



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

*A JESUIT APOSTOLATE*

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*Artist: Andrey Mironov*

Just one thing is essential now: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. (PHIL 3:14)

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

*One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.*

*Please use 15<sup>th</sup> street entrance.*

**SECOND COLLECTION**

for the benefit of Xavier Mission

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 13, 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Paula Acuti, Angelina Alejandria, Australia Baez, Marc Boorstein, Jeffrey Breitman, Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell, Kyle Chepic, Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio, Francisco Domingo, Joaquin Gager, Racquel Gager, Gary Gatz, Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham, Terri Harrington, Robyn Luisi, Eileen Marina, John Marshall, Betty & Ron Miller, Lou Mauro SJ, Mary Montemurro, Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keeffe, Jake Ratcliffe, Riederman Family, Denyse Robinson, Cynthia Ruiz, Rocco Scura, Amando Solero, Matthew Tanck, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend, Bess Vindigni, Molly Wolfe*

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

*Jose Flores Angeles, Gregoria Arnaldo, Berta Caceres, Brian Danis, Marisa Kruger, Joe Mattioli, Joseph Mullen, George Splain, Clelia Venticinque, Lisa Wallace*

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.**





March 13, 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

During this Lenten season, as we prepare for new life, I write to share with you details that concern upcoming changes in our beloved parish.

Fr. Joseph Marina, S.J., has served you wonderfully over the past three years. Many of you have spoken of your appreciation for him, of his outstanding homilies, and his pastoral care for the sick and the dying. However, as is so often the case in the life of Jesuits, Fr. Marina has been asked to move on to a new assignment after a period of spiritual discernment. He will leave Xavier at the end of June to assume the position of Provost/Academic Vice President at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY. I urge you to make Fr. Marina aware of your affection and gratitude as he prepares to depart.

Fr. Peter Fink, S.J., will transition to a new ministry as well, as I have missioned him to St. Ignatius Retreat Center in Atlanta. You may know that Fr. Fink lived in Atlanta once before, as he pursued his doctorate in theology at Emory University. He has made a tremendous contribution to Xavier over the last ten years, especially through his work in the celebration of weddings, creating beautiful liturgies, and leading the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program each year. I am sure that you will miss Fr. Fink, and I encourage you to wish him well in his new assignment.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, has accepted my nomination of Fr. Robert VerEecke, S.J., as your next pastor. Fr. VerEecke has served for many years as pastor of St. Ignatius Parish, which is adjacent to Boston College. There, he received countless accolades for weaving the arts into the life of the parish. I firmly believe that Fr. VerEecke is the right Jesuit to guide Xavier into the future, and I trust that you will receive him warmly.

Happily, Fr. Sean Toole, S.J., will remain at Xavier for a second year, aiding in the transition to a new pastor. In addition, I have asked Kevin Spinale, S.J., who will be ordained to the priesthood this June, to spend his first summer as a priest at Xavier. In the same way that you have so graciously welcomed other Jesuits to the Xavier clerical staff in the past, I trust that you will mentor him into this ministry of priestly service.

Please be assured of my prayers, and know that I will be grateful for your remembering the Society of Jesus and me when you pray.

*In Corde Jesu,*

John J. Cecero, S.J.  
Provincial

# LENTEN RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION



**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**3:00pm-9:00pm**

On Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, across the Archdiocese of New York, churches will offer the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesuit confessors will be available in our church from 3-9pm and the Blessed Sacrament will be present on the altar during these 6 hours. Please come to avail yourself of the grace of reconciliation or simply to rest and pray for a while as we make our way toward the great season of Easter. All are welcome.

**COME TO THE FAIR, THAT IS OUR  
CELEBRATION OF SERVICE/MINISTRY FAIR  
SATURDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>**

All are invited to attend our Celebration of Service/Ministry Fair at 6pm on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in Hurtado Hall, following the 5pm Mass. We want to honor and celebrate all of our Xavier Ministries and Services, and give all parishioners an opportunity to learn more about and participate in them. There will be refreshments and music to help us celebrate each other and our Church.

Come have some fun and learn more about all the great work of our Ministries.

*Sponsored by your Pastoral Council*

Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>



*Tenebrae Service*  
7:00pm

### *Holy Week Schedule*

**HOLY THURSDAY:**  
**MASS OF**  
**THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
March 24<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
March 25<sup>th</sup>  
*Seven Last Words* 12:00pm  
*Service of the Passion:*  
*Veneration of the Cross* 3:00pm

**EASTER VIGIL**  
March 26<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**  
March 27<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am, 11:30am, 1:15pm



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

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

### **CARE FOR CREATION**

Did you have luck replacing plastic shopping bags with reusable ones? Great! Now pay close attention to your beverages. Last year, Americans used about 50 billion plastic water bottles, and only a small percentage was recycled. Do what you can to avoid plastic bottles, and contact the Peace and Justice Committee if you want to purchase a special St. Xavier reusable water bottle for just \$10!

To be involved in the parish's Care for Creation efforts, email [xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com)

### **GIVE UP YOUR** **ENVELOPES FOR LENT**

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help us save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent. Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Xavier with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Go Green and join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! You can quickly sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code: NY406 or by mailing an enrollment form available in the parish office. Thank you for all you do to support Xavier.



## MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!



Throughout the month of March, we celebrate and honor the rich history of women throughout the world. We look toward remarkable women for inspiration.

Throughout the Gospels, we bear witness to Jesus' deep concern and love for women. During his time, women lived on the fringes of society. Jesus radically elevated the dignity of women: he conversed openly with women, listened deeply to women, and advocated passionately for women. In today's Gospel, we hear of a woman accused and condemned by many men, but not by Jesus.

We stand with her today! We stand with all women facing violence or sanction at the hands of men afraid of our power and autonomy. With Malala Yousafzai, shot in 2012 for claiming education as a right for girls. With Sister Simone Campbell and other U.S. Catholic sisters who challenged the Vatican's assessment of religious life of 2009. With Obioma Nnaemeka, speaking out against female genital mutilation. With Saint Rita of Cascia (1381-1457), a bold example of an agent of change for women. After surviving an abusive marriage, she entered the Augustinian religious community. She stands as the patron saint of abused women. We stand with them. We stand with you. Christ stands with us!

As we move towards Easter, we pray for an end to the abusive situations that many women in this world still face every day.

Resources for women in need: [https://sites.google.com/site/ihavesomethingtosay10011/home/resources\\_crisis](https://sites.google.com/site/ihavesomethingtosay10011/home/resources_crisis)

*From the SFX Women's Ministry*



**Young Adults**  
CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Are you a young adult in your 20's or 30's? Have you heard about Xavier's Young Adults Group? We are Back! Bigger! Better! Badder! Its all the RAGE! In case you missed our 1st meeting of the year, fret not... Join us for our monthly meeting today after the 5pm mass in the West Room. Come meet other dynamic, socially-conscious, and gorgeous individuals as together we engage in spiritual, service, and social activities. We welcome ALL... single, married, gay or straight! [sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

## THE 2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL IS IN PROGRESS!

*"You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify our heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:14-16)*

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are called to help one another and be merciful, as Jesus is for all of us. It is only with your help that the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters through our ministries and charities.

**PLEASE ANSWER THE CALL AND DONATE TODAY!**  
*Envelopes available in your pews.*

To make an online gift,  
visit [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)

## For Your Safety

Please do not use the altar steps when crossing our sanctuary space. We have had several falls over the last few years and it is much safer to use the side ramps. Your cooperation in this important matter is very much appreciated.

## THIS SUNDAY IN THE MARY CHAPEL!

*Xavier Women's Ministry presents:*

### JUBILANT VOICES: XAVIER'S VERY OWN WISE WOMEN

*Sisters Mary Galeone and Andrea Dixon*

Join us as we celebrate their over 100 years of service and learn from their wisdom.

1:00pm Cake!  
1:30pm Program begins.

### PAPER TIGERS

*One high school's unlikely success story.*

*Paper Tigers is a film that intimately examines the inspiring promise of Trauma Informed Communities - a movement that is showing great promise in healing youth struggling with the dark legacy of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)*

Please join us as we watch and then discuss this powerful new documentary about one school's answer to childhood toxic stress.

**FILM SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION  
with critically acclaimed author and Pulitzer  
Prize nominee Andrew Solomon  
Monday, April 18 at 6 PM**

*Presented by Joy Farina Foskett,  
Prevent Child Abuse NY Representative*

**Grace Church School  
46 COOPER SQUARE MANHATTAN  
(212) 675-6150 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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Grace Church School, The First Presbyterian Church  
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Psychotherapies, Corlears School, Prevent Child Abuse  
New York, Go Project, Academy of St. Joseph*

## HONDURAS AUCTION THANKS

Thanks to all who participated as donors, planners and patrons of our fund-raising auction on Feb. 28. We raised \$5,000 which will allow us to continue and even increase our support for our scholarship students in Honduras.

### *Adult Activities*

**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 pm in the West Room**

Join the Adult Activities Group to celebrate St. Patrick and St. Joseph.

This year, at this annual event, we will take time to remember Paddy Loughlin and Eugene Curtis. Bring a dish to share and your ideas for future meetings.

The 12:05 mass will be dedicated to Paddy.

## A FAREWELL CELEBRATION



Join us at the 11:30 mass this Sunday, **March 13**, as we say farewell to **Marge Zwanziger**, our oldest living parishioner and dear friend! Marge has been an endless source of God's love and grace to

the Xavier community for decades. As she prepares to move back to her beloved New Jersey for the next part of her journey, we will offer a special blessing and say goodbye in style to this wonderful woman.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT:

Isa 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; John 8:1-11.

### FIFTH MONDAY OF LENT:

Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:12-20.

7:45AM STELLA ZIEMBA (D)  
12:05PM PETER PHILLOU (D)

### FIFTH TUESDAY OF LENT:

Num 21:4-9; John 8:21-30.

7:45AM CHUCK SNOW (D)  
12:05PM MARY McCORMACK (D)

### FIFTH WEDNESDAY OF LENT:

Dan 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42.

7:45AM PADDY LOUGHLIN (D)  
12:05PM PADDY LOUGHLIN (D)

### FIFTH THURSDAY OF LENT:

Gen 17:3-9; John 8:51-59.

### FIFTH FRIDAY OF LENT:

Jer 20:10-13; John 10:31-42.

7:45AM BARBARA BEHARRY (D)  
12:05PM JOHN DAVID GUILIANO (D)

### SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

#### MARY:

Hos 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14.

12:05PM REV. JOSEPH MARINA (L)

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD:

Isa 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Luke 23:1-49.

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

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day,  
you will deny three times that you know me."  
(Luke 22:34)*

*How many times have you heard someone make a  
disparaging comment about Jesus or the Catholic  
faith? How do you react? Do you remain quiet  
not to cause a disturbance or worst yet, because  
you don't want your friends or family to think  
negatively about you? As Stewards we pray for the  
courage to speak up and enter into a respectful  
dialogue.*

## Ongoing Parish Happenings

**ABILITY XAVIER:** Celebrating persons with  
disabilities. Contact [abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com](mailto:abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com)

**ADULT ACTIVITIES:** Once a month we have informative  
meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact  
[bowcol@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:b.a.good.apostle@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS:** Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd  
Friday, 6 p.m., West Room, [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com),  
(917) 297-6804.

**EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:**  
Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sfxgcgroup@gmail.com)

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

**LITURGICAL COMMITTEES:** See website or  
Contact Luz, [LMDiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:LMDiaz@sfxavier.org)

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** To  
become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact James Fox,  
[sumiko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

**SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES:** Offers spiritual programs,  
including spiritual direction. Contact Rose Alloca,  
[allocarose@gmail.com](mailto:allocarose@gmail.com) or Marie Bannister,  
[mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto: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 West Room.  
Contact [sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

**ZEN MEDITATION GROUP:** Mondays at 7pm.  
Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul  
212-260-2486, [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com)

### XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**CLOTHING ROOM:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, contact  
Ann Mary: [xmClothingRoom@gmail.com](mailto:xmClothingRoom@gmail.com)

**FOOD PROGRAMS:** Every Sunday soup kitchen and  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday food pantry, contact  
Christine: [xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com](mailto:xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com)

**L-STEP:** Spring and Fall semesters,  
contact J: [xmLSTEP@gmail.com](mailto:xmLSTEP@gmail.com)

**SHELTER:** Every night, contact Jim:  
[xmShelter@gmail.com](mailto:xmShelter@gmail.com)