sunday, January 25th with children and parents attending the 11:15 am Family Mass. Open House for new families is scheduled for Sunday, January 25th from 12:30 to 2:00pm. Tours and applications will be available. Seats for our UPK Program are on a first-come first-serve basis. Faculty will be available to answer questions. For updated information please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: "What can we give Jesus? - Our hearts. "

The children in Ms. Angela's and Ms. Mariangela's classes are preparing for First Penance. The Confirmation students under the direction of Ms. Mariangela had a special time in their works of mercy in giving out the Christmas gifts from our Giving Tree to the residents of Williamsbridge Nursing Home. A heartfelt thank you to Tom Tronconi, Holy Name Society, who sponsored this project together with all the volunteers and of course, to all the parishioners who were so giving of heart.

Salesian HS Winter Open House: January 24th, 2015. 12 Noon-3:00pm. All 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders welcome.

Today's second collection is for Catholic Communications and Catholic University.

Catholics can always come home to St. Francis Xavier- We are family!

Next Week's Readings (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time): 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a and 9a); 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42.

**Our Gifts Back to Our Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) :**

December 28, 2014 (Holy Family): \$5,378

January 1, 2015 (Solemnity of Mary): \$2,132

January 4, 2015 (Epiphany): \$5,803

Second Collection (Capital Expenditures): \$2,150

Filipino Mass (Simbang Gabi) Christmas Novena: \$305

Christmas Collection to Date: \$22,938

Thank you for your generosity. May God Bless you.

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





Dear Parishioners,

We had a beautiful Christmas Season once again here at St. Francis Xavier. I want to thank you from my heart for your incredible generosity to your parish once again this Christmas and all year round. This is a beautiful parish because of your goodness and devotion. If things continue as they are going, we should be able to meet our expenses this year without relying on financial aid from the Archdiocese, which again is because of your love for this parish. May we continue in this New Year to work together to make our parish stronger in every way, most especially as a community rich in faith, hope and love.

Today we come to the end of this beautiful Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is a good time for us to reflect on the meaning of our own baptism. We heard in the Gospel of St. John on Christmas Day: *“Jesus came to what was His own in the world, but His own people did not accept Him. But to those who did accept Him He gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice, nor by a man’s decision, but of God.”* Saint John is talking about Baptism. At our baptism we were re-born, not of nature, but of God. We were given power to become the children of God by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This is why Jesus was born: He was born in our human nature to give us a share in His Divine Nature; He was born into our human family to make us part of God’s Family; the Son of God became a Son of man, so that man could become sons and daughters of God.

In today’s gospel of the baptism of Jesus Saint Mark recounts: *“It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’ ”* This is what happened to us at our own baptism - the Holy Spirit descended upon us and within us, and the Father in heaven looked upon us as His own beloved sons, His own beloved daughters. In Baptism, Jesus, the only Begotten Son of God, brings us into His relationship with His Father, making all of us, in Him, Sons and daughters of God.

Jesus came to the Jordan River to be baptized, not because He needed it, but because we do. His baptism was a sign that He came into the world to take our sins upon Himself, to carry them to the Cross, and leave them buried in the tomb. His going down into the waters of the Jordan is a foreshadowing of His death and burial; His coming up out of the waters is a foreshadowing of His Resurrection. In Baptism our old self infected by sin died with Him, and the new self, cleansed from sin and replenished with Grace, rose with Him to new life. We are God’s children now. This is the greatest and most profound thing that can be said about us.

Our mission in life now is to live as true children of God, so that the Father in Heaven may always look upon us as He did on the day of our baptism and be able to say: *“You are my beloved Son, You are my beloved daughter; with you I am well pleased.”* May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



“I am with you always.” A reminder that Jesus is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle in the small chapel off the vestibule of the Church which is open every day until 6 pm. *Please stop in at some time throughout the day to make a visit and spend some time with our Lord Jesus, who is there waiting for you!*

Archdiocese of NY Feeding Our Neighbors: A Catholic Response, Sunday, January 25th thru Sunday, February 1st.

Since hunger has no season, the Archdiocese is choosing the week of January 25th through February 1st for the Feeding our Neighbors Campaign. Three simple ways to participate are: Donate money to support emergency food programs; Volunteer at a food pantry; Participate in the food drive January 25th through Sunday, February 1st by bringing non-perishable food items to the collection boxes in the vestibule of our Church Please see bulletin insert.

World Marriage Day: February 8th, 2015—Longest Married Couple Search.

Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of NY. The longest married couple(s) will be honored on Sunday, February 8th at the Church of St. Patrick, 26 Hunter Street, Highland Mills at the 12:00 pm Mass (principal celebrant will be the Most Reverend Peter J. Byrne, Auxiliary Bishop) with a reception to follow. Please contact Izabella Nagle at 646-794-3190 or email Izabella.nagle@archny.org. **Deadline for entries is January 30th, 2015.**



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, Maryanne Cataldo, 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 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 Phome, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Richard Quararone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, 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), Ottilia Zangrandi, Madelyn Ziesel



In your prayers please remember all the men and women serving in our

Armed Forces, especially: Zachary Pignoli, 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: