



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. (Exod 17:11-13)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 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);
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Kathleen Cagnina; John Karle;

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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 22nd

5:00pm Mass (Vigil): Rev. Sean Toole, SJ

Sunday, October 23rd

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

11:30am Mass: Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ

5:00pm Mass: Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ &
Rev. George Drance, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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

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

Matilde and Jose Dado, Rev. Robert Fruch, Linda Martinez

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,

A few weeks ago I began sending parish communications through Constant Contact. This is a media platform that I have used before and I find it a great way to stay in touch with you. Although the bulletin and website are important instruments of communication, we also want to make it easier for you to know what's going on at Xavier when you are unable to get to the parish or if you need a reminder of something that's happening before the weekend. I promise not to send too many of these communications since I do not want to overload your inbox!

If you have not received a CC Communication from me, it means one of two things: You'll find me in your "SPAM" folder or we do not have your email. If you would like to receive these occasional communications from me and other staff members, would you please contact *Stephanie Fuentes* sfuentes@sfxavier.org and we will make sure you are on the active list.

If you did receive the last email that we sent out, you would have read about the Spiritual Director's formation program that is beginning at Xavier in January. I've asked Bob Choiniere the director of the program to share his thoughts with you about its value for the life of the parish as well its being a service to other parishes in the Archdiocese. We are hoping that this formation program will appeal to many of you who are eager to share the spiritual journeys of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Spiritual Direction is one of the great traditions of our Catholic heritage. Spiritual Direction is an intimate relationship between a director and a directee focused on the development and deepening of one's own spiritual life. Great saints and mystics throughout history including St. Ignatius and St. Francis Xavier, have benefited from this unique relationship. In our current time, spiritual direction is taking on new life as spiritual seekers and devoted disciples alike seek mentors able to walk the spiritual journey with them.

Our parish has been blessed with a number of well-trained spiritual directors who serve as spiritual companions to other parishioners, but the requests for spiritual direction continue to increase as more and more people seek this kind of relationship. Therefore, thanks to the generous support of the Jesuit Provincial, our parish will offer a unique formation program to train parishioners in the art of spiritual direction so that St. Francis Xavier parish will continue to be a place where those who seek spiritual guidance and companionship can find it and continue to grow in their own faith.

The new 18-month formation program is an intensive process that includes class sessions with recognized experts in the field, mentoring and supervision sessions, group retreats and peer support to prepare individuals to serve as spiritual directors. Classes will meet twice a month on Wednesday evenings beginning on January 2017 through May 2018. If you feel called to consider this unique ministry, you are encouraged to pick up a brochure at the back of the church or from the parish office. If you have any questions about the program or the ministry itself, please do not hesitate to contact *Bob Choiniere* at rchoiniere@sfxavier.org.

Sincerely,

Fr Bob

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 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 SFXGCCGroup@gmail.com with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

GAIL ARCHER

Max Reger: The Last Romantic (1873-1916)

Today

2:30pm

CABARET:

THOSE WERE THE DAYS



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

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, populate this celebration of our parish and of humanity at large. New singers and former singers coming from all walks of the parish will delight our senses with song, grace and humor. Parishioners from Pastoral Council to rear of the church Catholics will be performing. And our surprise sing along at the end is sure to send you into the joy this cabaret has become known for. Joined by our consummate professional director Paul Michael and musical director Brad Ross, this year's show looks to be a winner. Seating is limited for the cabaret, so be sure to buy your ticket ahead of time!

SUGGESTED DONATION \$20

TICKETS GO ON SALE THIS WEEKEND. PLEASE SEE FRONT DESK TO PURCHASE TICKETS.

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

Adult Activities

A VISIT TO LITTLE ITALY

Friday, October 21st

12:00 pm



We start with a visit to The Shrine Church of the Most Precious Blood. On display in the nave of the church is the "Nativity of Mercy." An arrangement of figurines depicting the Birth of Christ surrounded by figures of ordinary people performing tasks of everyday life. This beautiful display will only be at the church during the Year of Mercy. Following we will share a meal at a local restaurant. After lunch we can visit the Italian American Museum. At this wonderful small museum we learn about the contributions made by the people of Italy and their descendants to American society.

Admission is \$7.00. Meet at the 15th street entrance to Xavier at 12:00 pm. Bring your Metro Card.

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 19th *Jesus: His Relationship to Fame and Controversy.* On the evening of the 3rd and final presidential debate, we will look at how Jesus responded to the mass reaction activated by his ministry, and his personal relationship to controversy.

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 visit sfxavier.org/bible-study

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.

LITURGICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

If you are interested in reflecting on the scriptures of the Advent Season in preparation for our liturgical celebrations, Fr Bob will be facilitating a liturgical planning session on Tuesday evening **November 1st** from 7:15 - 9PM. (venue to TBD). If you are interested in attending, please let *Fr. Bob* know at rvereecke@sfxavier.org.

From the Desk of Jim Martinez

Thank you to all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support our parish throughout the year. I am pleased to present the preliminary financial results for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2016. The Statement of Support summarizes revenues and expenditures for last year compared to budget and the budget for the new fiscal year that started September 1st. Our final financial results will be included in our 2016 Annual Report that is planned for distribution on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27th.

