



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from above, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” (Luke 3: 21-22)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Xavier Mission

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 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)

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 Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207

Rev. Peter Fink, S.J. (Associate Pastor) — 211

Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to the Pastor) — 222

Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship and Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205

Gregory Timmes (Assistant Director of Business) - 201

Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221

Rev. Sean Toole, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206
Receptionist — 201

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 (secretary); 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 16th

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

Sunday, January 17th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, 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 Gatza, Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham, James Griffin, Jerica Elaine Harris, Elizabeth Jones, Kvetka Kaplan, Anne Karle-Zenith, Ana Gerda Kennedy, Robyn Luisi, Dee Kelly, Robert Labissiere, Patrick Loughlin, John Marshall, Ron and Elizabeth Miller, 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:

Expedit Codo, John Guiliano, Barbara Mohr, Rachel Monteleone, Anthony Muto, Catherine O'Regan, Nelda Salas, Maxell Shief, Aidan Frank Stephens

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 Pastor's Desk

THE "NEW" FACES OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope 2016 is off to a wonderful start for all of you. As you read this message, I am in Florida, warming up and celebrating a late Christmas with my family. For many years now, we have celebrated in January because my responsibilities do not permit to be home on Christmas day itself. But as my father used to say, "Joe, Christmas arrives in our family whenever your plane lands." Even now, I still can almost hear his voice.

But never mind the Marina's. Let's continue to bask in the glow of Christmas right here at Xavier, which seemed more splendid and sacred than ever (if that's possible). Many thanks to all of you who worked so hard in anticipation of the great Feast. From the music to the decorations, to the children's pageant, to your generous gifts, etc., etc., etc., we glorified God and lifted each other up in true Xavier fashion. I am **extremely grateful** for all that you did.

Now for some new business. In the wake of Jacqui Falco's retirement and in consultation with our parish trustees and leadership councils, I have made the following changes to our staff: 1) Damely Tineo has been promoted to **Director of Business**. In her new role, Damely will handle most of what Jacqui did as parish manager with the exception of space requests and supervision of our part-time staff. 2) Stephanie Fuentes has been promoted to **Assistant to the Pastor** and is now responsible for all parish communications including the bulletin, website, mass mailings, publications, and interaction with groups and organizations outside the parish. Stephanie will receive and address all internal and external **space requests** as well so please go through her from now on if you need to reserve one of our rooms for your ministry. 3) Gregory Timmes has moved from part-time receptionist to full-time **Assistant Director of Business**. He will assist Damely with her many tasks and supervise our part-time staff as well. 4) And, as I mentioned in a previous letter, Jim Martinez has come on board as part-time **Director of Stewardship and Assistant for Financial Planning**. These are wonderful people and colleagues and their willingness to serve in new capacities will allow me to do what my heart truly desires –to focus more time and effort on the pastoral needs and dimensions of our beloved parish.

If you are concerned about the resources needed to fund these changes, let me put your mind at ease: we are actually saving several thousand dollars in this scenario compared to our previous administrative structure, when we had a parish manager and full-time director of stewardship. In short, this is a win-win-win for the parish! But please feel free to see me if you have any questions about these changes.

As we celebrate the baptism of Jesus this Sunday, let us remember our own baptismal commitment to follow Christ, to carry on his mission, and to build up the Church for the future. I look forward to walking with you as we move further into the Year of Mercy. For now, be assured of my prayers and very best wishes (from the beach ☺) for a new year filled with grace and blessings!

Your servant,
Fr. Marina



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)

will sponsor 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-8:30pm**
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

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.

INTRODUCTION TO CHANT COURSE AT ST. JOSEPH’S SEMINARY (YONKERS)

**Monday nights from 7:00pm-9:30pm,
starts January 18th**

Taught by Dr. Jennifer Donelson, DMA

More information: nyliturgy.org/workshops
Contact: liturgy@archny.org or
914.968.6200, x8177

Gay Catholics

Friday, January 15th

6:45 – 9:00 PM

Mary Chapel

Our first meeting of 2016. New Year - New Beginnings, Second Chances and Surprises. Sometimes an epiphany? Do we risk “thinking out of the box”, trying a different behavior, seeing from a different perspective? Imagination is a wonderful gift; it is fun and a source of knowledge. Come and share your thoughts and experiences about something more than “what resolutions have you made and broken.” Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share.



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 lccjs@aol.com or call 917 716 1265. Thank you.

ZEN SPIRIT/CHRISTIAN SPIRIT AT XAVIER

Saturday, January 30th

9:30am - 4:00pm West Room

*Exploring Silence and Deepening Awareness
A day of teaching, reflection, and meditation*

Many Christians have discovered in Zen a profound connection to life. Through the practice of stillness and awareness, we wake to a world of wonder and gratitude for life in all its aspects. This day of meditation and discussion provides an excellent opportunity for both the curious and committed.

Space is limited, please make a reservation by emailing *Peggy and Paul Schubert* at schubertnyc@gmail.com or calling 212-260-2486. A \$20 donation is suggested to cover lunch and refreshments.

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.

7:45AM DANIEL F. CAHALANE JR. (D)
12:05PM DENNIS JEROME ENRIGHT (D)

FIRST TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

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

7:45AM CLIFFORD ROBERTS (D)
12:05PM SISTER GERTRUDE MORAN, RSM (D)

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

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

7:45AM LOTTI AND CODO FAMILIES (L)
12:05PM DONNA LOSCRUEATO (D)

FIRST THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

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

7:45AM LEO AND ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM MARIE LOUISE TREMSKY (D)

FIRST FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

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

7:45AM BARBARA BEHARRY (D)
12:05PM PETER FALCO (L)

FIRST SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

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

12:05PM SANDRA HARRIS (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