



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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As the old Jewish proverb goes, “God could not be everywhere and therefore we have mothers.” Many thanks to Owen Barbagallo of our Family Faith Program who generously crafted and donated his masterpiece (above) for this weekend’s bulletin cover. As we celebrate Mothers Day and proceed into May, let us stay close to our Most Blessed Mother, trusting in the graces and promises she brings us through her Son. Happy Mothers Day to all at Xavier!

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 8, 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 mini-
mum of six months before qualifying for a
sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.**

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, May 14th

5:00pm Mass (Vigil): Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ

Sunday, May 15th

9:00am Mass: Rev. Bishop Walsh

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

Paula Acuti, Angelina Alejandria, Australia Baez,
Marc Boorstein, Jeffrey Breitman, Alex Campbell,
Caitlin Campbell, Kyle Chepic, Sheila Creasy, Francisco
Domingo, Maryann Downing, Joaquin Gager, Racquel Gager,
Gary Gatza, Howard Skip Geiger III,
Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham,
Liz Guerin, Terri Harrington, Dee Kelly, John Marshall,
Kay Mazzo, Betty & Ron Miller, Lou Mauro SJ,
Mary Montemurro, Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keeffe,
Anne Passini, Sister Grace Plimen FSP, Ruth Rivera,
Riederman Family, Denyse Robinson, Carmin Rosado,
Joshua Rota-Tebb, Alice Sharkey, Rocco Scura,
Ray and Terri Sharpe, Amando Solero, Matthew Tanck,
Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend, Bess Vindigni,
Carl Wassmann

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

Palma Como, Louis DeFazio, Eileen Marina,
Andres Perez-Chaumont, Dr. Purificacion P. Prudente,
Francis Schall, Daniel Zoltowski

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.**



Are you seeing **RED**? This is why.

On May 15, an estimated 30,000 walkers will join in Central Park for AIDS Walk New York, the largest and most visible public awareness and fundraising campaign for HIV/AIDS in New York and beyond.

For the third year in a row, we are joining in to help bring AIDS Walk New York to new heights. This May 12th – 15th, New York's skyline will glow **red** again to increase HIV and AIDS awareness, minimize stigma, and declare that AIDS is not over.

Last year, nearly 25 buildings went **red** for **Light Up New York** and many will join us again this year, **including**:

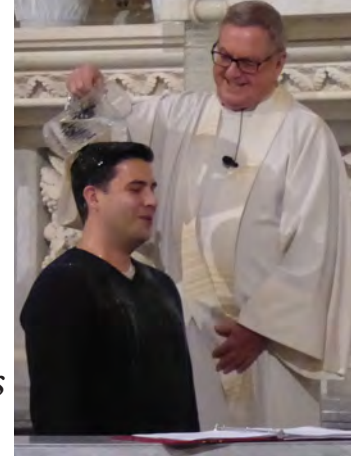
- Empire State Building – this year, New York Icon, Chita Rivera will light the ESB on May 12th!
- One World Trade Center
- Bank of America Tower at One Bryant Park
- The Helmsley Building
- JFK International Airport Control Tower

We are very proud to participate in the **LIGHT UP NEW YORK** initiative. In doing so we know that we are helping to increase awareness and make a powerful statement of support for the many in our community affected by HIV and AIDS.

This year, for the first time, we are reaching out to faith communities to help get the word out, educate the public and prevent new infections by raising awareness. In response, the Church of St. Francis Xavier will be lighting the statue of its patron saint atop the portico over the 16th Street entrance. Come by to see!

Funds raised by AIDS Walk New York benefit GMHC and 40 other AIDS service organizations in the tri-state area. These agencies provide essential direct services and advocacy for people living with HIV/AIDS, as well as far-reaching HIV prevention efforts. To register to walk or donate to AIDS Walk New York, visit ny.aidswalk.net or call 212.807.WALK.

**FAREWELL CELEBRATION
FOR
FR. MARINA & FR. PETER**



**Saturday, May 21st
following the 5:00pm Mass**

*Free will donations are needed to make this
celebration possible and will be
greatly appreciated.*

Please RSVP to Stephanie at sfuentes@sfxavier.org no later than May 17th.

**THE NEW COSMOLOGY
AND THE GOD OF LOVE**

**Sunday, May 22nd
After 9:00am Mass
Xavier High School Library**

Presenter: Father Ramon A. Salomone, S.J.

Ramon A. Salomone, SJ was ordained in 1965. His academic/apostolic background is in the sciences, and he has a Ph. D. in Organic Chemistry from Fordham University. He taught chemistry at Canisius College in Buffalo (8 years) and Le Moyne College, Syracuse (5 years). While at Le Moyne, Fr. Salomone was also the Rector of the Jesuit community. In 1982, he became the Assistant for Formation of the NY Province (from 1982 to 1988). He spent the next sixteen years in Nigeria where he was Novice Director for seven years, Formation Assistant for three years and Superior of the Mission for six years. He returned to the States in 2004 and worked as a part-time hospital chaplain and as the Assistant to the Provincial for International Ministries. Over the years, Fr. Salomone has had considerable opportunity to be involved in retreat and other pastoral work.

“Yes is my answer to God’s invitation”

**23RD LGBT ANNIVERSARY MASS AT XAVIER
Friday, May 20th
7:00 PM**

All are welcome. With great joy you are invited to share our celebration of the Eucharist. As we are all the Body of Christ for each other. There will be a coffee and cake reception in the Mary Chapel immediately following the Mass.

VISIT OF ALEJANDRO OLAYO MENDEZ, SJ

Alejandro Olayo Mendez, SJ, will visit Xavier and preach at the **11:30am and 5:00pm Masses on Sunday, May 29**. Fr. Olayo Mendez is currently reading for a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Oxford in International Development. His research explores the interaction between migrants and humanitarian aid organizations along the Mexican migration corridor. In 2012 and 2015, he led 6 other Jesuits on a five-week, 3000-mile journey through the corridor to better understand the circumstances of migration. The group often slept on the concrete floors of shelters along with the migrants.

After the 11:30am Mass, the *Honduras Project and Peace and Justice* will host a meeting for discussion with Fr. Olayo Mendez in the East Transept of the church. It is a holiday weekend, but if you are in town, we hope to see you.

SPRING INTO ACTION WITH FAITH DIRECT

Is spring cleaning on your mind? Looking for ways to simplify your week? eGiving through Faith Direct can help. 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 Easter season. Enroll today by visiting our parish homepage and clicking the Donate Now button, scanning the QR code below, or mailing in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office. Your gifts through Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances, assist you to get rid of the clutter of offertory envelopes in your home and give you one less thing to worry about on Sunday mornings. If you want to stop receiving envelopes please contact *Stephanie Fuentes* at sfuentes@sfxavier.com or (212) 627-2100 ext. 222. Thank you for your continued support of Xavier with your time and talents as well as treasure.



Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, May 13th
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
West Room**

Marie Bannister will give an encore presentation of “*The Spirituality of Dorothy Day*,” Catholic, journalist, pacifist, social activist, Communist, great American saint, though Day did say, “Don’t call me a saint. I don’t want to be dismissed that easily.”

The first hour will allow for fellowship, and the program will start at 7:00 p.m. sharp! Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

Women’s Ministry

**IMMIGRANT DREAMS, A DANCE OF FAITH:
A TALK WITH DR. LUZ MARINA DIAZ**

Sunday, May 15th 1-3pm in the Mary Chapel

Our very own Luz will share with us her experiences coming to New York City from her home in Venezuela in 1994 with very little other than her faith, her dreams, and her passion for dance.

Learn more about this fascinating and gifted woman on our staff. Enter into discussion about immigrant experience and how we can respond to the current political climate on immigration.

All are welcome! Bring a snack to share!

This past weekend, St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, in Manhattan’s Flatiron neighborhood, suffered a catastrophic 4- alarm fire which destroyed this beautiful Church. If you would like to support the good people of St. Sava, please visit <http://stsavanyc.org> to find out how.

AMORIS LAETITIA COURSE

The Pope’s latest document is groundbreaking, and indeed, controversial. The print version will be available soon. Fr. Michael Holleran will be offering a Saturday morning course to explain, interpret and discuss the document.

WHEN: May 14th, 28th, and June 4th,
from 10:30am to noon

WHERE: the Merton Center of Notre Dame’s Church (405W 114th Street, NY, NY)



WEST VILLAGE CSA AT XAVIER MISSION JOIN US FOR THE 2016 SEASON!

Join the West Village CSA for the most reasonably priced locally-grown organic vegetables and locally-sourced fruit around! Help our partner farmers at Stoneledge Farms in the New York Catskills have enough start-up funding to make it through an entire season, and in return you'll receive the freshest vegetables and fruits you can imagine!

SHARES AVAILABLE:

Standard Vegetable Share: \$535

Discount Vegetable Share: \$425 (available to income-qualified members. Please contact the West Village CSA site coordinator for details)

Sponsor Vegetable Share: \$605 (the Sponsor share helps offset the discounted share price for the Discount Share)

Donation Vegetable Share: \$535 – Purchase a share to be donated to Xavier Mission who will in turn distribute the produce for free to the families of our Food Pantry!

OPTIONAL SHARES THAT CAN BE ADDED TO THE VEGETABLE SHARE:

Standard Fruit Share: \$240

Coffee Share: \$126

Mushroom Share: \$120.

Please go to the farm website for complete information on shares! www.Stoneledge.farm

Pickup Address: St. Francis Xavier Church, 46 West 16th St.

Operating Hours: Tuesdays, 4:00-7:00pm, June 7 through November 15, 2016.

We are an all-volunteer organization and part of purchasing a membership includes the requirement to volunteer on one Tuesday during the season, either from 3:30—5:30 pm for setup or from 5:30—7:30 pm for clean up.

Contact info@westvillagecsa.org for more information.

Standard Shares can be paid for in 3 payments. This is a great value for organic vegetables of \$22.30 per week!

SPONSOR A PARTICIPANT!

Our next class of L-STEP participants has just begun their semester and is looking forward to an exciting 14 weeks ahead! Please consider sponsoring one of our L-STEP Participants and ensuring them a life-changing experience! If you cannot sponsor the full amount, please consider covering a portion of the expenses, as outlined below. The breakdown for one participant is:

Stipends	\$300.00 (\$10 per session, 30 sessions)
MetroCards	\$165.00 (\$5.50 MetroCard per session, 30 sessions)
Food	\$90.00 (\$3.00 per meal, 30 meals)
Supplies	\$30.00 (\$1.00 per session, 30 sessions)
Administrative	\$65.00
Total	\$650.00

Please contact Cassandra at 212-627-2100, x208 with any questions!

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 7:55-60; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26.

SEVENTH MONDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33.

7:45AM VIRGINA PABALA BACCAY (D)
12:05PM ELEANORA KEITH (D)

SEVENTH TUESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a.

7:45AM ANTHONY MUTO (D)
12:05PM JOSEPH MITTIGA (D)

SEVENTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19.

7:45AM MARY A DEAN (D)
12:05PM EILEEN MARINA (D)

SEVENTH THURSDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26.

7:45AM LORIE PAIS MITCHNER (D)
12:05PM THOMAS DUNNE (D)

SEVENTH FRIDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19.

7:45AM BARBARA BEHARRY (D)
12:05PM MANUEL MENESES (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17.

12:05PM VINCENT KOO (L)

PENTECOST SUNDAY: Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17;
John 14:15-16, 23b-26.

**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, SEXWomen@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 sfxggroup@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 John Karle 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 West Room. 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