

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday October 17, 2015
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm The Morante Family

Sunday October 18, 2015
 7:30am Alma Maddaloni
 9:30am Albert Andrasko
 11:15am Frank Vitacco
 12:30pm Lawrence Calabrese

Monday October 19, 2015
 7:30am Steven A. Parascandola
 9:00am Francesca Savoca

Tuesday October 20, 2015
 7:30am Lucy Mariani
 9:00am Francesco, Emilia and Antonio Buffone

Wednesday October 21, 2015
 7:30am Rosa Glass
 9:00am Francesco Cipollone
 7:00pm **Recitation of the Rosary**

Thursday October 22, 2015
 7:30am Amy Newmann—Benefactor
 9:00am Diana Vicinanza

Friday October 23, 2015
 7:30am Sal Pierro Schiaroli
 9:00am Michael Moloney (1st Anniversary)

Saturday October 24, 2015
 7:30am Beto Ore
 9:00am Gloria Vegliante
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm Anthony F. Perri

Sunday October 25, 2015
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Betty Catarcio
 11:15am Anthony Saraco
 12:30pm Lillian and Victor DiGiambattista and Marie DeBellis Pascale

This week's second collection is for World Mission Sunday.

Banns of Marriage Announced Second Time
Joseph DeFazio and Dorothy Alvino

Our Gifts Back to the Lord
 Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included)
 October 11 (Columbus Day Parade): \$4,723
 Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Parish Family **Louis Anthony DeAngelis** son of Anthony and Helen



All Souls Day: What greater gift for your departed loved ones than to be remembered in a special way at all the Masses. Offertory envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church which will be placed on the altar for All Souls Day and remain throughout the month of November.

All Souls Day: Those who have died in the last year will be remembered in a special way by name at the 7:00pm Mass on Monday, November 2nd. Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Church during the month of October in Honor of the Blessed Mother Mary. Please join us this Wednesday, October 21st at 7pm in the Church.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Next class is tomorrow, Monday, October 19th. If you are interested in receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist) and being received into the Catholic Church at Easter, or if you are already baptized but not yet received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, please call Rectory at 718-892-3330. **Classes are Mondays at 7pm in the Rectory. If you missed the first class, please register or just come to the Rectory tomorrow, Monday, October 19th.**



St. Francis Xavier School: Thanks to the Executive Board and Class Moms for their help in organizing the children for Columbus Day Parade. It was a beautiful day and the children were great! The CYO Chess Club will begin on Monday, October 19th for children in Grades 3 to 8. Visit the school website at sfxschool.net.

Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: *God made us in His image to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him, and to be happy with Him now and forever.*

Confirmation Meeting for Parents and Students: Tuesday, November 3rd at 7pm in the Church.

Confirmation Service Hours—Please mark your calendars: Rosary Making every Friday at 4pm in the Rectory. Visiting Williamsbridge Nursing Home next date will be on Saturday, October 24th. Please meet Ms. Mariangela at 10:45 on the corner of Haight & Van Nest.



Attention SFX Basketball Alumni: Sunday, October 25th, Alumni Basketball with 5 games featuring Lions Alumni. Kick off with 11:15am Mass. Doors open at Noon, 1pm First Game. \$10/adults, \$5/children except current players. For more

Next Week's Readings (Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3); Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52



Dear Parishioners,

Today we join the Church throughout the world in observing World Mission Sunday when we are asked to give our support in a special way, not only with our money, but most especially with our prayers for the missionary activity of the Church around the world, as the Church strives to offer both spiritual and material assistance to those in need in every part of the world.

Mission is at the very heart of the Church's identity - that is to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. From the moment of our Lord's Command to His first disciples over 2000 years ago to "go and teach all nations," heroic men and women right up to today have left their homelands to be missionaries in faraway lands. We think of our own patron saint, St. Francis Xavier, who left his homeland in Spain to bring the Gospel to the Far East - to India, Japan, and China. He died on the shores of China literally having expended himself to death, compelled by one thing - his love for Jesus and his desire to make Him known and loved so that all might be saved and come to knowledge of the Truth.

Certainly not all are called to be a missionary in a faraway land. However, by our Baptism we are all called to be missionaries where we live and work. In fact, the real challenge today is not so much reaching those in distant lands who never heard of Christ, but reaching those right here at home who need to be re-introduced to Him and to our beautiful Catholic faith - so many who, for various reasons, have stopped practicing their faith, stopped coming to Sunday Mass, or just stopped believing.

We are in great need today of re-evangelizing our culture, of re-introducing Jesus and the timeless Truth of His Gospel to the modern age. The Church is attempting to do just this in the Synod on the Family going on right now in Rome with Pope Francis and Bishops from around the world, including our own Cardinal Dolan, discussing *"The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World."* We need to pray for the work of the Synod as the Church seeks to "reaffirm, strengthen, and restore the noble, radiant meaning of marriage" to our morally confused world.

Cardinal Dolan wrote an excellent reflection on his blog from Rome this week, reminding us that while we need to reach out to those who are on the fringes and feel excluded from the Church, we also have to be mindful and supportive of those who are striving to live their faith authentically, who are radiant examples of fidelity to God's plan and design for marriage.

Cardinal Dolan speaks of "Couples who - given the fact that, at least here in North America, only half of our people even enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony - approach the Church for the Sacrament; couples who, inspired by the Church's teaching that marriage is forever, have persevered through trials; couples who welcome God's gifts of many babies; a young man and woman who have chosen not to live together until marriage; a gay man or woman who wants to be chaste; a couple who has decided that the wife would sacrifice a promising professional career to stay at home and raise their children." These shining examples of faith and fidelity, Cardinal Dolan reminds us, need our support and our prayers, a support they certainly do not get from the contemporary culture. May this World Mission Sunday awaken in us the urgent need to re-evangelize the modern age as we unite ourselves to the Church's work of building the Kingdom of God at home and around the world.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J Furey



\$10,000.00

SFX FEAST DAY RAFFLE

Tickets are \$50.00 each

First Prize-\$10,000.00

Second Prize-\$1,000

Third Prize-\$500



Tickets will be sold before and after every Mass on weekends in the Church Vestibule and in the Rectory throughout the week. The drawing will be held Sunday, December 6th, 2015 at a Potluck Dinner Reception Celebration immediately following the 12:30pm Mass.

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



Please remember the following members of our parish community in your prayers:

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Eduardo Alcega, Mary Annunzio, Judith Ariaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Carpioti, Flavia Chiappa, Mario Ciccio, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Gioff, Lorenz Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Cozzocrea, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Dauri, Carlann Defedeles, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Al & Dot DeSantis, Patrick Dolan, Baby Max D'Onofrio, Carmella Emily DonVito, Mario Esguerra, Cheryl Espinoza, John Esposito, Esther Finn, Carmen Flores, Billy Fischer, Rosemarie Flatley, Luis Paz Florencio, Sr., Peter Frenna, Donald Gallagher, Maritza Garcia, Brian Gillick, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzalez, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Liffrieri Hernandez, Gloria Iribarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jalman, Emily Koch (8-yr. old), Janet Kreage, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Liffrieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lym, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Theresa McDermott, Jonnie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louise Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Paschen, Richard Quararone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenti, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santarriello, Maureen Dean Schmidt, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Paul Toehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoiti, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villara, Christopher Vitale, Kathy Vitale, George Walsh, Otto Weihe, 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 Pasquazi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardileo



Pray for those who have died: Jeronimo Parades, Mary Florence Tronconi and Alma Maddaloni



TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN

Our Beautiful Catholic Traditions

As you know, I've been in Rome for nearly three weeks participating in the *Synod of the Family*.

So many good points have arisen here in our meetings. Yes, there has been some give-and-take, even some disagreement. As the Holy Father observed, that's not bad at all. Come to think about it, this also characterized meetings in the earliest days of the Church, as is evident in the *Act of the Apostles*.

One of many points upon which there has been unanimous and enthusiastic accord was this: that one of the more powerful ways we as a Church support and strengthen marriages and families is through prayer, the Eucharist, God's Word, devotions, the sacraments, and our beautiful Catholic traditions.

What am I talking about? Let me give you an example. Last Sunday, I celebrated Mass at my "titular" ("honorary") parish in Rome, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Afterwards, I took the priests and seminarians from the Archdiocese of New York who are working or studying here in Rome out to a local family restaurant. Thank God we had a reservation, because the little place was full, and at every table was a *family celebration*: two big tables celebrating the baptisms of little babies; two large tables gathered around couples celebrating wedding anniversaries; and one group celebrating the sacrament of confirmation for a twelve year old girl.

It dawned on me then that we bishops spend all this time jawboning about highfalutin concepts to keep marriages and families united, and here they are right in front of me, having a great time, good food, celebrating God's call, grace, blessings, and mercy! No wonder Jesus worked his first miracle at a wedding banquet!

The Church's rich tradition of prayer and devotion is a powerfully providential way to keep families united, strong, healthy, and holy.

Let's just recall some of them:

- joyful yet simple celebrations of baptisms, first communions, confirmations, weddings, and jubilees of marriage;
- faithfully worshiping together as a family at Sunday Mass, and preserving the gifts of quality time and a meal together, at least on the Lord's day, if not more often during the week;
- the presence of holy water, the crucifix, the Bible, and images of the Jesus, Mary, and the saints in our homes;
- a true celebration of *Advent*, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus;
- special attention to the Christmas crib in the home;
- family observance of Lent, especially through common penitential practices, enhanced compassion for the poor, sick, and those in need, and approaching as a family the sacrament of reconciliation;
- giving children biblical and Christian names;
- taking the duties of Godparents at baptism and sponsors at confirmation very seriously;

— asking a priest to bless a new home;

—family pilgrimages;

—rallying around relatives who are sick and dying, and coming together in faith at the time of death and burial;

—remembering parents and family members at Mass on the anniversary of death;

—blessings of expectant parents and special intercession for couples struggling to conceive a baby...

You could certainly add to the list!

My point is that we in the Church have a treasury of simple, down-home, tried-and-true acts of prayer and devotion which keep marriages and families strong, in love, and close to God.

“Oh come on now!” I can hear some say. “Nobody does that stuff anymore!”

To which I would reply: that’s the problem! We should! And maybe one of the reasons we no longer do a lot of this is precisely because we pastors – bishops, priests, deacons, religious, catechists—never talk about it or encourage it!

We need all the help we can get in these days of tension, turmoil, and challenge in married life and family, right? That’s why I’m stuck here at the synod!

All I’m saying is that we Catholics have a lot of helps to marriage and family that we have forgotten.

Can we recover them?

ALL SOULS DAY IN MEMORIAM



All parishioners who have had a Funeral Mass here in the past year will be remembered by name at a special Mass on Monday, November 2nd, 2015, at 7:00pm

If any parishioner has a loved one who has died in the past year whose Funeral Mass was not here and would like to have their name mentioned, please complete this form and return it to the Rectory by Monday, October 26th.

Name of Deceased _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

Phone Number _____