



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, says the Lord God, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. Ezekiel 34:16-17

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of
The Catholic Campaign for
Human Development

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2014

Eucharist

Main Church

Saturday: 12:05 pm, 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday Masses: 9:00 am (Family Mass), 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses: 7:45 am, 12:05 pm
(All Masses are Handicapped Accessible)

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 1:00 to 2:00 in the Main Church
confessional or by appointment with one of the priests.

Sacraments

Please call the office for information about
Baptism, Marriages & other needs.

Sick or Hospitalized

Please notify the office of parishioners who are
ill or in the hospital so that they can be included
in our prayers or be visited.

New Parishioners

Welcome! To register, please stop by the office
and fill out a registration form or register online at
www.sfxavier.org

Staff

Rev. Joseph Marina, S.J. (Pastor) — 204
Cassandra L. Agredo (Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208
Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207
Jacqueline Falco (Parish Manager) — 221
Rev. Peter Fink, S.J. (Associate Pastor) — 211
Stephanie Fuentes (Parish Secretary) — 222
Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201
Receptionist — 201
Damely Tineo (Assistant to the Pastor) - 205
John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Patricia Dahl (Co-Chair); Peter Ranello (Co-Chair);
Jacqueline Perez (Vice-Chair); Jim Fox; Phil Gutierrez;
Bob Lepisko; Adel O'Regan; David Pais; Jack Schmitt;
Anne Sheridan

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Mission Statement



The Church of St. Francis Xavier, a Roman Catholic parish in the Jesuit tradition, strives to be a prophetic, welcoming community, and an inclusive witness to the presence of Christ Jesus in our midst. Mindful of our utter reliance on God, and need for God's grace, we rejoice together in our celebration of the sacraments and proclamation of the Gospel. As a people of hope, we commit ourselves through prayerful and creative discernment to respond to God in our time by: Being a respectful community Where seekers and their questions are welcomed, Where injustice is challenged, Where the poor, the alienated and the marginalized find a home, And where people are refreshed, reconciled and renewed.

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 7:30 pm

Saturday: 11:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices send e-mails to
sfuentes@sfxavier.org and Space Requests send e-mails to
jfalco@sfxavier.org

**Deadline for bulletin copy—all copy should be in the office
by 4:00 pm on Monday afternoon.**

**Confessions are offered
Saturdays from 1:00pm-2:00pm**

**To make an appointment for
confession please call Parish Office.**

**Note: You must be a registered parishioner for a
minimum of six months before qualifying for a
sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.**

**Main Church Accessibility from 16th street during
regular office hours. Simply ring the bell on the
two furthest entrances on the West & East sides
of the Church.**

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, November 29th

5:00pm Vigil: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

Sunday, November 30th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Peter Fink, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Peter Fink, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us especially, remember those
who have asked for our prayers

*Thelma Alaras, John Beam,
Michael Brooks, Victoire Codo, Tom Cooney, Sheamus
Dowde, Carlos Fuentes, Francis Lapitano, Thecla Luisi,
Patricia Maguire, Maris Mattingly, Carmine Novembre,
Vivian Palazzdo, Consuelo Pizarro, Elizabeth Rafferty,
Juanita Torres, Anthony Sellitti, Deborah Whitenack,
Virginia VerEecke, Marge Zwanziger*

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed
parishioners and friends, especially:

*John Beam, Danielle Brown, John Cassels and Expedit
Codo*

We also remember all those who have been killed or
wounded through the violence of war. May all those who
have gone before us share the joys of eternal life.

**All prayer requests are listed for at least three
consecutive weeks. Please contact
the parish office for an extension.**

From the Desk of Cassandra Agredo

Feed the hungry. There it is, in black and white, and in the gospels. Feed the hungry. Not “feed the hungry if we feel like it” or “feed the hungry if it’s convenient for us.” No. It is a simple direction from Christ himself to take care of each other’s most basic human needs for food and water, without which all would die. Very simple, nothing provocative. Feed the hungry.

And yet, day after day, month after month, year after year.....we don’t. “We” collectively as a society... do not. Maybe I personally do and maybe you personally do, but as long as others do not, and as long as we don’t hold them accountable, as long as one and a half million New Yorkers.... fifty million Americans....EIGHT HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE.....suffer from hunger....as long as two and a half million children die from hunger each year....then “we”, together, are failing. We are not feeding the hungry. We are collectively denying our neighbors, our brothers and sisters, our fellow human beings, the right to this most basic of all things. We are essentially saying to them “No. You do not deserve a fighting chance to make the most of this life. You are not worthy of the dignity of human life. No. Not you.”

I have looked into a father’s eyes, filled with tears, as he admits that his kids are hungry and he cannot provide enough food to fill them up. I have hugged a mother, her body limp with exhaustion, no tears left, as she stares at her cart full of food as if Christmas has come early. I have held a child, with deformed limbs and the inability to speak, because from the time of his birth he didn’t have enough nutritious food to eat. My eyes have looked into theirs. I have pressed my skin against their skin. I have felt their hearts beating in time with my own. I say to them “you’re welcome” and “God bless you too” when really what I want to say is “I’m sorry. I am sorry that you will be hungry again tomorrow. I am sorry that we do not value you. I am sorry that your eyes and your skin and your heart are somehow considered less important than mine.”

But it doesn’t have to be this way. We can change. We do not have to fail. Perhaps “we”, this huge global society, is not ready to change all at once. But we at St. Francis Xavier...we are ready. We provide food for those who are hungry but more, importantly, we are ready to stand together with those in need and make our voices heard and elect people who will work for change. And this change will in turn affect our city. And then “we” as New Yorkers....then we will be ready. And New York will change. And when New York sets the example then we, America....we will be ready. And America will change. And when America begins to change, the world will take notice. And then we, humanity, we will finally be ready. Our eyes and our hearts will be opened and we will recognize the dignity and worth of every human being and we will respect the right of each person to food and water and a fighting chance to make the most of our lives. It will be a long, frustrating and bumpy road but we are ready. We will not fail. We will feed the hungry. And one beautiful, amazing, glorious day, hunger will be no more. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the Xavier Mission. Have a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Yours gratefully,

Cassandra Agredo

Executive Director of the Xavier Mission



TURKEY UP!

As of press time on November 19, we have reached 20% of our goal with \$5,400! We are moving steadily upwards but have quite a ways to go!! Please consider making a special contribution to this fund, as it will help us to provide meals beyond Thanksgiving and into 2015. Thank you so much to all of our donors who have contributed so far. We are truly grateful!

Join us in reaching our \$25,000 goal!



Visit www.xaviermission.org/donate to donate online via Faith Direct, or make a check payable to Xavier Mission (indicate "Thanksgiving" in the memo line). You can also scan the QR code below with your smartphone!



Xavier Company

AN ADVENT CAROL

*a musical drama celebrating the Advent Journey
presented by The Xavier Company*

**Saturday, December 6th
7:30 pm
Main Church**

Script by J.S. Pecorella

*Musical compositions: Gerard DeMan, Anne Holland,
Laurence Rosania & others*

*Featuring: Pasqualino Beltempo, Heather Fetrow,
Linda Garrity, Marian Lizzio, TJ Mundy-Punchard,
Rob Skolits*

Director & Choreographer: Carol Ferrone

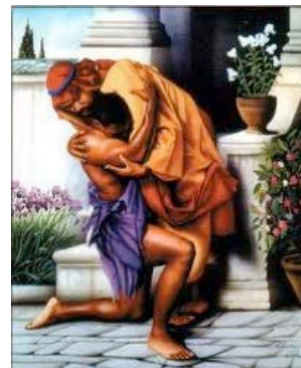
Musical Director: Gerard DeMan

Percussionist: Tony Bartoli

Donations Accepted

ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION CONFESSION AND ADORATION DECEMBER 15, 2014

On Monday, December 15th, across the Archdiocese of New York, churches will offer the opportunity for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Jesuit confessors will be available in our church from **4-9pm** and the **blessed sacrament** will be present on the altar during these 5 hours. Please come to avail yourself of the grace of reconciliation or simply to rest and pray for a while as we make our way toward the great season of Christmas. All are welcome.





LOOKING FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Have you been wondering how you can be more involved in our church? Are you looking for a way to deepen your spiritual commitment? The opportunity to serve may be the answer as we sincerely try to live the commandment “love our neighbors as ourselves”!

St. Ignatius Loyola said that love is to be shown more in deeds than in words. The Xavier Peace and Justice Committee invite you to join us in our efforts to proclaim the living Gospel, examining root causes of injustice, and advocating for reform. Recent events and advocacy include our co-sponsoring with Xavier Mission, a hunger banquet and film screening to focus attention on food insecurity. We are currently formulating actions for continuing our advocacy for the food insecure. Our water justice group is currently working on several initiatives that will allow Xavier to concretely address water (and waste) issues right at home on 16th street and there is ongoing work on many fronts against modern day slavery. We have sponsored congressional visits to advocate for immigration reform and a fair living wage – among other things- and we are hoping to apply that level of advocacy to city and state representatives and officials as well. Please join us in our efforts to bring justice to these and other important issues. We generally meet 1 time per month from September through May, with sub-committees meeting as needed. We welcome new members!

Please come to our December 13th meeting to learn more about our work. If you have any questions before this meeting, please contact Tracey Tynan, John Karle or Peter Locascio at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com. With the power of conscience and our unshakeable faith, together we can “go forth and set the world on fire”! Peace



On Thanksgiving, November 27th, Mass will be held at 10:00am in the Main Church.

THE BOOK OF SOULS

Our parish Book of Souls will be present in the sanctuary during the month of November. I encourage you to write the names of your loved ones into the book so we, as a community, can remember them during this sacred month of prayer. Thank you.

Fr. Marina

Catholic Lesbians

12TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PARTY FOR CHILDREN OF PICTURE THE HOMELESS, COMMUNITY VOICES HEARD, LIFE EXPERIENCE & FAITH SHARING, AND STEPS TO END FAMILY VIOLENCE


Friday, December 12th
6:00 PM—9:00 PM
Mary Chapel, West Room, Parlor

“We are grateful for your support each year.” (Lynn Lewis, Picture the Homeless director) “Thank you so much for doing this as always! Peace be unto you.” (Tyletha Samuels, CVH) “Thanks for all you do.” (James Addison, LEFS) “Thank you again for coordinating everything! The gifts we received were absolutely wonderful and could not have come at a better time.” (Audrey Bruner, STEPS advocate)



Plenty of children need Christmas joy this year, and we have eight weeks to make their dreams come true. Please contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for the name of a child and bring your unwrapped present to the wrapping party. Pizza and beverages will be served.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Xavier Takes Back The Tap

While drinking water may seem like a healthy choice, buying single use water bottles is not such a healthy choice for the planet.

Switching to a reusable water bottle is an easy way to reduce our impact on the earth!

Music Ministry

LESSONS AND CAROLS

DECEMBER 14TH

7:00PM

featuring the Xavier Choir, The Bell Choir, Family Faith Choir and the Xavier Players

*Followed by our Fabulous
Home-made Christmas Cookie Reception!!!*



CAN YOU BAKE COOKIES?

Bakers sought for our annual Lessons and Carols program on Dec. 14th at 7PM. Wonderful contemporary readings with many of your favorite Christmas carols will be represented. We are looking for 30 individuals to commit to baking 2 dozen cookies (or other baked goods). If you think you can help out, please email John Uehlein in the parish office at juehlein@sfxavier.org or if you don't have email, call John at 646-573-0099. Start softening up the butter!!!! (PS: leftovers will go to the shelter.)

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES:

WORLD AIDS DAY MASS

Monday, December 1st

7:00 PM

Main Church

The Feast of St. Francis Xavier: A Celebration of our Parish and our Patron Saint

Wednesday, December 3rd

6:30pm Mass

Main Church

*A reception will follow in Larkin-Hurtado Hall in honor of
all who have contributed to our capital campaign.*

All are welcome.

AN ADVENT RETREAT PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS' "THE CHURCH OF MERCY"

*This Advent, spend time with Pope Francis.
The retreat will focus on writings from
The Church of Mercy a collection of speeches,
homilies and papers written by the Holy Father.*

The program will meet during Advent: Tues. Dec. 2, Wed. Dec. 10 and Tues. Dec. 16 to reflect on the readings and share in small groups. Specific chapters and questions for reflection will be suggested for each meeting. Prior reading is prerequisite.

7:00 to 8:30pm

Free Will Offering

Please obtain your own copy of "The Church of Mercy." If you are unable, please let us know. For more information contact Marie Bannister at mariebannister1@gmail.com or 917 301 2426.

*Sponsored by Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life(ISEL)
and Lay Spirituality Program*

Registration Form: Deadline for registration is Thanksgiving, November 27. Please send or leave form at office (55 West 15th St. NY, NY 10011) or email mariebannister1@gmail.com

HOLIDAY CARD SALE TO BENEFIT HONDURAS PROJECT

The Honduras Companion Communities Project will again offer a selection of Alternative Giving cards for sale after all the masses during the weekends of Advent. The cards provide a way for you to remember friends and loved ones and to contribute to the local community projects in Honduras which Xavier and its parishioners have supported for the last 15 years. This is our major fund raising event for sustaining our efforts with several local community groups in Honduras, a country where crime is out of control and the economic situation for most residents continues to be extremely difficult.

We have an extensive selection of cards this year, based on artwork created by the children who live in Casa Corazon, the home operated by the Sisters of Mercy for children who are HIV+. Aside from printing expenses, you can be sure that all the proceeds from the sale are used for continuing the scholarships we have been providing for secondary school students and for contributing to the expenses of providing a more comfortable life for children and families dealing with HIV.

As always, thank you for your support !

Scripture Readings For the Week

Sunday~ Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus

Christ, King of the Universe: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Matt 25:31-46. *As for you, my flock, I will judge between one sheep and another. Christ will hand over the kingdom to His God and Father so that God may be all in all. The Son of Man will sit upon His glorious throne and he will separate them one from another.*

Monday~Feast of St. Andrew Dung-Lac:

Rev 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4. *His name and his Father's name are written on their foreheads. He noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins.*

Thirty-Fourth Tuesday in Ordinary Time:

Rev 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11. *The time to reap has come, because the earth's harvest is fully ripe. There will not be left a stone upon another stone.*

Wednesday~ Feast of St. John Berchmans:

Rev 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19. *They sang the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.*

Thirty-Fourth Thursday in Ordinary Time:

Rev 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 19:41-44. *Fallen is Babylon. Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*

Thirty-Fourth Friday in Ordinary Time:

Rev 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Luke 21:29-33. *The dead were judged according to their deeds. I saw a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. When you see these things happening, know that the Kingdom of God is near.*

Thirty-Fourth Saturday in Ordinary Time:

Rev 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36. *Night will be no more, for the Lord God shall give them light. Be vigilant that you may have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent.*

First Sunday of Advent: Isa 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37. *You, LORD, are our father; our redeemer you are named forever. Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.*

Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

ADULT ACTIVITIES: Meets 4th Wednesday of the month, 1pm. Contact **Paddy**, 212-243- 8186

BAGA: A new parish youth group (for teens) that meets monthly to promote peace and justice by performing corporal works of mercy. Contact b.a.good.apostle@gmail.com

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday, 7 p.m., West Room, SFXWomen@aol.com, (917) 297-6804.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:
Contact **Katherine Cleary**, krcoff5th@netzero.com

FAMILY FAITH: Catechetical ministry for parents/guardians and children pre-K through 12th grade. Meets Sundays 10:00am, Mary Chapel. Contact **Luz**, LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

GAY CATHOLICS: Men meet in a caring and affirming environment on the first and third Fridays, 7pm Mary Chapel. Contact sfxgsgroup@gmail.com

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact **Jose Ramon**, joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com

IT WAS THE WOMEN WHO STAYED:

We continue to stay to address the specific concerns of women in the church. Xavier women are invited to join our ministry. Contact thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com or (917) 297-6804.

LITURGICAL COMMITTEES: See website or Contact **Luz**, LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact **James Fox**, sumiko120@nyc.rr.com, (212) 427-5070

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE:

Examines root causes of injustice and works towards a more just and sustainable world. Contact **Kevin Carlino** or **Peter Locascio** at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact **Rose Alloca**, allocarose@gmail.com or **Marie Bannister**, mariebannister1@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Spiritual, service, and social activities for Xavier's 20s-30s community. Meets twice a month. Contact **Zahrah** or **Phil**, sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com.

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact **Peggy & Paul** 212-260-2486, schubertnyc@gmail.com

XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLOTHING ROOM: 2nd & 4th Sundays, contact **Ann Mary**: xmClothingRoom@gmail.com

FOOD PROGRAMS: Every Sunday soup kitchen and 2nd Saturday food pantry, contact **Christine**: xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com

L-STEP: Spring and Fall semesters, contact **J**: xmLSTEP@gmail.com

SHELTER: Every night, contact **Jim**: xmShelter@gmail.com