



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. Matthew 2: 9-11

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of
Communications/Catholic University

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 3, 2016

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 Diaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207

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) - 221

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 and Space Requests send e-mails to sfuentes@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.

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, January 9th

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

Sunday, January 10th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, 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

Mike Allocca, Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Maria Caruana, Kyle Chepic, Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio, Carol Ferrone, David Fuentes, Gary Gatz, Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham, James Griffin, Jerica Elaine Harris, Kvetka Kaplan, Anne Karle-Zenith, Ana Gerda Kennedy, Robyn Luisi, Dee Kelly, Robert Labissiere, Patrick Loughlin, John Marshall, Ron and Elizabeth Miller, Barbara Mohr, Joseph Morrone, Kathy Mulvaney, Nicole Mysak, John J. Nesbit, Catherine Anne Olnek, Dorothy Oliva, Jacob Michael Olnek, Riederman Family, Denyse Robinson, Rocco Scura, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend, Dr. John Sony Valentino, Bess Vindigni, Molly Wolfe

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

John Ciarcia, Expedit Codo, Wynne Greenwald, Alice Gonzalez, John Guiliano, Ferko Kaplan, Jordan Ling, Martin McCormick, Scott McKinney, Anthony Muto, Martin Palmer, Nelda Salas, William Jude Schmitt, Clelia Venticinque, Michael Weber

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.

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE 2016



FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016
Washington D.C. ~ March for Life

Join us on a Pilgrimage of
PRAYER, PENANCE, & FELLOWSHIP
as we commemorate the 43rd Anniversary of Roe v. Wade,
the tragic Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

*****NEW FOR 2016: Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan**
10:30 AM, Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, MD



Total cost for the trip is \$50
*(Checks made payable to "Sisters of Life."
Payment is non-refundable.)*

Bus departs at 5 AM from:
Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
457 West 51st Street (between 9th & 10th Ave)
New York, NY 10019

To register, call Sr. Shirley at 646-794-3195 or email Sr.ShirleyAnn@Archny.org

Sponsored by the
FAMILY LIFE / RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

If you are unable to make the trip, but would like to sponsor someone, donations are most welcome



SAVE THE DATE!

November has Thanksgiving, December has Christmas and January has New Year's. But February? Poor February is just a dismal, dreary month, with nothing to look forward except more snow and a dismal, dreary March.

UNTIL NOW!!!!

Mark your calendars because on **February 20, 2016**, Xavier Mission will be hosting our third annual Dinner-Dance, with this year's theme "A Night at the Oscars"! There will be food, music, dancing, awards, and PLENTY of Oscar-worthy decorations to make you feel like you're really strutting the red carpet and rubbing elbows with celebrities! Watch the bulletin for the announcement of ticket sales. In the meantime, prepare to eat your way through the holidays and dance it all off in February!

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

MARY CHAPEL

6-7PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH

MARY CHAPEL

6-7PM

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH

MAIN CHURCH

6-7PM

SAVE THE DATE

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY SEMINAR

ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)

and

the Church of St. Francis Xavier

will be sponsoring a

Sunday afternoon seminar

on Ignatian Spirituality.

January 31st:

St. Ignatius of Loyola and Ignatian Spirituality

Presenter: *Sean Toole, SJ*

February 7th:

Ignatian Prayer

Presenter: *Eileen Gatza*

February 14th:

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

Presenter: *Joseph Marina, SJ*

February 21st:

Discernment

Presenter: *Vivienne Joyce, SC*

Sunday afternoons 2:00 PM, Main Church.

No registration required for sessions.

THINKING AND PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS

*Discussion I On The 4th Chapter Of Laudato
Si' About Integral Ecology*

Thursday, January 14th

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

*Westside Deanery "Thinking and Praying
with Pope Francis" workshop at Francis Xavier*



**JANUARY IS NATIONAL
SLAVERY AND HUMAN
TRAFFICKING PREVENTION
MONTH GENERAL FACTS ON
MODERN DAY SLAVERY**

- Human Trafficking, also known as modern-day slavery, involves the recruitment, harboring or transportation of people who are exploited through forms of force, fraud or coercion.
- Modern-Day Slavery has replaced whips and chains with emotional, mental and physical abuse that produces psychological bondage, often referred to as the Stockholm Syndrome.
- Human Trafficking has been reported in EVERY state in the United States.
- Human Trafficking is the 2nd largest criminal industry in the world, second only to the drug trade and generates an estimated \$32 billion per year. (UN)
- New York is one of the top 5 states with the highest number of reported cases.
- It is estimated that there are 21 million people in slavery today around the world.

