



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Moses said to the people: “Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the Lord your God is giving you. (Deuteronomy 4:1-2)

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2015

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
Dameley Tineo (Assistant to the Pastor) - 205
Rev. Sean Toole, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206
John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Jack Schmitt (Chair); Adel O'Regan (Vice-Chair);
Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Patricia Dahl;
Phil Gutierrez; Bob Lepisko; Deborah Olley Murphy;
David Pais

PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 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, September 5th

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

Sunday, September 6th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Samantha Agins, Carmen Baldelli, Margaret Burns,
Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Kyle Cheplic, Tom Cooney,
Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio, Racquel Gager, Gary Gatza,
Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Alice Gonzalez, Kelly Jenkins,
Christine Kiss, Robyn Luisi, John Marshall, David Matos,
Ron and Elizabeth Miller, John J. Nesbit,
Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek,
Denyse Robinson, Joan Schecter, Rocco Scura, Denton Stargel,
Thomas Stemberg, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend,
Carl Wassmann*

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

*Barbara Beharry, Joannie Berger, Theresa Burgos,
Richard Clements, Alberto Cocorpus, Lorraine Greco,
Reina Henaine, George Rocco Perno, Lauren Weinfurt*

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.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

SEEKING NEW MEMBERS



XAVIER MISSION 2014 ANNUAL REPORT IS HERE!!

Pick up a copy at the entrance to the church or check it out on our website at www.xaviermission.org and see what an amazing year we had!

MENTORS NEEDED FOR L-STEP AND NEW VETERANS PROGRAM!

If you've got life-experience, then you're just who we're looking for! We are looking for caring, compassionate mentors for the Fall semester of L-STEP and our new sister program, Homecoming, at Metro Baptist Church. L-STEP assists homeless individuals with moving forward with their lives. Homecoming does the same for homeless veterans.

- *L-STEP MENTORS* commit to eight Wednesday evening sessions, plus the Stepping Stones & Graduation Ceremony, to assist individuals with goal-setting, story presentation, and successfully completing the program. Mentors must attend a training on September 12th.
- *HOMEcomings MENTORS* are usually veterans themselves and commit to seven Monday evening sessions throughout the semester, plus the Speakers' Night & Graduation Ceremony, to assist individuals with goal-setting, story presentation, and successfully completing the program. Mentors must attend a training on September 26th.

If you are a veteran, or would like to work with veterans, and are interested in mentoring, please consider joining the Homecoming Program!

Please contact Hope Levin at hlevin@xaviermission.org or 212-870-6876 or attend our information sessions **This Sunday** for more information. Thanks!

Now is the time when the music ministry especially seeks new members for the coming year. There are four ways in which you might want to participate: The Choir, The Bell Choir, The Instrumental Group, or the Ministry of Sound Design. Please take a moment to read the descriptions below and if you're interested or called to service, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Director of Music Ministries: John Uehlein (juehlein@sfxavier.org or 646-573-0099)

THE CHOIR: This community of 30 – 40 singers meets twice a week. Thursday evening rehearsal runs from 7-9 and we gather on Sunday morning at 10:30 to lead the congregation in musical worship at the 11:30 liturgy. We also sing for all major Holy Days (Christmas and Easter) and occasionally for a special event. Ability to carry a tune and sing in harmony is required. Ability to read music is an added plus, but is not required. We are looking for members in all categories: soprano, alto, tenor and bass, but are especially in need of altos and basses this year.

THE BELL CHOIR: Although we at present don't have any openings, this community of 10 ringers continues to grow by leaps and bounds. We rehearse on Monday evenings from 6:15 to 8:15. We play at all major Holy Days (Christmas and Easter), we play during Advent and Christmas and we play every Sunday of Easter time through Pentecost. The ability to read a little music, especially rhythms is necessary. But any number of our members have joined without that ability and have quickly learned. So if you don't read rhythms, but are willing to learn with a little extra help, that's OK.

Look into our next bulletin for more information on The Instrumental Group and the Ministry of Sound Design.



BE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT HEARERS ONLY...

By Tracey Tynan / Co-chair Peace and Justice

As members of the St. Francis Xavier parish community, we believe in and follow the teachings of Jesus, and take guidance from St. Ignatius Loyola. We are modern day “disciples,” striving to live in solidarity with all persons.

While we pray during Mass, in the presence of the **God who created all people**, may we ask ourselves these questions suggested by St. Ignatius to become better disciples:

*What have I done for Christ?
What am I doing for Christ?
What will I do for Christ?*

When a brother or sister is suffering, the Second Beatitude calls upon us to mourn, to put the suffering of another before our own comfort. The Peace and Justice Committees of St. Francis Xavier Church and St. Ignatius Loyola Church, along with The St. Vincent DePaul Society and Bread for the World will be hosting a **“Poverty Simulation” on September 19th from 10AM - 12:30PM** at Wallace Hall / St. Ignatius Loyola 980 Park Avenue at 84th St. This poverty simulation experience is designed to help participants understand what it might be like to be a part of a typical low income family trying to survive from month-to-month. It is a simulation, not a game. The object is to sensitize participants to the realities of life faced by those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society, while providing concrete suggestions for further action and advocacy!

Please contemplate how best to be a disciple and “mourn the poor in spirit” in today’s world. We hope you will join us. On-line registration is available on the Bread for the World website: www.bread.org/simulation. To request further information, please email the Peace and Justice Committee at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com and we will get back to you. Peace.

ST. IGNATIUS’ PRAYER FOR GENEROSITY

*Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will.*

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY FORMATION AT XAVIER FOR 2015-2016

The Church of St. Francis Xavier recognizes the spiritual hunger of people in search of a deeper and more meaningful experience of God.

ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life) responds to this yearning with opportunities to explore Ignatian Spirituality and by providing companions (spiritual directors) for your journey to God. Offerings include

- **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

A one-on-one journey with a Spiritual Director

- **THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS INCLUDING**

The 19th Annotation:

A 9-month personal retreat with a Spiritual Director

The 18th Annotation:

A 14-week group retreat meeting Advent, Lent and Easter

- **A 4-WEEK STUDY OF IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY: 4 SESSIONS DEVOTED TO THE LIFE OF ST. IGNATIUS, HIS SPIRITUALITY AND THE EXERCISES**

Please attend our introductory session on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 or Sunday, September 13 at 1:30.

For more information please contact

Rose Allocca at alloccarose@gmail.com or

Marie Bannister at mariebannister1@gmail.com

or 917 301 2426.

TRAINING FOR MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

This training is part of the ongoing formation of current hospitality ministers and for those interested in becoming a hospitality minister. All members of the community, either as individuals or in family groupings: children with their parents, youth, young adults and senior members of the parish are welcome!

September 26, West Room 6-7

September 27, Main Church 1-3

September 27, West Room 6-7



*For more than 30 years,
through listening, prayer, reflecting and sharing,
we have found that our relationship with God is a
beautiful, surprising, and fulfilling journey.*

The Lay Spirituality Program
of the Church of St. Francis Xavier
invites you to go within ...
to find the more your soul yearns for.

**Group 26 is now forming & will begin a
10-month program in spirituality
on September 22, 2015.**

**INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 6:30 PM
AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 6:30 PM.**

For more information, please visit our website at
layspirits.org, send us an email at
layspirits@gmail.com or leave a message at
212.627.2100, ext. 216.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, September 11th

6:00 pm–9:00 pm

West Room

What's going on right now that is your number one challenge/difficulty? Health? Family? Work? Finances? Proverbs 3:5 states, "Trust Yhwh with all your heart, and don't rely on your own understanding." How do we do that? Lorraine B. Nelson will lead our evening of discussion and reflection.

Bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

**PAPAL ENCYCLICAL
ON CARE FOR
OUR COMMON HOME
(12TH INSTALLMENT)**

Since the publication of Pope Francis's encyclical on the environment, it's very difficult to pretend that climate change is merely a scientific—or political—matter. In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis makes clear that climate change is a MORAL issue, one which the people of the world MUST attend to immediately. For suggestions on how you can respond to the pope's moral call to the world, Google: "What to Do? The Pope's Practical Tips." **For more information, visit www.sfxavier.org/environment.**



**FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM
REGISTRATION**

**Sunday August 30
West Room
9:00am to 1:00pm**

Tuition Fee: \$100 Per Student.

Snacks Fee: \$80 Per Family.

For students preparing for the Sacraments, there is an additional fee of \$50 per Sacrament.

For more information contact Luz Marina Diaz at LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED



Any boy or girl (Grade 3 through High School) who received first holy communion and is interested in becoming an altar server is encouraged to attend practice sessions with
Gerry Moss.

**FIRST PRACTICE:
September 13th
1:00pm-2:15pm
Main Church**

For more information please contact Gerry Moss at gerrymoss@aol.com.

Norma Varela - 3rd grade Catechist

My experience as a catechist has been a wonderful one. The children in my religion class were great and the parents were very cooperative and understanding. This allowed for a pleasant learning environment. During Advent we made Advent wreathes. Every family worked on their own wreath with the help of Luz, Michael, parents and catechists.

Throughout the year our lessons spoke about the importance of kindness, courtesy, politeness and respect. Throughout each lesson one or more of these qualities was brought forth. Each lesson reminded us that by practicing these we are showing our love for family and neighbor. In essence we show how much we love God.

In recent years children have been facing changes on a daily basis. They can be exposed to a "lock-down" in school, school bullying at its strongest level, and personal family situations. No matter what, the heart of our faith remains the same. Love God above all and your neighbor as yourself.

Scripture Readings For the Week

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; Jass 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. *You shall not add to what I command you...keep the command of the Lord. Be doers of the word. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition.*

Twenty-Second Monday in Ordinary Time: 1
Thess 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30. *God, through Jesus, will bring with him those who haven't fallen asleep. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor. No prophet is accepted in his own native place.*

Twenty-Second Tuesday in Ordinary Time: 1
Thess 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37. *Jesus Christ died for us, so that we may live together with him. I know who you are—the Holy One of God!*

Twenty-Second Wednesday in Ordinary Time:
Col 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44. *The Gospel has come to you just as in the whole world. To the other towns also I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent.*

Thursday~ Feast of St. Gregory the Great:
Col 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11. *God delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of his beloved Son. They left everything and followed Jesus.*

Twenty-Second Friday in Ordinary Time:
Col 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39. *In him were created all things. When the bridegroom is taken from them, then they will fast.*

Twenty-Second Saturday in Ordinary Time:
Col 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5. *Christ has now reconciled you to present you holy and unblemished before him. Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?*

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Isa 35:4-7a; Jass 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37. *The ears of those who are deaf will be cleared; and the tongue of those who are mute will sing. Did not God choose the poor to be heirs of the kingdom? He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.*



Ongoing Parish Happenings

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

ADULT ACTIVITIES: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact bowcol@hotmail.com

BAGA: A 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, 6 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 sfxgcgroup@gmail.com

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

SFX WOMEN: 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 **Tracey Tynan** 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