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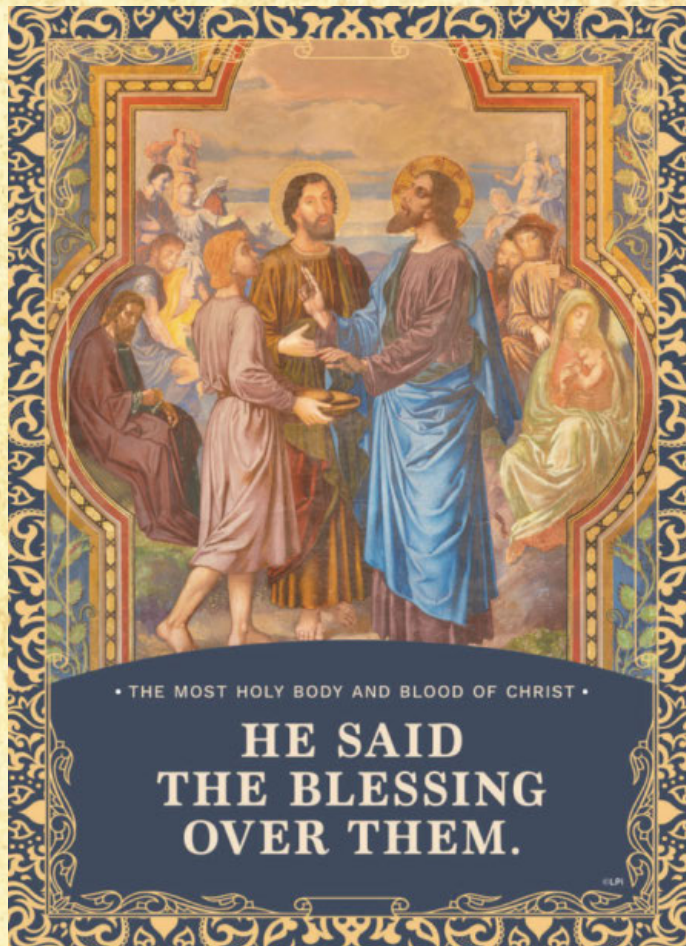
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## MASS TIMES

### ST. FRANCIS

**Saturday**

7:30am

4pm (Vigil for Sunday)

**Sunday**

8am, 10am (Family Mass)  
& 12Noon

**Weekdays**

7:30am

**Holy Days of Obligation**

Vigil Mass 7:00pm  
7:30am - No Evening Mass

**Sacrament of  
Reconciliation**

Saturday 3pm-3:45 pm

## MASS TIMES

### ST. CLARE

**Saturday**

8:30am

5:30pm (Vigil for Sunday)

**Sunday**

7am, 9am, 11am & 1pm

**Weekdays**

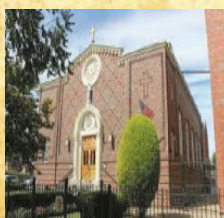
8:30am

**Holy Days of Obligation**

No Vigil Mass  
8:30am & 7:30pm

**Sacrament of  
Reconciliation**

Saturday 11am-12noon



## MASS INTENTIONS



### Saturday June 21, 2025 (Vigil)

4pm **Maria Mazzella** requested by **Mary and Silvano Mazzella**

### Sunday June 22, 2025 (Corpus Christi)

8am **Irene Barton**

10am **Lydia Mastrocola**

12Noon **Rose, Sal & Rosemarie Picone** requested by **Debra Picone**

### Monday, June 23, 2025

7:30am **Maria Tintaya Rayo** requested by **Wilber Quisp & Tintaya Family**

### Tuesday June 24, 2025

7:30am **Johann Gartner & Josef Schneider** requested by **Fred Gartner**

### Wednesday June 25, 2025

7:30am **Grace Musto** requested by **Salvatore Manna & Adrienne Scalo**

### Thursday June 26, 2025

7:30am **Charles Vegliante & Carmen Rosario** requested by **Lucy Valentine**

### Friday June 27, 2025

7:30am **Cynthia Villanueva** requested by **Jufer Villanueva**

### Saturday June 28, 2025

7:30am **Grace Musto** requested by **The Monteforte Family**

### Saturday June 28, 2025 (Vigil)

4pm **Special Intentions** requested by **Maria Mazzella**

### Sunday June 29, 2025 (Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles)

8am **Gisela Falcone & Margaretha Schneider** requested by **Fred Gartner**

10am **Julie Boglioli** requested by **John & Stephanie LaVerde**

12Noon **Mary & Joseph Kelly** requested by **Catherine Manniello**

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Sunday, June 15th \$3,382.00  
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## *From The Desk Of Our Pastor, Father Salvatore DeStefano*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is a feast of profound importance in the Church—the Feast of Corpus Christi. Obviously, the Eucharist is at the heart of our Catholic faith. We believe that that the Eucharist we receive is actually the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. It's crucial that we stop and think about that fact. We are really able to receive God into our very bodies and souls, not in a symbolic way but to actually "take him under our roof;" accepting Him into our hearts.

