



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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St. Ignatius Loyola on the banks of the Cardoner River

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. Now do you gird your loins; stand up and tell them all that I command you. (Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 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 Dir. 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, February 6th

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

Sunday, February 7th

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

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

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

Next Weekend 2nd Collection

For the benefit of Peter's Pence.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Kyle Chepic, Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio, Minnie Depalo, Carol Ferrone, David Fuentes, Joaquin Gager, Gary Gatza, Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham, Elizabeth Jones, Robyn Luisi, Dee Kelly, Robert Labissiere, John Marshall, Kathy Mulvaney, Riederer Family, Denyse Robinson, Cynthia Ruiz, Rocco Scura, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend, Dr. John Sony Valentino, Molly Wolfe

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

Emelise Aleandri, Michael Allocca, Eugene Curtis, Joan Florio, John Guiliano, Judith S. Kaye, Patrick Loughlin, Sr. Jan McNabb, R.S.C.J., Thomas McManus, Barbara Mohr, Rachel Monteleone, Jim Murphy, Anthony Muto, Catherine O'Regan, Nelda Salas, Maxell Shief, Aidan Frank Stephens, Dr. Alex Wong

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.

**WANT TO KNOW ABOUT
UPCOMING EVENTS
HAPPENING AT THE CHURCH?**



Get important updates from SFX and the Archdiocese of New York in a timely and convenient way. We want to communicate more effectively with you. But we also want to make it easy for you to control what types of announcements you get from us and how you are notified when we make them. In order to do this we are using a new service called FLOCKNOTE, as in sending "notes" to your "flock".

The service is free and will make it easy for you to stay plugged into the happenings at Xavier and the wider Church **via text message or email updates**. And don't worry, your information is completely safe and secure. It will NOT be sold or rented to third-parties. And you can unsubscribe at any time!

You can visit the parish website at www.sfxavier.org and click on the Flocknote icon pictured above.

**NEW ROLES AND FACES
OF THE FINANCE COUNCIL**

We are very pleased to announce that Mr. Michael Shanabrook and Mr. Andrew Royston have been appointed to the leadership positions of Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of our parish finance council. And Ms. Ann McGowan has joined the council as its newest member. Thank you Michael and Andrew and welcome Ann! The tremendous work you do for Xavier is very much appreciated.

Young Adults Group



Attention all young adults... 20's-30's... Xavier's Young Adults Group is back! Join us for the launch of the "new" ministry! The New Year is upon us... A perfect time for a fresh and exciting start. Come join us for our first meeting on **Sunday, Feb. 14**, after the 5pm young adult mass. Together we can make our amazing community even richer.

sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

*GAY CATHOLICS AND CATHOLIC LESBIANS
invite all LGBT individuals to an evening with SAGE
(Services & Advocacy for Gay,
Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Elders)*

Join us on Friday, February 5, at 6:45pm in the Mary Chapel when Tom Weber, Director of Care Management Services and Doreen Bermudez, the Manager of the SAGE Day Program will speak to us about the important fact of LGBT aging in 2016 and then a presentation on SAGE services. (Q&A included)

SAGE is the country's largest and oldest organization dedicated to improving the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) adults.

Every LGBT person is welcome regardless of how young you are.

RSVP requested to **sfxggroup@gmail.com** so that we can ensure enough handout materials.

"Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance." (Lk: 8:15)



A **healing mass** will be celebrated on **Friday, February 5th, at 6:30 pm** in the Main Church. All are welcome to come and pray for healing of body, mind and spirit. **Father Sean Toole, SJ** will preside.



AND THE WINNER IS...YOU!!



A Night at the Oscars **Saturday, February 20th** **7:00pm—11:00pm** **Hurtado Hall**

Join us for an “A Night at the Oscars”-themed Dinner Dance fundraiser to celebrate and support the work of Xavier Mission! Throw off those post-holiday winter blues and enjoy appetizers and cocktails, a buffet dinner, bar, dancing, and the added bonus of supporting your favorite community organization!

By supporting this event, you will help the Mission to feed, clothe and give hope to thousands of men and women in our community. Please purchase your tickets today!

Visit www.xaviermission.org/dinnerdance for tickets or mail a check made out to Xavier Mission (with Dinner Dance in the memo line) to 55 West 15th St. Tickets and sponsorships are available at the following levels:

TICKETS:

Actor - \$80

(1 event ticket, 2 drink tickets)

Hollywood Couple - \$140

(2 event tickets, 4 drink tickets)

Producer - \$250

(2 event tickets, 4 drink tickets, listing in program & website)

TABLE SPONSORSHIPS:

Best Performance- \$1000

(8 event tickets, 16 drink tickets, ¼ page ad in program, tertiary billing on website)

Best Director- \$2500

(8 event tickets, 16 drink tickets, ½ page ad in program, secondary billing on website)

Best Picture- \$5000

(8 event tickets, 16 drink tickets, full page ad in program, primary billing on website)

Black tie attire welcomed (but not required)!

Come strut your stuff on the red carpet

(seriously, there will be a red carpet)!!

The estimated value of goods and services provided per ticket is \$35.

LENTEN & EASTER BIBLE STUDY: THE EARTH, THE BIBLE AND US

Facilitated by Lizzie Berne DeGear

Last Year on Pentecost, Pope Francis delivered his encyclical “Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home.”

This year, as we make our way through Lent, and then celebrate the mysteries of Eastertime, moving once again toward Pentecost, let us delve deeply into Laudato Si. Let us also revisit what our Scriptures have to say about creation, and connect with our planet on a whole new level.

We will begin Lent together on Ash Wednesday (February 10) – gathering outside by the Hudson River and then walking together to the evening liturgy at Xavier. We will enter into Lent by reading Laudato Si, each of us on our own, for a couple of weeks. And then beginning February 24th, we will gather weekly on Wednesday evenings through the rest of Lent and the Easter season (2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16 in Lent and 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11 during the Easter season) sometimes in the West Room at Xavier, and sometimes outside – marveling together as the Earth takes her annual journey from Winter into Spring.

All are welcome. To register please email XavierBibleStudy@gmail.com or call Luz Marina Diaz 212-627-2100 ext 207



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

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

THE 18TH ANNOTATION RETREAT CONTINUES

Join the 18th Annotation Retreat of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises which began in Advent and continues for Lent and Easter - 10 weeks of prayer and sharing beginning in February. Groups meet on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings. Space is limited. Free-will donations are appreciated.

For more information please contact *Marie Bannister* at mariebannister1@gmail.com.

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, February 12th
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
West Room**

February is Black History Month. Cynthia May will facilitate a discussion on the importance of the movement Black Lives Matter. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH: MARY CHAPEL~ 6-7PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH: MARY CHAPEL ~6-7PM

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH: MAIN CHURCH ~6-7PM

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, February 28th

1:00-3:00 pm

Mary Chapel

*Honduras Companion Community
Project Fundraiser & Auction*

Last year's auction was a crowd-pleaser! Take part this year by donating sellable goods or services (worth a minimum of \$50). Last year, the most popular items were services (maid service, singing lessons, garden makeover) gift certificates (yoga, restaurants) and a week in a vacation home (Mexico, Adirondacks).

Be a part of the action. Join us for coffee & donuts and peruse prizes! 100% of bids benefit our five communities in Honduras. PLUS Xavier headliners Sean Adcroft and Jim Fox are donating their auctioneer skills for a live auction. You won't want to miss this event!

Please speak to Nancy Fava or Brian Hotaling or email hondurasccp@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

Lent invites us to turn our minds and hearts back towards our God of mercy. Begin your daily encounter with mercy with Lenten Moments of Mercy. Our daily, Scripture-based series is delivered to you by e-mail. In this series, James Campbell, M.A., D. Min, shares beautiful reflections and the inspiring words of Pope Francis, and provides suggestions for Lenten actions and prayers.

Lenten Moments of Mercy is free from Loyola Press. Sign up now at <http://www.loyolapress.com/lenten-moments-of-mercy> and be ready to connect with the Pope's message of mercy, and live it daily throughout Lent.

STEWARDSHIP AT SFX

Many thanks to the **Figli di San Gennaro** for yet another generous gift of \$2,500 to our religious education program. Since 1996, this benevolent organization has donated nearly two million dollars to Catholic education and various other charities. Our prayers and good wishes are with them as they prepare to celebrate their 90th anniversary! Special thanks to parishioner Bob Marshall for procuring this wonderful gift for us.

SAVE THE DATES

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.

FEBRUARY 10TH ~ ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses at 7:45 a.m. (Main Church);
12:05 p.m. (Main Church) and
7:30 p.m. (Main Church)
with Distribution of Ashes.

Services at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the Main Church
with Distribution of Ashes.

Volunteers will offer an "imposition of ashes" to
anyone coming to the church who so desires during
the following intervals of time:

11:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30.

FOURTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

2 Sam 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20.

7:45AM KEVIN WALSH (D)
12:05PM PATRICK LOUGHLIN (D)

TUESDAY~ FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:

Mal 3:1-4;
Heb 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40.

7:45AM PETER PHILLIOU (D)
12:05PM ANTHONY PENTIFALLO (D)

FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

2 Sam 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6.

7:45AM REV. DONALD DIEDERICH (D)
12:05PM JIM HANLON (D)

FOURTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13.

7:45AM GEORGE F. DEAN (D)
12:05PM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

FRIDAY~ FEAST OF ST. AGATHA:

Sir 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29.

7:45AM SUSAN REUSCHLE MUNDY (L)
12:05PM VINCENT DEPAUL HARRIGAN (D)

SATURDAY~ FEAST OF SS. PAUL MIKI, CHARLES SPINOLA AND SEBASTIAN KIMURA:

1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34.

12:05PM THOMAS STEMBERG (D)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Isa 6:1-2a; 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.

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: Spiritual, Service, and Social Activities for Xavier's 20's-30's. Meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 5pm Young Adult's Mass, in the Mary Chapel. Contact 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