

MASS INTENTIONS



Divine Mercy Sunday, TODAY, April 3 at 3:00pm:
Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin. Also see the reverse side of flier for information to visit the relics of Saint Faustina on display at various locations throughout New York.



Congratulations to Dario Loja, Juarys Lopez, Jr., Amanda and Anisa Nushi who were Baptized at the Easter Vigil and to Venancio Rodriguez who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. May God continue to fill them with every grace and blessing.

A special thank you to Betsy Davila who coordinates our RCIA Program preparing our adults for the Easter Sacraments with such dedication all year long.

There are still Masses available for 2016. Please come to the Rectory Monday through Friday from 9am-9pm, Saturday from 9am-5pm, or Sunday from 9am-3pm. The 2017 Mass Book will open Tuesday, March 29th. To have a Mass offered for a loved one living or deceased is the greatest gift you can give them.



St. Francis Xavier School: Online application and increased financial assistance go to www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org. School resumes on Monday, April 4th.



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: "If we take care and protect Christ, He will protect and care for us." - Pope Francis "Wednesdays With Jesus" will resume on April 6th.

Congratulations to Jillian Rosas who will receive her First Holy Communion at the 11:15am Mass this weekend.

Please visit our Parish Website: stfrancisxavierbronx.com. The Parish Bulletin can be read each week on the website.

St. Gianna Mass: Thursday, April 28, 2016 (The Feast of St. Gianna) for couples suffering infertility and recurrent miscarriage: at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Catherine of Siena, 411 East 68th Street, Manhattan. Family and friends are also invited. Following the Mass there will be veneration of the relics of St. Gianna; an opportunity to meet with Creighton physicians and practitioners who specialize in assisting couples with infertility; and a light reception. For further information, please call Sr. Shirley Ann at the Family Life/Respect Office at (212) 371-1011 X3195 or email sr.shirleyann@archny.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeking to begin Conferences in the Bronx. The mission of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is to assist the pastor in meeting the material needs of those in need (e.g. food pantry, clothes drive, summer camp, etc). There will be a training session for all who are interested in starting a Conference in their parish at St. Theresa's Church on Saturday, April 16 from 9am to 4pm. For more information, please contact Ms. Pattie Hughes, President, SVDP Manhattan Conference at (646) 342-3916 or Father Thomas Derivan at St. Theresa's Rectory (718) 892-1900.

Xavier Players Proudly Present: "The Lion King": Please see flier in Vestibule of the Church.

Next Week's Readings (Third Sunday of Easter): Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a); Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

Saturday April 2, 2016
Vigil for Sunday
5:30pm Margaret Rita Dean &
Francis Joseph Dean, Sr. (Deceased Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday April 3, 2016
7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
9:30am Giuseppe Lanza
11:15am Pasquale Rocchio
12:30pm Lucia Palumbo
3:00pm **Divine Mercy Sunday (Please see flier inserted in today's bulletin.)**

Monday April 4, 2016
7:30am Patsy D'Agostino
9:00am Lucy Coscia

Tuesday April 5, 2016
7:30am Patsy D'Agostino
9:00am Salvatore Anastasio

Wednesday April 6, 2016
7:30am Patsy D'Agostino
9:00am Giovanni and Michele Polzella

Thursday April 7, 2016
7:30am Betty Barto
9:00pm Lucy DeMeo

Friday April 8, 2016
7:30am Maria Ore
9:00am Scott Helgans

Saturday April 9, 2016
7:30am Patsy D'Agostino
9:00am Ferdinando Zeolla, Deceased Members of Family and Anthony Iuso

Vigil for Sunday
5:30am Peter Arabia

Sunday April 10, 2016
7:30am All Parishioners SFX
9:30am Salvatore Picone
11:15am Deceased Members of Burckardt & Noll Family
12:30pm Mary Marziliano

Next Week's Second Collection is for: The Archdiocese of the Military.



Our Gifts Back to the Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included) 2016
March 20, 2016 (Palm Sunday): \$11,133
March 25 (Good Friday, Holy Land): \$809
March 27, 2016 (Easter Sunday) To Date: \$18,137

Collection last year (Parish Pay included) 2015
March 29, 2015 (Palm Sunday): \$10,453
April 3, 2015 (Good Friday, Holy Land): \$1,166
April 5, 2015 (Easter Sunday): \$18,147

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you.



