

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday May 23, 2015
Vigil for Pentecost Sunday
 5:30pm Joseph Falciglia

Sunday May 24, 2015– PENTECOST SUNDAY
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Monya Ferrara
 11:15am Deceased Members Gartner, Falcone & Schneider Family
 12:30pm Joey Falciglia

Monday May 25, 2015
 7:30am Jean and Charles Ulrich
 9:00am Dr. Enio Romanelli

Tuesday May 26, 2015
 7:30am Steven Hangee
 9:00am In Honor of St. Padre Pio

Wednesday May 27, 2015
 7:30am Joseph Batiato
 9:00am Mary O'Sullivan
 7:00pm **Recitation of the Rosary and Floral Presentation to the Blessed Virgin Mother**

Thursday May 28, 2015
 7:30am Hugo Miraglia
 9:00am Marie Cortina
 4:00pm **Confirmation**


Friday May 29, 2015
 7:30am Julianna Szanto
 9:00am Special Intentions Bethusamy & Arokiamary (Living)

Saturday May 30, 2015
 7:30am Julianna Szanto
 9:00am Edwin Resseque
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Thomas Dillulio

Sunday May 31, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Francesco Cipollone & Deceased Brothers
 11:15am Carmella Calcagny
 12:30pm Frank Vitacco

League of the Sacred Heart will meet Friday, June 5th for Mass at 12:00 Noon followed by a luncheon at Captains. \$35 per person. For more information, please call Joyce Russo at 347-302-7635.

Rectory is closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.



Our Gifts Back to the Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):
 May 17: \$6,248
 Ascension of the Lord: \$1,393
 Thank you for your generosity.

Sanctuary Lamp is being lit this week in loving memory of Thomas Dillulio by Laura DiCristofaro



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family Jason Tyler Albino son of Jason and Martina



St. Francis Xavier Feast of Corpus Christi:

Please join us as we celebrate the supreme gift of The Eucharist—The Body and Blood of Christ given to us in the Most Blessed Sacrament—Sunday, June 7th, 9:30am Mass, Procession to follow.

Concluding with Benediction in School gym. Light refreshments will be served.



St. Francis Xavier School: Congratulations to our 7th graders who will be receiving the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 28th.

Registration for September is on-going. UPK seats are limited. Call the school office for an application and tour. Visit the school website at sfxschool.net



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7:

My Church—My family: How beautiful the First Communion children were in the Opening Procession of the Mass last Sunday. And, what fun was had at the Pancake breakfast immediately following Mass. A heartfelt thank you to Dan Scaglione (Scaglione Bros. Bakery & Deli) for his generous donation of delicious pancakes and French toast— not a crumb left over.

On May 28th the students of the School and Religious Ed will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will resume next Sunday, May 31st. Registration Forms for September 2015 are available in the Rectory and the vestibule of the Church.

St. Francis Xavier Golden and Silver Wedding Celebration

Mass: For couples celebrating their 50th or 25th Anniversary during 2015, there will be a Parish celebration with renewal of vows on Sunday, May 31st at the 12:30pm Mass here at SFX. Please contact the Rectory so that we can have a certificate commemorating your golden or silver jubilee prepared for you. Cake and coffee will be served in the Rectory for the Jubilarians and their families after Mass.

Congratulations to the 12 Priests ordained for our Archdiocese by Cardinal Dolan on Saturday, May 23rd:

Fr. Adolfo Novio, Fr. Jose Cruz, Fr. Ricardo Garcia, Fr. Sean Connolly, Fr. Stephen Ries, Fr. Christopher McBride, CFR; Fr. Ignatius Shin, CFR; Fr. Jean-Marie Uzabakirho, Fr. Adolphus Muoghalu, Fr. Matthew Reiman, Fr. James Benavides, and Fr. Elvin Rivera. May God bless their priestly ministry.

Memorial Day Service, May 25th at 11am at Peace Plaza, Williamsbridge Rd and Pelham Pkwy to remember those who have made the supreme sacrifice for our Country.

Next Week's Readings (The Most Holy Trinity): Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40; Psalm 33:4-5, 6,9,18-19,20,22 (12b); Romans 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20.



Dear Parishioners,

What a beautiful morning it was last Sunday at the 9:30 Mass with our First Communion children processing in and crowning Mary. It was so good to be able to share the joy of their First Communion with our Parish. I thank Ughette Jilleba, our Coordinator of Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation, for organizing the Mass with the Children, and putting together a wonderful breakfast of Pancakes and French Toast donated by Dan Scaglione for the children and their families. Ughette is such a blessing to our parish who works so hard and gives so much. Thank you, too, to the volunteers who helped her with the setup, the serving and the cleanup.

Today is another beautiful Sunday. A very Happy Pentecost Sunday and Memorial Day Weekend to everyone! As a Nation we have so much to be proud of and grateful for this Memorial Day as we remember the heroes of our past and present - the men and women of our armed forces throughout the history of this great Nation up to this very day who made the supreme sacrifice to preserve us in freedom and to protect us from the evil of those who want to harm us. They embody the values of faith, family, and sacrifice that made this Country great. May the Lord bless and strengthen our Nation, and all of our troops in harms' way who continue to put their lives on the line every day for us.