We finished the year with a deficit of \$27,062 compared to a budgeted deficit of \$173,502. The favorable results versus budget are due to increased giving in donations & bequests, the Christmas and Maintenance collections, and votive candles. Our Sunday offertory collections were under budget by \$23,332 and the same as last year. Our planned deficit for this year is \$49,804 and therefore we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your donations this year, if you can. We need your increased support in the coming year through your Sunday offertory, maintenance 2nd collection, and Christmas and Easter gifts to help reduce this deficit.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Year ending August 31st

	Actual 2015/16	Budget 2015/16	Difference	Budget 2016/17
Support	\$ 2,163,942	\$ 2,066,333	\$ 97,609	\$ 2,174,946
Expenses	\$ 2,191,004	\$ 2,239,835	\$ (48,831)	\$ 2,224,354
Net Support Over (Under)				
Expenses	\$ (27,062)	\$ (173,502)	\$ 146,440	\$ (49,408)
Major Revenue Sources				
17th St Rental Income	\$ 796,133	\$ 796,133	\$ -	\$ 816,036
Sunday Collection	\$ 768,668	\$ 792,000	\$ (23,332)	\$ 795,000
Donations & Bequests	\$ 166,320	\$ 57,000	\$ 109,320	\$ 64,100
Weddings	\$ 69,387	\$ 97,000	\$ (27,613)	\$ 100,000
Christmas	\$ 100,104	\$ 65,000	\$ 35,104	\$ 80,000
Easter	\$ 49,155	\$ 57,000	\$ (7,845)	\$ 53,000
Maintenance Collection	\$ 61,551	\$ 57,500	\$ 4,051	\$ 64,000
Votive Candles	\$ 25,226	\$ 18,000	\$ 7,226	\$ 26,000
Flowers	\$ 11,851	\$ 12,500	\$ (649)	\$ 13,000

	2016	2015
As of August 31st the parish had cash balances and investments as follows:		
Cash and Money Market Funds	\$1,263,184	\$1,179,578
As of August 31st the parish had the following receivable:		
Xavier Mission, Inc.	\$96,247	\$109,368
Religious Education Rebate from Archdiocese	\$0	\$34,611
As of August 31st the parish had the following obligations:		
Restoration Loan	\$2,307,097	\$2,754,653
Archdiocese Invoice & Collections	\$10,154	\$10,451
Vendors and Service Providers	\$106,451	\$100,172
Parish Organizations	\$9,720	\$21,368

289 donors contribute to the Sunday Collection using Faith Direct

In Christ's Peace,
Jim Martinez
Director of Stewardship



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, November 4th
6:00 pm–9:00 pm
West Room**

Let's socialize and settle in from six to six thirty, and then Lorraine Nelson and Roe Sauerzopf will lead the discussion based on this Scripture: "God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3).

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

Brief Notices from Other Places

**WE ARE ALL GOD'S DELIGHT: ROOM AT THE TABLE
A Weekend Retreat for Our
LGBT Brothers and Sisters, Family and Friends**

All Are Welcome!

Beginning with Supper
Friday, October 28, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Concluding with Liturgy
Sunday, October 30, 2016

Bishop Molloy Retreat House
8645 Edgerton Blvd, Jamaica, New York 11432

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$210.00

CALL: 718.739.1229

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**Nightfever NYC** is coming back to **St. Patrick's Cathedral** on **November 19, 2016**. On the last night of the Year of Mercy, Nightfever NYC will be hosting this night of praise, worship and reconciliation at Saint Patrick's Cathedral (50th Street and 5th Avenue). We will have the opportunity to pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as well as light candles to honor Our Lord. The evening of music and prayer will start at 7pm and end at 9pm. Confessions will be heard throughout the night. Come and be a part of this night, where the Cathedral will be have its doors open to all New Yorkers so they can come, pray, and love the Lord. For more information, email us at [nightfevernyc@gmail.com](mailto:nightfevernyc@gmail.com).

## **AMORIS LAETITIA~THE JOY OF LOVE**

**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>  
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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Exod 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8.

**MONDAY~ FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH:** Eph 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21.

7:45AM PETER JAMES HAWKES (D)  
12:05PM ELEN BARANOWSKI (D)

**TUESDAY~ FEAST OF ST. LUKE:** 2 Tim 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM GARY VACARRO (D)

**WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF SS. JOHN DE BREBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Matt 28:16-20.

7:45AM PETER JAMES HAWKES (D)  
12:05PM ANTONELLA ESPINAL (L)

**TWENTY-NINTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Eph 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53.

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

**TWENTY-NINTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Eph 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59.

7:45AM PETER JAMES HAWKES (D)  
12:05PM LUCIA PLACIDO-LEE (D)

**TWENTY-NINTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Eph 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9.

12:05PM PETER JAMES HAWKES (D)

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.

**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](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, [SEXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SEXWomen@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 [sfxggroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxggroup@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 Larry Ruthv 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)