Saint Francis Xavier Church

February 16, 2020

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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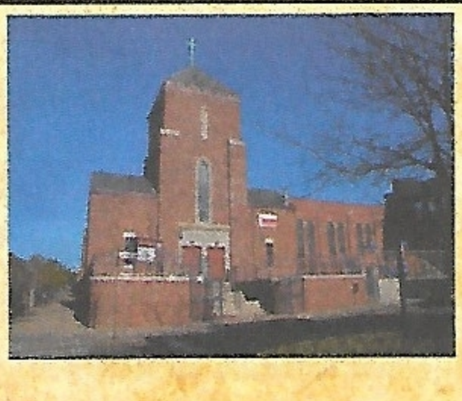
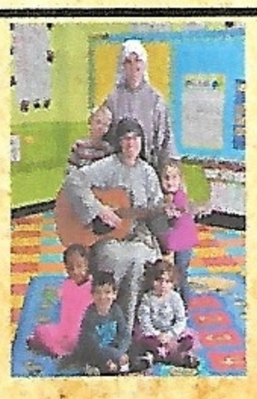
Mass Times

Saturday
9:30am, 4:00pm (Vigil for Sunday)
Sunday
8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00Noon (Family Mass)
Weekdays
9:30am
Holy Days
Vigil 7:00pm
9:30am & 7:00pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm





Mass Intentions

Vigil for Sunday February 16, 2020
4:00 pm Antonio Mazzella requested by Maria Mazzella

Sunday February 16, 2020 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am John Musto requested by The Musto Family
10am Domenico Cipollone requested Christopher and Angela Rogalewski
12 Noon Giorgio Calicchia requested by Marias Teresa Scanga

Monday February 17, 2020
9:30am Patrick C. Dolan requested by Rita Dolan

Tuesday, February 18, 2020
9:30am Anthony G. Isabella requested by Constantino & Rosemarie Isabella

Wednesday, February 19, 2020
9:30 am Lillian & Victor DiGiambattista requested by Julia DiGiambattista

Thursday, February 20, 2020
9:30am Patricia, Kevin & James Dillon requested by Rita Dolan

Friday, February 21, 2020 St. Peter Damian
9:30am Joseph Patrick Tenety & Margaret Boyle requested by Rita Dolan

Saturday, February 22, 2020 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
9:30am Nicholas & Theresa DiCarlo requested by Emilia DiCarlo

Vigil for Sunday February 23, 2020
4pm Luigi Fumo requested by Santa Fumo

Sunday February 23, 2020 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am Robert Bellidora requested by Joanne & Ann Marie Vella
10am Father Hippolytus Duru (Living) requested by the Jennings Family
12Noon Ann Flynn requested by The Anichiarico Family

Weekly Collection
February 2, 2020 $3,696.00
Capital Expenditures $1,323.00
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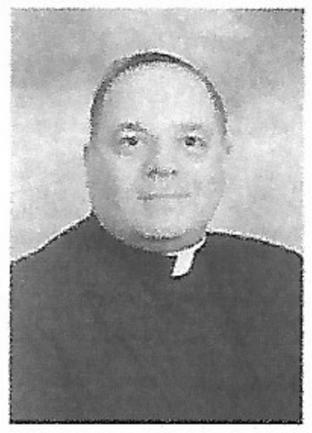
May God Bless You!

From the Desk of our Pastor, Father Salvatore DeStefano

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



One of our school children recently asked me a very poignant question: Do you miss Father Aufieri? My answer, of course, was yes.
I do miss Father Aufieri, as anyone who knew him does. In fact, at times I still haven't really accepted it. I know that sounds odd coming from a priest. We are, after all, supposed to be men who are focused on eternal life—and death is a big part of our ministry. Still, we are human beings, and Father Aufieri was a great friend to me and many others. It's not always so easy to "move on" even when you have faith.

I think it's good to recognize that when someone we love dies, it leaves a wound that takes much time to heal. That's why in years past a priest would wear black vestments at funerals, to signify the great loss the family and church were experiencing.

When Father Aufieri died two years ago, it wounded his parishioners and those who knew him throughout his priesthood. I don't believe that this wound is fully healed yet, but Christ does heal all wounds. And we take comfort knowing we will see him again, and all those whom we love who have left us one by one. That's the promise of our faith and Jesus always keeps his promises.

February 16 will mark two years since Father Aufieri's passing. It's hard to believe it's been that long. The 9:00 am Mass at Saint Clare's will be offered for the repose of his soul. Please remember his sister Joan in your prayers, who along with me was present at the moment of his death. She was very close to him.

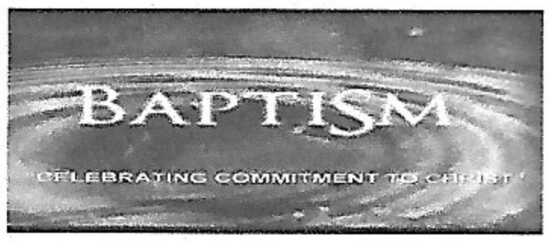
God heals all wounds. If you are suffering from some hurt of any kind, know that God will see you through it.

