



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Along the way, the disciples had been discussing among themselves who was the greatest. Then Jesus sat down, called the Twelve and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, that person must be the last of all and the servant of all.” (Mark 9: 34-35)

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 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.

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, September 26th

5:00pm Vigil: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

Sunday, September 27th

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

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, 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, 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, Nicole Mysak, John J. Nesbit,
Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek, Erin O'Reilly,
Denyse Robinson, Natalie Russo, Laura Samoy, Joan Schecter,
Rocco Scura, Denton Stargel, Thomas Stemberg,
Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend, Helen Vitale,
Carl Wassmann*

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

*John Brosnan, Theresa Burgos, Tom Cooney, Teresa Demma,
Michael Dowhy, Gerard Schmidt, Karina Villarreal*

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.

**MULTI-FAITH PRAYERS FOR ACTION
SUPPORTING POPE FRANCIS' CALL FOR CLIMATE CHANGE**

“LIGHT THE WAY” VIGIL

Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th St. & 2nd Ave.)

Followed by

“UNDER ONE SKY” VIGIL

6:00pm – 7:45 pm

Supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Also at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza



&

OVERNIGHT MULTI-FAITH PRAYER VIGIL AT CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR

8:00 pm

Registration required: www.ourvoices.net/newyork-lightsttheway

Join in online with #LightTheWay

Information: www.ourvoices.net/lighttheway



THE PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO:



FRANCIS: THE SAINT, THE POPE, THE ENCYCLICAL AND US

Sunday, October 4th

1:00pm – 3:00 pm

Main Church

Join us on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

with

Patrick Carolan, Executive Director of the Franciscan Action Network

And

Carol DeAngelo, SC Director of Office of Peace, Justice and Integrity of Creation of the Sisters of Charity

Both speakers have been engaged for years in environmental and climate justice work and will be with us to share their reflections on the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, the excitement created by it, the impact of Pope Francis' visit to the U.S. and the challenges before us to care for our common home. All are welcome!

CHANGE A LIFE!



Do you want to fall asleep tonight knowing that you helped to change someone's life today? If the answer is yes, please consider sponsoring an L-STEP Participant! Our Fall 2015 semester will soon begin with 8-10 participants. The program is free to our participants and so we request your assistance in underwriting the cost.

The breakdown for one participant is as follows:

Stipends	\$300.00 (\$10 per session, 30 sessions)
MetroCards	\$165.00 (\$5.00 MetroCard per session, 30 sessions)
Food	\$ 100.00 (\$3.00 per meal, 30 meals + \$10 Graduation)
Supplies	\$ 60.00 (\$2.00 per session, 30 sessions)
Admin	\$ 25.00
Total	\$650.00

If you cannot sponsor the full cost of a participant, please consider sponsoring a portion of the cost, as outlined above. Don't hesitate to contact *Rachel* at rjohnson@xaviermission.org to discuss L-STEP volunteering and *Cassandra* at cagredo@xaviermission.org for sponsorship opportunities!

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 6-7pm
September 27, Main Church 1-3pm
September 27, West Room 6-7pm

Catholic Lesbians

SPECIAL DATE (1st Friday, not 2nd Friday, of the month)
Friday, October 2, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
West Room

"No one can be excluded from God's mercy," Pope Francis has said as he declared an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy, to begin in December. As women who live fully in relationship and in faith, M. E. Hurson and Joan O'Brien will help us dig deeper into what it means to be merciful and to receive mercy.

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

PAPAL ENCYCLICAL ON ENVIRONMENT

(15TH INSTALLMENT)

This week, New York, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia will be graced by the visit of Pope Francis. Many activities are planned to celebrate his papacy and show support for the ideas expressed in *Laudato Si'*. The encyclical calls for immediate and difficult changes in each of us, our country and the nations of the world, including changes in our personal lifestyles, in business practices and national policies. It is a message we don't always want to hear or heed. Pope Francis asks each of us and all of us to make some sacrifice for a better, more compassionate world. As we begin this week, let us be thankful for his leadership and courage, and pray for a "conversion of heart" in ourselves and in our national and world leaders whom he will address, that we and they will be open to his message and willing to take the needed steps to protect our common home.





CATECHETICAL TEAM 2015-2016

DIRECTOR: Luz Marina Diaz

ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR: Michael Judkiewicz

CLERICAL ASSISTANT: Ruth Clark

PARENTS' LIASON: Kerry O'Donnell

FAMILY FAITH CHOIR DIRECTOR: Dugan McGinley

PRE-KINDERGARTEN: Elvia M. Rumaldo

KINDERGARTEN: Andrea Alexander

1ST GRADE: Ezzy Ruiz and Patricia Matos

2ND GRADE: Jeff Essmann and Yndira Maddi

3RD GRADE: Norma Varela (Assistants: Natalie Metcalfe, Nicolas Rosado, and Kayla Almeida)