That's quite a belief. Over the centuries Catholics have been slammed for this doctrine, with some people calling it "cannibalism." They didn't understand centuries ago and many still don't. Many people still think you and I are crazy for believing this. What they don't realize is that the reason the Church has survived for over two thousand years is because Jesus really is present in the Eucharist, and the faith of God's people in that will carry us through until the end of time.

It's easy to take this for granted. I've heard over and over again that so many Catholics either don't believe in the Real Presence or simply don't understand it. It's probably true. Since the 1970's, catechesis has been weak and the results disastrous. Only in the past few decades have we begun to teach our young people better about the essentials of the faith. But these things take time, and a lot of damage has been done.

That said, I have a lot of hope for the future. More and more parishes are starting to have Eucharistic Adoration on a regular basis. Masses have become more reverent, and newer priests are being trained better about the importance of teaching the Real Presence. The newer orders of sisters, like our Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal and other orders, are putting a premium on adoration of the Eucharist. Some even require their sisters to spend at least an hour a day praying in adoration. That's a great thing.

The Eucharist, like our Church, isn't going anywhere. It will continue to sustain us until the day that Jesus returns in glory. It's the spiritual food that makes us strong and resilient. When we receive Jesus at Mass with a humble heart and a soul that has been purified in confession, we become more like Him. And we receive all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we need to get through the day, every day.



# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

Keep praying that more Catholics come home to Mass and Confession. Jesus wants to give all of us the strength we need to conquer the world! What an advantage it is in life to know that if we stay faithful to Jesus in the Eucharist that He will bring us through any dark periods or times of suffering.

If only more people believed that. Our prayers will help them.

Happy Feast of Corpus Christi!!

Father Sal



## Congratulations to all the graduates of St. Clare of Assisi/St. Francis Xavier School Kindergarten Class of 2025

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Sophia Suarez Lucas  
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Richard Tischler  
Niko Vuljaj

### K2

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Isabella Barca-Gonzalez  
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Abigail Drejaj  
Ava Fleming  
Marcus George  
Hendrix Guerrero  
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Lorenzo Shabani  
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Luca Tesi  
Adeline Tolentino

May God Bless Them

### A Message from the NYS Catholic Conference

New York is on the brink of legalizing physician assisted suicide. Bill A136 has already passed the Senate and Assembly. The only thing standing in its way is Gov. Hochul's veto and she needs to hear from you. We must speak out to protect the dignity of every human life. Assisted suicide is a dangerous and deadly path, one we must not go down. Contact the Governor's office now to oppose this deadly practice! Visit [bit.ly/veto-pas](http://bit.ly/veto-pas) or scan the QR code.

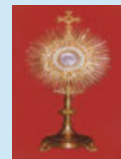


### Eucharistic Adoration

\*\*\*St. Francis Xavier

June 28th

PLEASE NOTE ADORATION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO ST. FRANCIS JUNE 28TH



Please join us in building a lasting legacy here at St. Francis Xavier Church! Through our Brick and Tree Fundraiser, you can honor a loved one, commemorate a special occasion, or simply show your support for our neighborhood. Personalized engraved bricks will pave the way for future generations, while dedicated trees will beautify our grounds and serve as living symbols of faith, growth, and hope. Every donation helps us enhance our church environment and support our parish. Together, let's plant the seeds of faith and build a foundation that will stand for years to come. If you are interested please call or stop by the rectory.



We still have mass intentions for 2025. If you would like to have a mass dedicated to someone, please stop by the rectory for available dates.



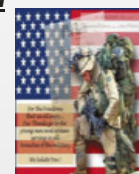
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Elissa Antice, Julia Ayala, Betty Barbagallo, Michael Barry, Sr. Minnie Bell, Lorraine Capozzi, Mary Cullen, Margaret Mary Dean, James B. Dowling, Cheryl Espinoza, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Santa Fumo, Sandy Gionta, Rosemarie Leo, Anna Manfredi, Patricia Mazzarelli, Suzanne Millner, Gary Morgan, Marsha Morgan, Carmela Nigro, Maria Pia Paladino, Louis G. Paone, Jr. Immaculate Palazzo, James Prendergast, Dolores Rivera, Silvestre Rivera, Carole Shavel, Daniela Saglimbeni, Simon Shllaku, Theresa Smith, Bruce Taten, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Annmarie Vayda, Marlyn Villanueva, Antonio Vito (a young boy), Lucy Vogel, Maureen Dean Schmidt, John McSorley.



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

Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Captain Christopher Antony, Carlos E. Blanco, Anthony Vincent Boccia, Anthony Thomas Candito, Captain Nicholas T. Cardiello, Christopher C. Cannata, Emmanuel Martinez, Captain Brian Pascuzzi, Joseph Serpe, Jr., Gerard Weihe, III



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