God Bless You,
Father Sal

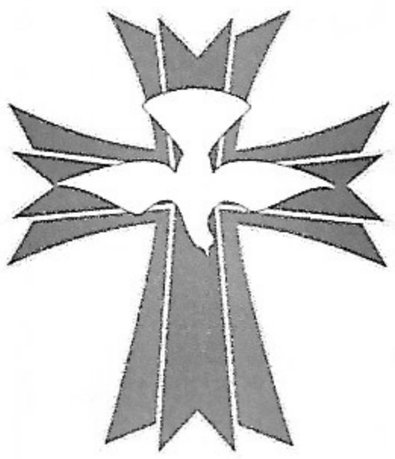
Saint Francis Xavier School News

We cordially invite you to attend one of our Touring Tuesday events, where you will be able to see for yourself the quality Catholic education we offer our students at Saint Francis Xavier School where your child can learn, serve, lead and succeed! Touring Tuesdays will be held on February 18, March 3 and March 24. Please go to https://catholicschoolsny.org/event/category/touring-Tuesday/ to make your appointment to tour Saint Francis Xavier School—A School You Can Believe In!

A NOTE ABOUT BECOMING SPONSORS FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATIONS



It is a great honor to be asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. The role of a "godparent" is to be another parent" in matters of our holy Faith.



That is why sponsors must be practicing Catholics, 16 years of age or older (14 years old in the Archdiocese of New York), having received Catholic Confirmation and currently living a good Christian moral life. If the sponsor is married that person must be in a valid Catholic Church marriage. One sponsor is required for Confirmation. It is customary to have two for Baptism, in which case one must be male and the other female. Parents may not be sponsors. A baptized non-Catholic may replace the second Baptism sponsor as a Christian witness. Non Christians may not be Sponsors. Former Catholics may not be sponsors. A nominated sponsor is asked to get certification from his/her current parish. This is a declaration by a priest that the individual is qualified to be a sponsor according to Church Law. To be so certified, the individual must be a current parishioner of the particular parish where the certification is being sought, and be known to the priest as being a faithful practicing Catholic, attending Mass there weekly.

Those away at college or graduate school or in the military should seek certification from their campus ministries or chaplain.

Unfortunately, at times, family members or friends are chosen to be sponsors with good intentions, but are found to be ineligible according to Church Law. Also, more and more people seem to think that they are still "parishioners" of their childhood parish, where they attended school or received sacraments years ago, while no longer living in the area or attending Mass there regularly. It is important for all individuals to be active members of their local Catholic faith communities.

At St. Francis Xavier, Sponsor Certificates are given by the pastor to registered members of the parish who are practicing Catholics, and who meet the above criteria.

ADORATION

AT: St. Francis Xavier Church
When: Sunday, February 16, 2020
Time:3:00 pm
Come and spend some time with the Lord

If you would like to be a priest or have questions about the priesthood, please contact: Father Christopher Argano at (914) 968-1340 or www.NYPriest.com

50/50 Raffle

The tickets are $5.00 each or 3 for $10.00. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize awarded. Tickets can be purchased in the vestibule of the church before and after every Mass and in the Rectory. The drawing will take place March 15 after the 12:00 Noon Mass.

The Serra Club of the Bronx and Westchester will be having a luncheon meeting on February 19, 2020 from Noon to 3:00 pm. The topic is The Challenges of Catholicism in 2020 America . The speaker will be Jack Fowler, Vice President of National Review. The cost of the luncheon is $35.00. Please call 718 798-7176 for additional information and to make reservations by February 17, 2020.

The Rectory will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day.

Mass of Christian Burial: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Pettus who was buried from our Church on Monday February 10, 2020.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Elissa Anticev, Julia Ayala, Betty Barbagallo, Lorraine Capozzi, Lee Cerchiara, Flavia Chiappa, Mary Cullen, Robert DeNaro, James B. Dowling, Cheryl Espinoza, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Sandy Gionta, Rosemarie Leo, Laura Lifrieri Hernandez, Christian Maier, Anna Manfredi, Patricia Mazzarelli, Suzanne Millner, Marsha Morgan, Carmela Nigro, Maria Pia Paladino, Louis G. Paone, Jr., James Prendergast, Louise Radice, Mary Reardon, Dolores Rivera, Silvestre Rivera, Daniela Saglimbeni, Theresa Smith, Brian Stephenson, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Annmarie Vayda, Rev. Ralph Verdi, Dean Verrigni, Marlyn Villanueva, Antonio Vito (a young boy), Lucy Vogel

REMEMBER ALL THE MEN & WOMEN SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES ESPECIALLY:

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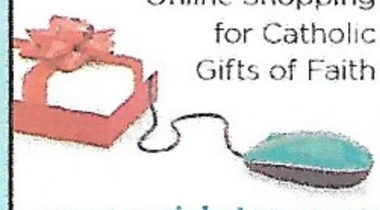

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