4TH GRADE: Charles Mileski

5TH GRADE: Sabrina Perez and Michael Judkiewicz

6TH GRADE: Larry Carbone

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Paul Kelly and a team of guest speakers (James Fox, Fr. Peter Fink, Fr. Joseph Marina, Luz Marina Diaz, Anthony Mullen, Boreta Singleton, Marie Bannister, Gina Martinez, Sylvia Picard-Schmitt, Diane Lisanti)

POST CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Eliza Coleman and John Vans Rens

ADULTS FAITH FORMATION (PARENTS): Michael Termini, Roseann Bonadia, Ed Poliandro and Luz Marina Diaz

CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD (GRADES 1,2,3): Therese Cruite and Manny Lopez

CHILDREN LITURGY OF THE WORD (GRADES 4,5,6): John Van Rens

This weekend, parishes across the country will honor those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church through a special rite of commissioning and blessing. Here at the Church of St. Francis Xavier, the following parishioners, along with DRE Luz Marina Diaz, will be commissioned to share the faith of the Church with the adults, families, youth, and children of this parish:

Andrea Alexander-Mullen, Elvia Miguelina Parache, Ezzy Ruiz, Patricia Matos, Jeff Essmann, Yndhira Maddi, Norma Varela, Charles Mileski, Larry Carbone, Michael Judkiewicz, Sabrina Perez, Paul Kelly, Therese Cruite, Manny Lopez, Eliza Coleman, Sylvia Picard-Schmitt, Boreta Singleton, Anthony Mullen, John Van Rens, Gina Martinez, James Fox, Diane Lisanti, Marie Bannister, Ed Poliandro, Michael Termini, and Roseann Bonadia

THINKING AND PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS A NEW WEST SIDE DEANERY INITIATIVE

"Laudato Si", "The Joy of the Gospel"... Pope Francis is calling each one of us to change!

Catholic Parishes of the West Side Deanery (including SFX) are inviting parishioners to come together to further reflect and discuss what this call for change means in our everyday lives. **There will be 8 workshops in 4 locations, beginning on Monday, September 21st, at Blessed Sacrament Church on 71st Street and Broadway. Each workshop will run from 7-9pm and all are welcome.**

Based on the Scriptures, the Pope's teaching, and social and economic data, we will explore several of the themes and priorities that Pope Francis is addressing. Come, encounter and get the dialogue going... Be part of the change as Pope Francis is coming to visit us in next week!

Adult Activities

Tour the Morris-Jumel Mansion with Adult Activities Group



**Wednesday, September 23rd
at 12:00pm**

Join us for a tour of the Morris-Jumel Mansion, the oldest remaining house and museum in Manhattan highlighting over 200 years of New York history, art, and culture.

The mansion is located in a neighborhood that has changed very little since the the 1800's.

The price of admission is \$8. We will meet at the 15th street entrance to Xavier at 12:00pm and travel by subway to 163rd street on the C train.

**The Pastoral Council invites you to join us
for a**

Parish Coffee Hour

as we welcome parishoners
New to SFX on
Sunday, September 27th
in the Mary Chapel
(following the 11:30 Mass)

All are welcome.



MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Now is the time when the music ministry especially seeks new members for the coming year. If interested please contact the Director of Music Ministries: John Uehlein (juehlein@sfxavier.org or 646-573-0099)

THE CHOIR: Especially seeking Basses. Thursday evening rehearsal runs from 7-9; Sunday morning at 10:30am.

THE INSTRUMENTAL GROUP: The group meets on Sundays at 3:45pm and prepares for the 5:00pm liturgy that day. The ability to sight read music moderately well is necessary. We are looking for players of at least medium level ability on their instrument to participate.

THE TRADITION CONTINUES:

ANIMAL BLESSING

We will have a ceremony celebrating and blessing on animal companions on **Saturday, October 3rd at 10:30 am**. Come! Celebrate the joy and blessing your animal companion has been for you. It's a "howl" and "the cat's meow". All creatures, great and small and their human companions are invited.

Feel free to pass the word about this event to people in the neighborhood: put a notice in your building's newsletter or post a flyer on your building's bulletin board.

HELP WANTED

The USA Northeast Province of the Society of Jesus is in need of an Executive Administrative Assistant. Some previous experience required. Office location: 39 East 83rd Street, New York, NY. For job description, contact the office at unesocius@jesuits.org or call 212 774 5500.

Announced Masses

Please pray for our daily intentions during the week ahead! Thank you!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

7:45AM ANTOINETTE & LEO BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM DAVID V. ALMEIDA SR. (D)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

7:45AM JOHN CURRAN (D)
12:05PM DAVID V. ALMEIDA SR. (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

7:45AM JEANNE L. GREEN (D)
12:05PM MARY ELLEN FARELL (D)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

7:45AM AYNELSA DELEON (D)
12:05PM ELEANOR LANGFORD (D)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

7:45AM BARBARA BEHARRY (D)
12:05PM CARMINE ESPOSITO (D)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

12:05PM FELISA ANDURELL (D)



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

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: Seeks volunteers to plan spiritual, service, and social activities for Xavier's 20s-30s community. Email sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com for more information.

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