Download
STOP TRAFFICKING NEWSLETTER
(<http://www.humantrafficking.org/>)
monthly for more information. The National
Human Trafficking Hotline Number is
1 888 3737 888 / Text 233733

Join your Peace & Justice committee, Unicef and Lifeway in the Mary Chapel on Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30pm-8:30 pm for a screening of the critically acclaimed film “not my life” with discussion following.



**ADULT SESSIONS TAKE PLACE IN THE
XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
FROM 10:20 AM TO 11:25 AM.**

JANUARY 10TH-*Nancy Lorence
on Laudato Si'*

JANUARY 24TH-*Tracey Tynan
On Laudato Si'*

JANUARY 31ST-*Preparing For Lent*

FEBRUARY 7TH-*Doing Time,
Doing Vipassana (Documentary)*

FEBRUARY 21ST-*David Greenan
on Healing Connections*

MARCH 6TH-*Roseann Bonadia
and Luz Marina Diaz On Women Spirituality*

APRIL 17TH-*Father Peter Fink, S.J.
Ritual on The Eucharist*

If you attend **Sunday 9 am Mass** and want to be part of the intergenerational “Faith Family Choir” led by *Anne Holland*, please contact Anne Holland at [**Anneholland@juno.com**](mailto:Anneholland@juno.com)

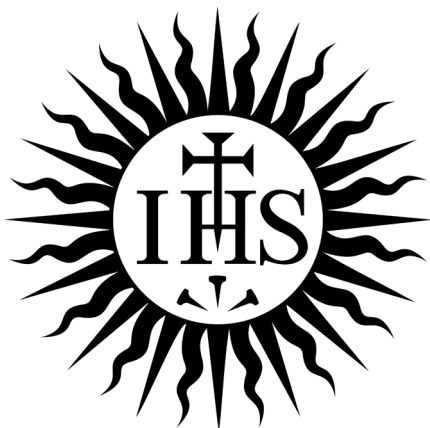
SAVE THE DATE!

“Is God’s Charity Broad Enough for Bears?”

Dr. Elizabeth Johnson

Until recently, the natural world was not a subject of much religious interest to the church at large. This is now changing as the world faces an ecological crisis of great magnitude. Starting with John Muir’s question about the bears, this presentation explores the meaning of creation in a new context. It draws from Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’* and the speaker’s book *“Ask the Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love”* to explore how loving the Earth can become an intrinsic part of faith in God, rather than an add-on.

Join us on **Thursday, January 28th**, at **7pm** as **Dr. Elizabeth Johnson**, distinguished professor of theology at Fordham University, speaks to our church on the important topic of creation and care of the Earth. Dr. Natalia Imperatori-Lee of Manhattan College will respond to Dr. Johnson before time for general Q/A. All are welcome and free will offerings will be greatly appreciated.



The city’s Department of Homeless Services is seeking volunteers, age 18 and older, for the Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE Count) on Monday night January 25th. All volunteers choose from one of 28 sites, where they report to a district captain, who provides instructions about how to help count the city’s street homeless. Please use the Volunteer Registration web site: <http://www.nychope.site/>

Contact SFX Parishioner and NYC Service Volunteer Todd Schmidt with questions: TSchmidt@dhs.nyc.gov



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MINISTRY TO DISABLED PARISHIONERS

Can you help out once a month before and after the 11:30 liturgy?

For further information or to volunteer, please contact *Lynn Corwin* at lcjs@aol.com or call 917 716 1265. Thank you.

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, January 8th
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
West Room**

*“You have blessings in reserve for many years to come.
Relax! Eat, drink and be merry!”*

(Luke 12:19, The Inclusive Bible)

Let’s start the new year by celebrating the twenty-third anniversary of this ministry. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~ FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:

Isa 40:1-5, 9-11; Tit 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

FIRST MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Sam 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20.

FIRST TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Sam 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28.

7:45AM DAN McEVOY (D)
12:05PM CHARLES SMYLEY (D)

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39.

7:45AM JOSHUA MARTINEZ (L)
12:05PM MADELINE SWEENEY (D)

FIRST THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Sam 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45.

FIRST FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12.

FIRST SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17.

12:05PM BERNARD MCGARVEY (D)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Isa 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; John 2:1-11.

**YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS
FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE
PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.**

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