QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

October 18, 2020 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Social Responsibility

At that [Jesus] said to them "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."
(Matthew 22:21)

Isaiah 45:1,4-6 - Rewards to Cyrus, king of Persia

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 - A model for believers

Matthew 22:15-21 - Paying tax to the emperor

For Reflection:

Adults: How much responsibility do you feel the government should take for meeting the needs of the less fortunate in our society? How willing are you to contribute?

Kids: Who needs help in your neighborhood or community? What could you and your family do to help?

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Diocesan Catholic Yearly Appeal provides us with the opportunity to be bearers of Christ's light to others, a light that reflects Christ's kindness, compassion and hope. We hope that when presented with the opportunity to participate in the Annual Appeal, you will answer the call to build God's Kingdom.
Please remain assured that your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal cannot be used in the settlement of abuse claims or for anything other than their intended purpose.
Thus far, SFX parishioners have pledged $38,806.00 towards of our assigned goal of $37,790.00. Thank you, we are over our goal.
St. Augustine parishioners have pledged $11,540.00 towards their assigned goal of $38,000.00.

Please join us and help us to reach our assigned goal. Thank you!

CONFESSIONS are available. If you would like to schedule a confession, please know that you can do so by contacting the rectory office @718-638-1880.
Fr. Rich Bretone or Fr. John Gribowich will get back to you as to when and where the confession can take place. The chapel at St. Francis Xavier may be available for confessions before the 5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Just try to see if the priest is available when you arrive—the ushers can help you.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses
Wednesdays @ 9:00AM
at
St. Francis Xavier
Weekend Masses **at St. Francis Xavier on Saturdays @ 5:00PM and Sundays @ 9:30AM and St. Augustine on Sundays at 12:00 NOON**

Due to COVID 19, attendance will be limited to 25% of the listed capacity.

Face masks to be worn at all times. Seating in designated areas only.

IMPORTANT SCHEDULING UPDATE:

Circumstances now necessitate a change in the weekday schedule at St. Augustine-St. Francis Xavier. Beginning the week of October 19-23, and continuing until further notice, there will be only one weekday Mass celebrated. That Mass will be held at the SFX worship site on Wednesday mornings at 9am. After Mass, the Church will remain open for private prayer until 12 noon. We know that this is not the ideal situation and we appreciate your patience and understanding during these very difficult times.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER
at
St. Francis Xavier
Wednesdays
10:00AM- 12:00 NOON

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VOTIVE CANDLES

The votive candles at the statue shrines can now be used.
Please be aware of social distancing: put your donation in the slot, light the candle, and say a simple prayer and then return to your seat. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

In the face of these unsettling times, you as a faithful parishioner remain generous.
We are thankful for your continuing generosity.

BAPTISMS are available…

If you would like to schedule a baptism, please know that you can do so by contacting the rectory office at 718-638-1880. A member of our baptism preparation group will get back to you about our (remote) preparation program. We are not holding our usual monthly group baptisms and will work with your family to schedule an individual baptism with limited attendees.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education for the children of St. Augustine and St. Francis Xavier will resume in a few weeks. If your child is not yet registered for this year or if you would like more information about the program, please contact Sister Helene at hacreled@aol.com or call 718-857-2903.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation(RCIA) is a process for interested non-Catholics to learn about the Catholic Faith and for baptized Catholics who have not yet received Eucharist and Confirmation to prepare to do so. This process provides an opportunity to go on a spiritual journey with other adults seeking to deepen their relationship with God and begin or renew their commitment to God through full membership in the Catholic Church. If you know a person or persons you think might be interested suggest they call … they just might be waiting for an invitation.
For more information, contact Sister Helene at 718-857-2903 or hacreled@aol.com.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

"Go into the whole world, and proclaim the Gospel,,,"
(Mark16:15)

Every year, something special happens in October….
World Mission Sunday joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. We recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries.
Together with our brothers and sisters in the Missions we offer our prayers and sacrifices so that others may come to know Jesus… and to experience His mercy as we express our merciful concern for those in greatest need! Please visit our website to donate online. https://sasfx.org/make-a-donation

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK, FOR MEDICAL PERSONAL AND FOR ALL PEOPLE AS WE CONFRONT THE COVID-19 VIRUS.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17	
5:00	**Morris and Josephine Krieger**
Sunday, October 18	
9:30	**Matthew and Alvin Leonard**
12:00 **at St. Augustine**	**Nicola Sciacovelli**
Monday, October 19	
9:00	**Dr. Joseph G. and Martha**
Tuesday, October 20	
9:00	**Frank McGuire**
Wednesday, October 21	
9:00	**Madeleine Hippert**
Thursday, October 22	
9:00	**Teddy and Kathleen O'Driscoll**
Friday, October 23	
	No Mass
Saturday, October 24	
9:00	**Beatrice Murphy**
5:00	**John and Joseph Rey**
Sunday, October 25	

9:30		**Aloyse Schmit**
12:00	**at St. Augustine**	**Helen and Patrick Dougherty**

IN OUR PRAYERS

May God strengthen and give peace to all of our sick parishioners, relatives and friends, especially for:

Robert Schlegel, Daniel Joseph, Matt Speicher, Edna Fialo, Al Campisi, Mary McLoughlin, Aloyse Chong, Lorraine Lozito, Tara Lindis-Corbel, Robert Shaw, Mary Avanzino and Vincent Nerone.

May the hope of the Resurrection dawn on our deceased relatives and friends.

We lift them up to our heavenly Father who heals all ills and gives new life.

AUTOMATED GIVING

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