



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.
(Hebrews 12:1-2)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 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. Robert VerEecke, S.J. (Pastor)

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

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

Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to the Pastor) — 222

Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

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

Rev. Kevin Spinale, S.J. (Visiting Priest) - 204

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);
Deborah Olley Murphy (Secretary); Stephen Alfieri;

Kathleen Cagnina; John Karle;

Bob Lepisko; Charles Mileski;

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe; 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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday: 11:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 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, August 20th

5:00pm Mass (Vigil): *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

Sunday, August 21st

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

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*John Bucki SJ, Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell, Kyle Chepic,
Thomas DeFranco, Margaret English, Rev. Robert Fruch,
Joaquin Gager, Harriett Gordon, Monsignor Neil Graham,
Phil Ingrassciotta, William Koss, James Leung, James Lizzio,
Marian Lizzio, John Marshall, Lou Mauro SJ, Kay Mazzo,
Betty & Ron Miller, Marisol Miro, Lorraine B. Nelson,
Campbell Phillips, Riederer Family, Joshua Rota-Tebb,
Laura Samoy, Valerie Sanchez, Rocco Scura, Alice Sharkey,
Ray and Terri Sharpe, Amando Solero, Danny Stevens,
Vincent Sullivan, Joe Toll SJ, Loretta Tommasulo,
Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend, Gregory Turner,
Carl Wassmann*

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

*Mario O. Arceo, Dana Berritto, Georg Dietz,
Mary Mulkerin Donius, Ted Flint, Jean Fugett, Sr.,
Antoinette Gallitelli ICM, Peter Hawkes, Anne Healey,
Bob Herlihy, Camille Howe, James Martinez Sr.,
Keith Nolop, Thomas Norton, Catherine Olnek, Jean Orza,
Raymond Peralta, Sister Grace Plimen FSP, Denyse Robinson,
James Sullivan, Joe Towle SJ, Marvin Williams*

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.**

SPINALE – FAREWELL TO XAVIER PARISH



Throughout my life as a priest, I will always remember my time at Xavier parish as a delightful, prayerful time in my life – my first gig, my first weeks on the job. Thank you for your generosity and patience as I suddenly found myself leading prayer for a vibrant parish community. Thank you for your words of encouragement, your thoughtful responses to what I have offered in my homilies, and thank you for your faith which heartens my own.

As you know, this is a special place. One of the great moments each week has been when I walk out toward the street after a weekend mass with the recessional hymn crescendo-ing behind me and people on the street look up at me in all my liturgical vestments, hear the grand music, and wonder what in the world is going on. My hope is that their curiosity will bring them back to worship our merciful God with you. They will find a warm welcome and a community that will enrich their lives.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. I wish you a wonderful end to summer, and, please, know of my prayers for you during the year ahead.

In Christ,
Kevin C. Spinale, SJ



XAVIER DRIVE FOR VENEZUELA

Venezuela needs help now – they cannot wait for international powers to decide how to intervene or not! In order to avoid goods ending up on the black market, we will be collecting funds to purchase and send the most critically needed items to a location in Venezuela where they will be distributed to the needy.

Contributions can be made via Faith Direct through 9/11/16 by indicating “Aid to Venezuela” on your online contribution. *See our website on how to donate through Faith Direct.*

Thank you for your generosity to the suffering people of Venezuela. Peace!

Pilgrimage to Rome for Pope Francis’ Jubilee of Mercy
Oct. 5th to 15th, 2016 Marian Days of the Jubilee, Prayer Vigil and Mass with Pope Francis. Recollection in Assisi with *Fr. Thomas Carroll, SJ.*

Visit shrines and historic sites. Provide service of mercy
\$3,399.00, (including airfare) **SPACE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED**

To register and for more information, please contact *Angie Cruz* (917) 607-0937 or angiecruzphd@gmail.com

Ignatian Spirituality at Xavier

*“Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
all I have and call my own
You have given all to me*

Would you like to know what this prayer means in your life?

Join us for an Ignatian Spirituality Information Session to learn more about this prayer and what programs are being offered at Xavier in 2016-17.

- Spiritual Direction
- Spiritual Exercises
- Ignatian Prayer
- Lenten Home Retreat
- Stations of the Light

*... To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me....”
St. Ignatius of Loyola*

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AT XAVIER 2016-17

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6:30pm
Sunday, Sept. 11 at 1:30pm

Sponsored by ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)

Adult Activities

Wednesday, August 24th
West Room at 1:00pm

At this meeting we will plan upcoming activities; places you would like to go, speakers you would like to hear, and subjects you would like to learn more about. Please join us for this important planning meeting. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your suggestions. If you are unable to attend this meeting and wish to share your ideas, send them to *Tom and Nancy* at bowcol@hotmail.com.

Music Ministry

CABARET~THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Friday, November 4th at 7:30PM
Saturday, November 5th at 7:30PM
Sunday, November 6th at 2:30PM

AUDITIONS BY EMAIL



Songs of yesteryear, spoofs on what life used to be like, nostalgia, humour and old time favorites, with a few surprises at just the right moments. Seeking new singers and former singers coming from all walks of the parish who will delight our senses with song, grace and humor. Joined by our consummate professional director Paul Michael. If you are interested in becoming a part of this cabaret, please contact *John Uehlein* at juehlein@sfxavier.org.



Hello ALL dynamic Twenty & Thirty-Somethings! It's that exciting time of the month again... Yes, our monthly Young Adults Group meeting, and you are personally invited to join us: Sunday, August 14th, immediately following the 5pm mass in the West Room. The Young Catholic experience in today's heated political climate. Be part of the lively discourse with other gorgeous, socially-conscious, and fantastic individuals. We welcome ALL...single, married, gay or straight! sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

MORE SAVE THE DATES:

VOX CLAMANTIS
Sunday, September 18th
6:30pm

This is the fragment from our rehearsal for this concert:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCB0y8O61nI6MtWAVs48llg>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VoxClamantisee/>

CONCERT TO END GUN VIOLENCE

Sunday, September 25th 2:30 – 3:30
Featuring Xavier Musicians, Readers and Friends



Catholic Lesbians

Friday, September 9th
6:00 pm–9:00 pm
West Room

Jesus replied, "Stand up! Pick up your mat and walk." (John 5:8, The Inclusive Bible) "And this prayer offered in faith will make them well, and Christ will raise them up." (James 5:15) "The sick upon whom they lay their hands will recover." (Mark 16:18)

We are in need of healing—bodily, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, psychically. As summer turns to autumn, let's be together and share the gift of presence, which heals many things. Lorraine B. Nelson will lead our evening of discussion and reflection.

Bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.



A DECADE OF LOVE!

I have been so privileged to spend the last ten years here at Xavier, in this wonderful community that

I have come to regard as family. It is certainly a unique experience to work in a place where I also feel at home among friends, and where hundreds of people show so much support and love, both for me and for our work here at Xavier Mission.

I never would have imagined when I took this job—a young, scared, pregnant, unwed woman—that I would receive the welcome that I did, and experience the love and the joy that has been ongoing throughout the years. I certainly didn't think I would be here ten years later! But it has truly flown by and each day I am grateful to have found this community; or, more accurately, that this community found me and took me in, like the innkeeper who provided a warm, safe place for a young, scared, pregnant, unwed woman two thousand years ago.

I thank each of you for making this past decade a decade of love. I am humbled, and blessed, to be a part of Xavier.

In honor of the last ten years of our work together, I invite you to join me in making a gift to continue the work of Xavier Mission.

The traditional gift for the “tin” anniversary (according to Wikipedia) is diamond jewelry. But I'm not traditional so instead of diamonds, please consider making a gift to Xavier Mission for the following:

\$10 – 1 day's worth of groceries from our Food Pantry for a family of 4

\$50 – 50 hot meals for our neighbors at the Welcome Table

\$100 – 1 month's worth of supplies for guests at the Coughlin Shelter

\$1000 – 1 month of rent arrears for a family to avoid eviction

I've kicked off the celebration with a \$100 gift. Please join me in making the next ten years as wonderful as the last!

With unending love,
Cassandra



HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING AN RCIA SPONSOR?

Come to learn the requirements and many benefits of sponsoring an unbaptized adult (catechumen) or a baptized adult (candidate) in the RCIA process.

**Tuesday, August 16th
6pm-8pm~Mary Chapel**

Sponsoring is an amazing learning experience, a wonderful way of walking the path with Jesus and inviting those interested in coming along, and a source of spiritual growth and renewal. To attend one of the meetings, register at 212-627-2100 ext. 207 or lldiaz@sfxavier.org



CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Are you looking for a way to share your faith, time and talents with others?

The Family Faith Program needs you!!

All volunteers must be cleared through our safe environment program. We will provide training and support along the way.

We need volunteers to teach pre-kindergarten, 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades.

We encourage all adults to learn about our Family Faith Program at sfxavier.org and prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you!

Contact: lldiaz@sfxavier.org; 212-627-2100 Ext. 207

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53.

MONDAY~FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27a; Luke 1:39-56.

7:45AM JUAN & HIPOLITA BAUTISTA (D)
12:05PM MARY TORRES (D)

TWENTIETH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Ezek 28:1-10; Matt 19:23-30.

7:45AM ASSUNTA CAPUTO (D)
12:05PM ANN HEALEY (D)

TWENTIETH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Ezek 34:1-11; Matt 20:1-16.

7:45AM PETER JAMES HAWKES (D)
12:05PM MARIO O. ARCEO (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. ALBERTO

HURTADO CRUCHAGA: Ezek 36:23-28; Matt 22:1-14.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM JAMES MARTINEZ SR. (D)

TWENTIETH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Ezek 37:1-14; Matt 22:34-40.

7:45AM SISTER MARY DENNIS (D)
12:05PM MATTEO GIOVANNI FALCO (L)

SATURDAY~ FEAST OF ST. BERNARD:

Ezek 43:1-7ab; Matt 23:1-12.

12:05PM EVELYN RAINONE (D)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Isa 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30.

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 sfxgsgroup@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 Larry Ruthv 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