Dear Parishioners,

We have entered this glorious Easter Season after a beautiful and powerful Holy Week here last week. The flowers on the Altar are so beautiful because of your generous donations for Easter flowers. And the Easter Collection speaks for itself of your faith, your goodness, your generosity, and your love for Christ and His Church. What a joy it was to see so many come to our Church during Holy Week for our Parish Mission, for the Liturgies of the Easter Triduum, and the hundreds who came for Confession throughout that blessed week, as well as the capacity crowds on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

There are so many to thank who worked so hard to make Easter here so beautiful. The music throughout the Easter Triduum was spectacular thanks to Dale and Joyce Smith and our dedicated choir members consisting of adults, teens and children who lifted our minds and hearts to Heaven. Thank you to our Lectors, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, our Ushers, and our dedicated Altar Servers who carried out their respective ministries with such reverence and devotion. Thank you, too, to Father Reiman who worked so hard training the Altar Servers for the Liturgies of the Triduum and preparing the Morning Prayer Tenebrae Services, chanting the Psalms and Prayers of the Church in such a solemn and beautiful way. I must give special thanks to Angela Lifrieri who worked so hard behind the scenes, and, who along with Ughette Jilleba, Nancy Weihe and Anthony Spinelli, spent the entire day in the Church on Holy Saturday preparing the Sanctuary with the Easter flowers.

On this Octave Day of Easter we celebrate *Divine Mercy Sunday*. This beautiful and powerful devotion to our Lord's Mercy came out of private revelations to a cloister nun in Poland, Sister Faustina, during the 1920's and 1930's when there were so many manifestations of evil going on in the world. Everything Jesus revealed to her merely reiterates the most fundamental teaching of the Gospel and re-presents it for our times. Saint Pope John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina a Saint in 2000. It was then that he instituted this Feast of Divine Mercy to be celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter as a means of imploring us to trust in God's Mercy, to seek God's Mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and then to extend that mercy to others by forgiving one another as Christ has forgiven us and dedicating ourselves to performing acts of Mercy (See the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy on the opposite side of this page). This is precisely the purpose of Pope Francis in instituting this Jubilee Year of Mercy so that we may become more merciful as our Heavenly Father is Merciful.

Just as Jesus revealed His desire for this Devotion to His Mercy to Saint Faustina at a time when so much evil and atrocities against human life were going on in the world, today we continue to see evil thrive in our world as much or more than ever before. We need to implore the Mercy of God *"in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world,"* as we pray in the Divine Mercy Chaplet. As Saint John Paul II put it, *"God has placed a limit on evil in the world: Divine Mercy."* Indeed, our Lord revealed to Saint Faustina that: *"The world will never find Peace until it turns to my Mercy."* Let us do so today and always, keeping that beautiful and simple Divine Mercy prayer always in our hearts and on our lips: *"Jesus, I trust in You."* May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey

Holy Year of Mercy: December 8, 2015 through November 20, 2016

"It is a favorable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of Forgiveness and Reconciliation." - Pope Francis -

Corporal Works of Mercy

- To Feed the Hungry
- To Give Drink to the Thirsty
- To Clothe the Naked
- To Shelter the Homeless
- To Care for the Sick
- To Visit the Imprisoned
- To Bury the Dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To Convert Sinners
- To Instruct the Ignorant
- To Advise the Doubtful
- To Comfort the Sorrowful
- To Bear Wrongs Patiently
- To Forgive Injuries
- To Pray for the Living and Dead



So far 106 of our parishioners have pledged \$28,680 to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal which puts us at 54.6% of the goal for our parish of \$52,500. Cardinal Dolan is asking your support of the many charitable

works of the Archdiocese. Please consider making a gift or pledge to help our Parish surpass our goal and earn a much needed rebate for our Parish. Please fill out your pledge card and send it in, or drop it in the collection or at the Rectory. Extra pledge envelopes are available in the Vestibule of the Church. You can also make a gift online: www.cardinalsappeal.org. If you have already made a pledge, thank you!