As the People of God we have even more to be grateful for on this Pentecost Sunday. This is one of the three greatest Feast Days of the Church's year, along with Easter and Christmas. This is the culmination of the Easter Season, the beginning of the Church and her mission to preach the Gospel to all people of every race, language and nation on earth. Jesus' Suffering and Death, His glorious Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit has made all things new. We hear from the Acts of the Apostles in our first reading how on that first Pentecost morning the Apostles were made new men, filled with the Holy Spirit. The same men who denied Jesus and fled out of fear on the night before He died were now boldly and courageously bearing witness to Him in the face of great opposition. They were no longer afraid to suffer for the sake of Christ. They were united in mind and in heart, and strengthened interiorly in their faith and their love for the Lord. They began to see the world and others through the eyes of Jesus, to think with the mind of Jesus, and to love with the heart of Jesus.

What a difference the Holy Spirit made in the lives of the Apostles. What difference has the Holy Spirit made in our lives, for we have been given the same Spirit? Like the first disciples, we face a very difficult world, just as hostile to our faith and to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. How easily we, and most especially our young people, can be deceived and drawn away from Christ and His Church. How easy it is to blend into the ways of the world. How much we need the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray this Pentecost Sunday for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the world, upon the Church, and upon each one of us, especially upon our young people who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Thursday. May our hearts be filled with the Holy Spirit as were the Apostles' that first Pentecost, set on fire with love for God and for one another. *"Come Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your Love."* May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

So far 139 of our parishioners have pledged \$44,635 to this year's Cardinal's Appeal, which puts us a little less than \$5,000 away from our goal of \$49,500. Although we are getting closer to our goal, we are quite a bit behind where we usually are at this stage in the Appeal in the number of gifts or pledges made. It is so important for our Parish that we achieve and even surpass our goal, as we have for the past six years. Please consider making a gift or pledge this week if you have not done so already. Pledge envelopes are always at the doors of the Church. And thank you so much to all of you who have already given to this year's Cardinal's Appeal.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NY FAMILY DAY: Saturday, June 27th from 11:30am - 5:30pm, San Silverio Shrine, Dover Plains, NY. Food, games and Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter Byrne with Timothy Cardinal Dolan as homilist. \$10/person (children under 3 free). To purchase tickets <https://archnyfamilyday.eventbrite.com>.

Spiritual Journey with St. Ignatius of Loyola: Info session May 28th, 7pm, St. Clare's Rectory re: Future groups for men and women. Please see flier in the back of the Church.

St. Catharine Academy Higher Achievement Program (HAP) for Girls entering 7th & 8th Grades: July 6th-24th, 9:00am to 2:15pm. Program reinforces English, Math and Reading skills for TACHS. Christina Antico 718-882-2882, X132 or cantico@scahs.org or www.scahs.org.



Please remember the following

members of our parish community in your prayers:

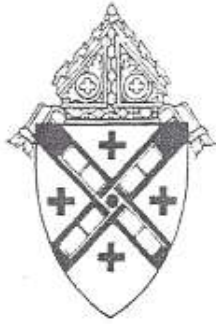
William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alica, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettle Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciocco, Theodore Civotta, Jenny Cioffi, Lorean Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlann Defedele, Arlonette 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, Maritza Garcia, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Liferi Hernandez, Gloria Izabarry, 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 Muzzetta, Marjorie Morales, 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 Quarbarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Paul Teehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villara, 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 Cardello



Pray for those who have died: All Parishioners of SFX



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We Need Your Help To Pass the Education Tax Credit.

May 21, 2015

Dear Father,

We need your help. We have five weeks to get the New York State Assembly to approve a bill that would substantially increase the amount of money we could raise for scholarships for children attending our schools.

Governor Andrew Cuomo has proposed a **Parental Choice in Education Agenda** that includes an **Education Tax Credit** to encourage donations to scholarship funds serving parents with children in Catholic and other schools. After Florida adopted a similar law, what began as a \$50 million program now generates almost a half-billion dollars in scholarships for students in Catholic and other private schools in that state.

As part of the bill, the Governor has proposed a \$500 tax credit for every child a parent has enrolled in a Catholic or other private school. The legislation also encourages donations to public schools and nonprofit organizations for after-school, music, arts, sports and tutoring programs. In addition, this bill would provide a direct tax credit to teachers to help offset the money spent out of their own pockets for classroom supplies.

This legislation is a top priority for **His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan** and could have a tremendous positive impact on the Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of New York. **Governor Cuomo** and the **State Senate** are already on board, **but Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and the Assembly Majority are blocking this important bill.**

We can win this, but only if you speak up on behalf of the children and families we seek to serve.

Please let your voice be heard by signing onto www.investined.org today. Simply by typing in your street address and zip code, the website identifies your state legislator and gives you a sample email which you can customize, if you like. Then simply press "Submit Email" and you're done.

Please take a few moments now to let your legislator hear, loud and clear, our demand for action on this important legislation. **Please don't set this aside to do later. Go to www.investined.org. Help us help the children who most desperately need the benefits of a Catholic education.**

Please feel free to forward this to your parishioners. We have also enlisted the help of our principals, teachers and staff to speak up and sign on.

Your support will help Catholic education remain a vibrant force for our families for years to come.

Thank you,

Timothy J. McNiff, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools