

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 21, 2015
Vigil for Sunday—Cardinal Dolan Visit
 5:30pm Gerard Perillo
 Celebrant is Cardinal Dolan



We are happy to welcome Timothy Cardinal Dolan to St. Francis Xavier this weekend, March 21st at 5:30pm Mass and reception to follow in the gym. All are welcome.

SAVE THE DATES: St. Francis Xavier Holy Week Retreat: preached by Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of Holy Week, March 30, 31 and April 1 at 7pm each evening.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent at 7:00pm, March 27 and April 3.



Easter Flowers: Easter flowers can be memorialized in honor of loved ones. Each \$25 donation can be memorialized with up to three names which will be published in the bulletin after Easter. Easter flower envelopes are in the back of the Church and included with your Church envelopes.

Easter Envelopes: "...I thank my God for you and when I pray for you my prayers are always filled with joy..." Please consider a special gift to your parish for Easter. Every parish relies heavily on the special Christmas and Easter gifts to make up for shortfalls in meeting their expenses throughout the year. Easter gift envelopes are in the back of the Church and included with your Church envelopes. Thank you and May God Bless you always.



St. Francis Xavier School: Applications and tours are available daily from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. UPK seats are limited. Stop in and visit the Early Childhood building for information. For updated information, please visit the school website at sfxschool.net.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Big Deal Supermarket & Holy Name Society "Lenten Fundraiser" Now through Easter Sunday, April 5th. A percentage of all sales during this period will be donated by Big Deal Supermarket to St. Francis Xavier and St. Clare's. Just drop your receipt into the jar labeled Lenten Fundraiser.

Holy Name Society is sponsoring a collection for babies and young mothers in need in our City until the end of the month. Items needed are listed on the cardboard boxes in the vestibule of the Church and will be given to the Sisters of Life at Visitation Mission Center in Manhattan.

Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal Easter Food Drive: Needed are non-perishable-canned food and monetary donations for hams. Please drop off food in bins in vestibule of Church before March 21/22. May God reward your generosity.

Next Week's Readings (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)- Gospel at the Procession: Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16; Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a); Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

Sunday March 22, 2015—Fifth Sunday of Lent
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Salvatore Picone
 11:15am Elmi Natale
 12:30pm Albert Paziienza

Monday March 23, 2015
 7:30am Thomas Frezza (20th Anniversary)
 9:00am Mario Streppone

Tuesday March 24, 2015
 7:30am Tom Doran
 9:00am Giovanna Cortese

Wednesday March 25, 2015
 7:30am Mario Chiovitti
 9:00am Lucy Coscia

Thursday March 26, 2015
 7:30am Steven Galiardo
 9:00am Lucy Coscia

Friday March 27, 2015
 7:30am James Rahilly
 9:00am Gianguido Schiavi
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 28, 2015
 7:30am Claudette Cichelli
 9:00am Pia Iglesias
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Claudette Cichelli

Sunday March 29, 2015—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Patricia Foley
 11:15am Louis and Joseph Petrozza and Antonio Buffone
 12:30pm Claudette Cichelli

The new red and purple chasubles were donated in loving memory of Kathleen Ann Dean and Margaret Rita Dean & Francis Joseph Dean, Sr. by Margaret Mary Dean.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED
Joseph Castiglia and Melissa Coscia

Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):
 March 15, 2015: \$6,770

Second Collection (Catholic Relief Services): \$1,181
 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

What a joy and privilege it is for us this weekend as we welcome our Shepherd, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, to our Parish to celebrate the 5:30pm Mass for us Saturday evening. I can't wait for Cardinal Dolan to meet so many of you and to see for himself what a beautiful and vibrant place this is. Thank you, Your Eminence, for coming to us.

We are only a week away now from Holy Week with Palm Sunday coming up next weekend. As we enter into this most sacred and holy time of the entire year, we will have the tremendous gift of starting Holy Week off with three nights of recollection with Fr. Glenn Sudano of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Nights of Holy Week beginning at 7:00pm. Monday of Holy Week will be a special day dedicated to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, with Fr. Glenn preaching at a Penance Service that evening and Confession being available continually from 3:00pm straight through until 9:00pm. Fr. Glenn is an exceptional and renowned preacher and spiritual guide, and I am so grateful to our Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal who were able to arrange for Fr. Glenn to spend this sacred time with us. Let us take advantage of yet another opportunity this Lent to arrive at Easter with hearts and minds renewed.

As we come to the Fifth Sunday of Lent, our readings today are a good lead into Holy Week. *"The Hour has come,"* Jesus says in today's gospel, *"for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, Amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."* Jesus' "Hour," the time for Him to endure His bitter Passion, is at hand. Jesus is about to lay down His life freely, fully aware that His death will produce the fruit of eternal life for us. As we heard from the Gospel of John last week: *"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that all who believe in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."* What more could God give us? What more could He possibly do to show how much He loves us?

Throughout the history of salvation God made a series of Covenants with His chosen people, promising them: *"I will be your God and you will be my people."* God wrote His Law on tablets of stone, the Ten Commandments, as instructions for how a people who belong to Him ought to live. Time and time again His people proved unfaithful, but God never gave up on them. He was always preparing them for something new, culminating in the prophesy of Jeremiah we hear in today's first reading: *"The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a New Covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Juda...I will place my Law within them and write it upon their hearts."*

God's promise of a *New Covenant* was fulfilled by Jesus when at the Last Supper on the night before He suffered He took the Chalice and gave it to His disciples saying: *"Take this all of you and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the New and Eternal Covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of Me."*

Jesus has made all things new. The Holy Spirit, unleashed by His suffering, death and resurrection, has been poured out into our hearts making us a new creation. Not only has He placed His Law within us, but He places Himself entirely within us as we consume His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist as the *New Covenant*, sealed in the Blood of Christ, is renewed in every Mass. Like Mary, may we ponder these mysteries deep within our hearts as we approach these most sacred and holy days. May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Matthew J. Furey



CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Stewardship Appeal 2015

2015 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal:

Before Commitment Weekend, our parish had received \$22,540 in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal, from 61 families. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we need support from all of our families. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the ministries, programs and services that help so many people in need throughout this vast Archdiocese. It is not too late to make your gift. Our goal is \$49,500. Please do whatever you can and thank you so much for your generosity and support.

*Catholics Can Always Come Home to
St. Francis Xavier*

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 Biandino, Nellie Calderon, 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 Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liffieri, 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, 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), Otilia 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 Cardillo



Pray for those who have died: Pauline Sammut and His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SPECIAL HOLY WEEK MISSION

Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal



Renowned Speaker

Fr. Glenn Sudano, originally from Brooklyn, NY, is one of the founding members of the Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. He entered the Franciscan order in 1978 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1984. He has served the community as Vocation Director, Novice Master, and then as Community Servant (Superior) for six years. He is presently living at Most Blessed Sacrament Friary, located in Newark, NJ.

Monday, March 30th: 7:00pm

God's Mercy – Penance Service and Individual
Confession

Tuesday, March 31st: 7:00pm

Healing: With Eucharistic Healing Procession

Wednesday, April 1st: 7:00pm

Closing Mass

Families and friends are welcome.



St. Francis Xavier ***Holy Week Schedule***



Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil

Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am and 12:30pm
(Palm will be blessed and distributed at all Masses)

Monday, March 30, 2015

3:00pm– 9:00pm Confessions (Reconciliation Monday at
Parishes throughout the Archdiocese of New York)
7:00pm Holy Week Retreat with Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR
Penance Service with Confession

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

12:00 Noon - 1:00pm Confessions
7:00pm Holy Week Retreat with Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

12:00 Noon Confessions
7:00pm Holy Week Retreat with Fr. Glenn Sudano, CFR

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2015

9:00am Solemn Morning Prayer
7:30pm SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Reposition, Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 Midnight.

Good Friday, April 3, 2015

9:00am Solemn Morning Prayer
3:00pm SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 4, 2015

9:00am Solemn Morning Prayer
4:00-5:00pm Confessions
8:00pm EASTER VIGIL

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

Regular Schedule of Sunday Masses
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am and 12:30pm