Remember
Prayer

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, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciaccio, Theodore Civetta, Jenny Cioffi, Lorean Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Yolanda Carrozza, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Mary Coccozrea, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Margaret Mary Dean, Carlann Defede, 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, Bill Ford, Luigi Fumo, Donald Gallagher, Maritza Garcia, Brian Gillick, 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), Janet Kreage, Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Lifrieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Theresa McDermott, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mayo, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parthen, Richard Quartarone, Barbara R. and Mollie R, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Maureen Dean Schmidt, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Paul Teehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Dominick Villara, Christopher Vitale, Kathy Vitale, George Walsh, Gary Wieler, Jonathan Wilson (12-year old), Ottilia Zangrandi, Madelyn Ziesel

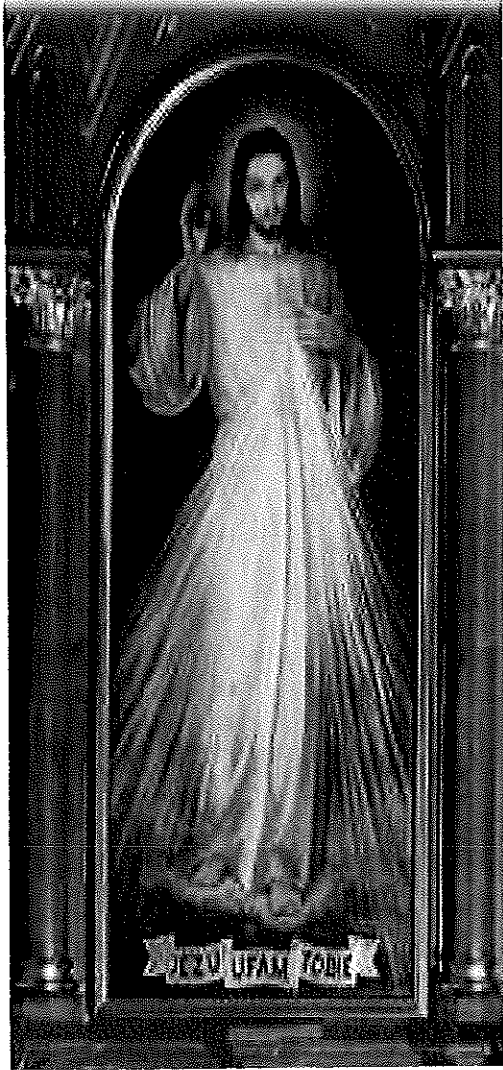
In your prayers please remember all the men and women serving in our Armed Forces, especially: Zachary Piragnoli, Nick Visconti, Christopher C. Cannata, Carlos E. Blanco, Emmanuel Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardiello



Pray for those who have died: Ermelinda Pelosi, Norma Sorg, John Mullane and Mother Mary Angelica of the Annunciation

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



TODAY, APRIL 3

3:00 PM IN CHURCH

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CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

CONFESSION AVAILABLE

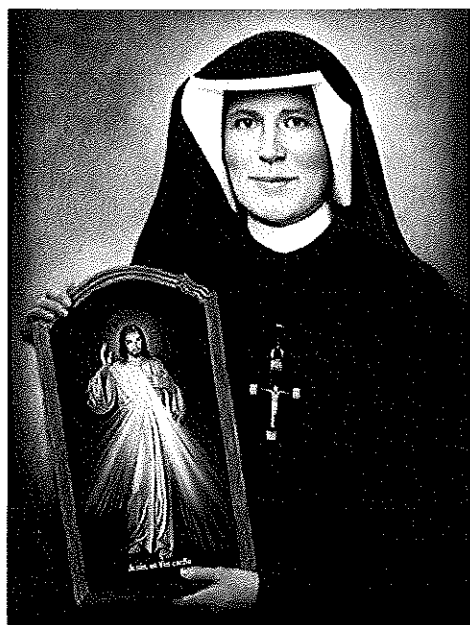
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BENEDICTION

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF VOCATIONS PRESENTS



The Relics of Saint Faustina

April 2-10, 2016

An historic, grace-filled occasion: the "Saint of Mercy" comes to New York in the Year of Mercy, on Divine Mercy Sunday!

