



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Then he said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.” (Luke 17:16-19)

OFFICE CLOSED

Colombus Day

Monday, October 10th

One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.

Please use 15th Street entrance.

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 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) — 204

Email: RVerееcke@sfxavier.org

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

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.



OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 7:30 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, October 15th

5:00pm Mass (Vigil): *Rev. Jim Martin, SJ*

Sunday, October 16th

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

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Paddy Gilger, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Angelina Alejandria, Toti Alejandria, Jesus Andaluz,
John Bucki SJ, Pia Brown, Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell,
Kyle Chepic, Thomas DeFranco, Margaret English,
Susan Forbes, Rev. Robert Fruch, David Fuentes,
Francisco Fuentes, Joaquin Gager, Juan Garcia,
Harriett Gordon, Monsignor Neil Graham, Tom Hannan,
Richard Hogan, Phil Ingrassciotta, William Koss,
Loraine Pavich, James Leung, Marian Lizzio, Greg Lugliani,
John Marshall, Linda Martinez, Lou Mauro SJ, Kay Mazzo,
Betty & Ron Miller, Marisol Miro, Lorraine B. Nelson,
Campbell Phillips, Jim Reidy, Riederman Family,
Joshua Rota-Tebb, Laura Samoy, Valerie Sanchez,
Larry Schwindt, Rocco Scura, Alice Sharkey,
Ray and Terri Sharpe, Amando Solero, Danny Stevens,
Vincent Sullivan, Loretta Tommasulo, Gabino Torres,
Janet Townsend, Gregory Turner, Carl Wassmann*

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

*Jane Benz, Josephine Minervini, William Reid,
Celestino Tomines Jr.*

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

Dear Parishioners,

Last week I told you that I would be with the Pastoral Council on a weekend retreat at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Cornwall. The three days of rain did not deter our spirits as it was a wonderful gathering filled with energy, enthusiasm and love for Xavier parish. At the end of our prayer and deliberations, we decided on three priorities. Outreach to members new and old, Ignatian Spirituality and Refugee/Immigration. I know you'll be hearing more about these priorities in the weeks to come.

I also wanted to let you know that if you are an alumnus or alumna of a Jesuit school the North East Province of Jesuits is sponsoring a special Mass for Alumni on October 23rd at 5PM followed by a reception and information session on Jesuit ministries in Hurtado Hall. They ask if you are interested in attending that you sign up on their website so they have an idea of planning for the reception. Even if you are a parishioner here and regularly attend the 5 PM on Sunday, they would appreciate your signing up. JesuitsEast.org/AlumniSunday2016 I will be presiding and Fr. George Drance will be preaching. George is a very dynamic Jesuit who teaches theater at Fordham Lincoln Center as well as directing his own theater company, Magis and working with the LA MAMA theater company.

Again, I would encourage you if you haven't already, please take the opportunity to register in the parish so that we can communicate with you in a timely manner.

Sincerely

Fr. Bob



Invitation to take part in a free online course to learn more, launching this month.

Find out about this free groundbreaking course. 'Ending Slavery: Strategies for Contemporary Global Abolition' is the world's first massive open online course about contemporary slavery. Led by Kevin Bales, a leading expert in contemporary slavery, the course will cover the most cutting-edge research available.



As well as an opportunity to deepen your knowledge of different forms of slavery today, learn about groundbreaking research and examine strategies to end historical and contemporary slavery. You'll be part of brainstorming a new guide to ending slavery, covering every level from the individual to the United Nations. Visit www.walkfree.org/modern-slavery-online-course/ to register.

The course begins on October 17, 2016 and will run for four weeks, with certificates available. No prior knowledge is necessary, but you will have the opportunity to debate with others solutions for the future of the abolitionist movement, towards a world free from slavery.

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, October 14th
6:00 pm–9:00 pm
West Room**

In every generation there are people who reach out beyond the cultural and religious boundaries of their time, searching for answers to life's deepest mysteries. We call these seekers "mystics." In the past we have discussed our Western Christian mystics. At this meeting we will continue the journey with a discussion of the Eastern mystics.

Social time from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; program to start at 6:30 p.m. Bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

PARISH ELECTION INITIATIVE

The Pastoral Council, working with various ministries in the parish has developed an Election Initiative to pray for our country during this time of national elections. Each week beginning Tuesday, September 27th various ministries of the parish will lead us in prayer. We are praying for peace, for our country, for our world, for our leadership and for our future. The prayer will be non-partisan in nature and give us the opportunity to tap into the power of prayer and community as we face the coming election. The prayer will be from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Mary Chapel.

Ministries that will be leading the prayer are as follows:

October 11th: Lay Spirits Program

October 18th: Peace and Justice Committee

October 25th: ISEL

November 1st: It Was the Women Who Stayed
(Women's Ministry)

All are invited to attend any and all of the sessions. On November 9th (the Wednesday evening following the election) the Bible Study ministry will lead us in prayer to pray for our country and those who have been elected.

SFX LGBTQ ANNUAL RETREAT

"You are the Image of God"

Taken from the meditation by Richard Rohr.

Dates: Friday, November 18, 3:00 pm. through Sunday, November 20, 1:30 pm.

Place: Linwood Spiritual Center, Rhinebeck, New York.

Total cost \$240.00 - \$225.00 per person. (Payable to Linwood Spiritual Center), \$15.00 cash for additional costs paid upon arrival to Retreat Team

Space is limited to 34 people, first come, first serve. Registration forms are available in the parish office on 15th Street.

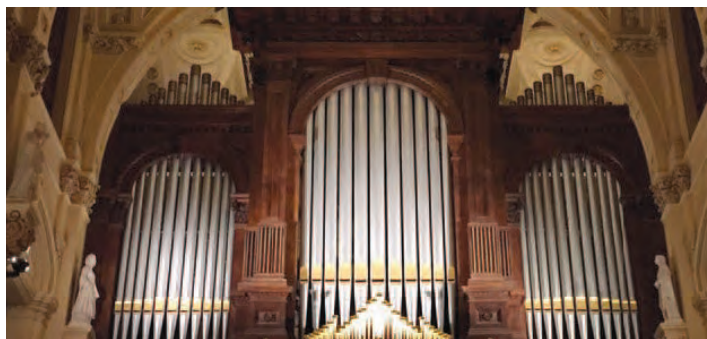
Deposit is due on or before November 1, directly to Linwood.

Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or SFXGCGroup@gmail.com with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GAIL ARCHER

Max Reger: The Last Romantic (1873-1916)



**Sunday October 16th
2:30pm**

Gail Archer will be performing on our 62 rank Peragallo Organ, Opus 700 built in 2010. The program is music of Max Reger. Reger was a Roman Catholic, but his powerful organ literature embraces both Gregorian Chant melodies and chorale tunes from the Lutheran tradition.

CABARET:

THOSE WERE THE DAYS



**FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 4TH & 5TH AT 7:30pm
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH 2:30pm**



JESUIT AND FRIENDS AND ALUMNI MASS

Sunday, October 23rd

5:00 p.m.

President: Fr. Robert VerEecke, SJ

Preacher: Fr. George Drance, SJ

Registration is open for Jesuit Friends and Alumni Sunday, an opportunity for alumni and friends of Jesuit schools to share our common bonds through the celebration of liturgy, followed by a reception highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community.

To register, please visit:

www.JesuitsEast.org/AlumniSunday2016

Zen Spirit/Christian Spirit at Xavier Saturday, October 15th 9:30 am - 4pm 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.

AWE, THANKSGIVING, AND MERCY: AN AUTUMN BIBLE STUDY



In this extraordinary year of Mercy and this time of societal turmoil, the parish extends a special offering: a fall Bible Study. Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 we will gather after sunset in the Mary Chapel for scriptural reflection, faith sharing, and prayer. Participants will also have the opportunity to develop their own written reflections on Scripture in a supportive environment.

Topics include:

October 5th and October 12th *The Days of Awe*. This phrase is used by our Jewish sisters and brothers to describe the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur -- just when our Bible Study begins! In solidarity, during these first two sessions we will tap into our own awe through Scripture study and faith sharing.

October 19th *Jesus: His Relationship to Fame and Controversy*.

October 26th *Immigrant Experience and the Shaping of the Old Testament*.

November 2nd *All Souls Need Mercy*.

November 9th *The Prophet Miriam*.

November 16th *Finding the Author in Authority: A Bounty of Thanksgiving*.

Suggested donation: \$40 for the 7-class series or \$10 per class.

To register please email xavierbiblestudy@gmail.com
For more details on this Bible study, and on the teacher, Dr. Lizzie Berne DeGear BCC, please see the parish website under "Faith Formation": sfxavier.org/bible-study



MISSION MASS NEXT WEEKEND!



Please join us for our annual Mission Mass to celebrate the community outreach program, guests, volunteers, and supporters of Xavier Mission! The Mission Mass will be celebrated at the **11:30am service on Sunday, October 16th**. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating with you that day!



HEALING MASS Friday, October 28th 6:30pm Main Church

A healing mass provides the opportunity to join together with our community and pray for healing of body, mind and spirit. The mass concludes with exposition of the blessed sacrament and an opportunity for anointing, laying on of hands and individual prayer for healing. All are welcome!

Fr. George Drance, SJ will preside.



Young Adults CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Hello Fellow 20 & 30-Somethings! Once again, we want to invite you all to participate in our next meeting on **October 9th**, immediately following the 5pm mass in the West Room. As always, we will be discussing topics of utmost interest. Faith, Formation, and Dogma... what is our respective unique experience? Come join the conversation with other wonderful, socially-conscious, and dynamic individuals. Meet fellow parishoners, make some new friends, and join in the engaging discussion. ALL are welcome... single, married, gay or straight.
sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

A PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY

*Basilica of the National Shrine of
the Immaculate Conception Washington, D.C.*

Saturday, October 15th

Join Cardinal Dolan for this special day of prayer and pilgrimage. Buses depart from multiple locations.

Register Online: **www.archny.org/mercy**

AMORIS LAETITIA~THE JOY OF LOVE

Saturday, November 19th

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Saint Francis Preparatory High School
6100 Francis Lewis Blvd,
Queens, New York, 11365**

Space is limited. For more information visit
<http://meetmein.church/event/fourth-annual-evangelization-congress/>

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19.

TWENTY-EIGHTH MONDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32.

TWENTY-EIGHTH TUESDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Gal 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM THOMAS ANTHONY RYAN (D)

TWENTY-EIGHTH WEDNESDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Gal 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM FRANCIS E. DARCY (D)

TWENTY-EIGHTH THURSDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Eph 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54.

7:45AM THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION
12:05PM KAREN CONEYS (D)

TWENTY-EIGHTH FRIDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Eph 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM MARY ANNE GRIFFIN (D)

SATURDAY~ FEAST OF ST. TERESA OF JESUS:

Eph 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12.

12:05PM FRANCIS TIMPONE (D)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Exod 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8.

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, [suniko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto:sunikol20@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