Divine Mercy Sunday Schedule

Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral

Saturday, Apr 2: At the 5:30pm English Vigil Mass there will be an entrance procession with relics, followed by all night veneration

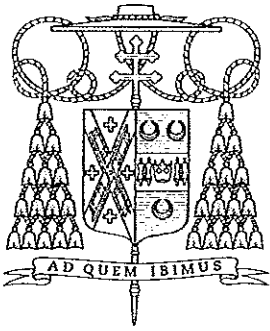
Sun, Apr 3: Masses from 9:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Veneration of the relics resumes at 2pm, and includes the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Visit the Relics at Seven Locations

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| Mon, April 4 | Holy Family, Staten Island | Daily schedule at each church: 2:45 - Welcome the relic 3:00 - 4:00 - Chaplet of Divine Mercy 4:00 - 6:00 - Veneration & Confessions 6:00 - Rosary 6:30 - Reflection 7:00 - Mass |
| Tues, April 5 | St. Elizabeth's, Wash. Heights (in Spanish) | |
| Wed, April 6 | St. Patrick's Cathedral | |
| Thur, April 7 | Assumption, Peekskill | |
| Fri, April 8 | St. Barnabas, Bronx | |
| Sat, April 9 | O.L. of Mt. Carmel, Middletown | |
| Sun, April 10 | St. Columba, Hopewell Junction | |

Details at www.NYDivineMercy.com

updates at facebook.com/nypriest



OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL
1011 FIRST AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022

April 10, 2016
Year of Mercy

Dear friends in the Lord:

The *Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS)* was established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1985, to provide the Church's full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the archdiocese is to "*serve those who serve*" by providing the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic (arch)diocese, but to Catholics serving in the armed forces; enrolled in military academies; undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs' Medical Centers in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Guam; working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond United States borders; and the families of these populations.

The *Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA* is the only source of Catholic chaplains for the United States military and Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. Its endorsed priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral services to approximately 1.8 million Catholics.


While the salaries and retirement of military and VA chaplains are paid for by the government, the *Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA* receives no funding from the military or the government in support of programs and services vital to its mission and ministry, including vocations, evangelization and catechesis, the keeping of sacramental records, a tribunal, and veterans affairs.

Unlike a conventional (arch)diocese, the *Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA* has no parishes or parish registries. It has no weekly collections, relying solely on the generosity of private donations to support its programs and services.

Last year, Pope Francis told military ordinaries from around the world that "The role of military chaplains is to accompany and support [those in need] on the journey, to be a comforting and brotherly presence for them all." Your support of this national collection for the *Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA* will bring the gospel, sacraments, and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women who serve our country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from our own archdiocese.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed year of mercy, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

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Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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Fifty Five Dollars

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER GATSBY CARD PARTY !!

CRAZY FLAPPERS ON THE LOOSE

Known as the SFX Card Party Committee, this group has been spotted soliciting gifts along Morris Park Ave. Proceed with caution, these dolls are extremely funny and looking for a good time.

50/50 Raffle Tickets are on sale now !!!!!!!!!

Please buzz Liane Weihe 347.410.2744 or Catherine DiPasquale 917.416.2541 for information.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER IGNORES PROHIBITION LAW

18th Amendment Violated

BRONX, NY - Saint Francis Xavier will be holding their Soiree' on April 14, 2016 at Maestro's Caterers. Guaranteed to be the Bee's Knees! Get dolled up for a night of food , hooch, and raffles. Don't forget your clams for chances to win prizes. Wet Blankets will get the Bronx Cheer !!

Maestro's Caterers

1703 Bronxdale Ave

April 14, 2016

JUICE JOINT
OPENS

7 O'CLOCK

\$55^{per person}

Tickets on sale in the Saint Francis Xavier Rectory.

**Table
Name:** _____

Phone: _____

**Dames'
Names:** _____

**Dough
Enclosed:** _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER