



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. (John 17:9-11)

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 28, 2017

## ***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. 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](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:** 8:30 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 mini-  
mum of six months before qualifying for a  
sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.**

## ***Next Weekend Presider Schedule***

### **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

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

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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Sean Adcroft, Maria Antonia Araujo, John Bucki SJ,  
Alex Campbell, Luceil Carroll, Eileen Cleary, Normita Crystal,  
Florence Demopoulis, Elizabeth Flynn,  
Monsignor Neil Graham, Joan Halpern, Patricia Joseph-Lyle,  
Fr. Thomas Kallumady, Patricia Anne Keenan,  
Robert Lapidés, Molly Mae LeBlanc, June LeBell,  
Molly Mae LeBlanc, Michael Leahy, Marian Lizzio,  
Lou Mauro SJ, Nicole Minson, Marisol Miro, Sailani Morales,  
Kathy Mulvaney, Lillian May, Campbell Grant Phillips,  
Jeff Roberts, Edminda Sanchez, Rocco Scura, Matt Simzik,  
Sal Talarico, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers, Benjamin Yabut*

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

*Mary Pat O'Connor, Amy Phillips, Ana Maria Rodriguez-  
Andaluz, Ismael and Ena Rodriguez, Michael Santorsa*

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,

I'm writing this to you on Monday, a rainy, relatively cold day in the hopes that the weather will be bright, sunny and summerlike for this Memorial Day Weekend. One can always hope! And that should be our outlook as followers of Jesus Christ. We wait in joyful hope! This time between Ascension and Pentecost is a time of "waiting in joyful hope". We not only have the promise of the coming of the Spirit, we already have the Spirit moving in us and with us as a community of faith.

I was witness to the Spirit moving tonight as I attended the LSTEP Graduation for 5 participants who have spent the past 14 weeks sharing their stories, their hopes and dreams for the future with each other and with their mentors. Each person spoke of the challenges that they had faced including addiction, abuse, imprisonment, homelessness and each witnessed to the power of the Spirit leading them to a better life through the commitment of people who wanted to be there for them. Each person found in the LSTEP program which is sponsored by the Xavier Mission a community of friends that gave them hope and the courage they need to make changes in their lives. It was so very moving to hear the witness of each of the LSTEP graduates.

Most of our stories are not as dramatic as those of the persons participating in L-STEP but each of us knows the challenges we face to be more loving and more open to the Spirit moving in our own lives. I hope and pray that this time between Ascension and Pentecost will be a true "memorial" as we remember God's gracious love for us and as we "wait in joyful hope!"

I hope you have a wonderful inauguration of the summer season this weekend!

Peace!

**Fr. Bob**

### **HEALING MASS** **FRIDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>** **7:30PM~MAIN CHURCH** **PRESIDER: FR. SEAN TOOLE, SJ**

*Jesus said: "Feed my lambs." John 21:16*



A healing mass offers an invitation to join with the community in a Eucharistic liturgy and pray for our own needs and the needs of our loved ones. Whatever your burdens might be, please come and place them in the hands of our loving God. Each person will have the opportunity for an individual healing prayer that includes anointing with blessed oil and laying-on of hands. It is a time of peaceful prayer, a time of resting in God's presence and a time of spiritual renewal. Please come and join in our prayer for healing. All are welcome!





**SINGING US HOME:  
ANNE HOLLAND,  
ORIGINAL AND SACRED SONGS**

*featuring original songs by Anne Holland  
accompanied by some of New York City's top musicians  
including trumpet, woodwinds, bass, drums and piano.*

**Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm  
Main Church**

Anne Holland performs original and sacred songs with her husband and trumpet player, Jim Hynes. Please join us for an evening of rich and inspiring music by some of the city's best musicians.

*This is sure to be a spectacular concert!*

We are creating care community to provide support and assistance for *Mary Rentas*, a longtime parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Church and volunteer of Xavier Mission. Mary is having more difficulty getting around and managing daily tasks and we as her Xavier family are here to take care of her, a small way to return the favor for all she has done for us! If you are interested in assisting, please visit <https://my.lotsahelpinghands.com/community/maryrentas> to sign up for updates and volunteer for tasks. You can also call *Cassandra Agredo* at 212-627-2100, x208 if you want to help but don't have Internet access.



We are excited to announce a collaboration with The Center for Anti-Violence Education ([www.caeny.org](http://www.caeny.org)) and will be sponsoring an UpStander Training and Basic Self-Defense. “Upstander workshops are designed to equip those facing hate and violence with de-escalation skills and basic self-defense techniques. Additionally, this training empowers bystanders with the tools they need to help those facing harassment by choosing intentionally from a continuum of tactics. These two approaches combined offer New Yorkers unique and critical options for keeping our communities as safe as possible and mitigating violence.”

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

**6pm - 8pm**

(immediately following the 5pm Mass)

Room: tbd

This is an open invitation to ALL in our Xavier community: single, married, LGBTQ, and straight!  
Please RSVP: [sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

## READY FOR YOUR SUMMER GETAWAY?

Are you starting to plan your summer vacation? What is the best way to ensure that Xavier receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the summer months? Go Green and enroll in Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. 465 families now use Faith Direct to support Xavier. 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.

If you are using envelopes we encourage you to make the switch to Faith Direct. Envelopes are expensive: printing, mailing, handling, donation processing and tax letters. In fact, at least 5 sets of hands handle the envelopes on the parish side, not to mention printing and mailing. If you want to stop receiving envelopes please contact *Stephanie Fuentes* at [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org) or (212) 627-2100 ext. 222.

Please consider joining the 45 other families who signed up for Faith Direct during the last year. Thank you for your continued support of Xavier with your time and talents as well as treasure.





## SUMMER READING LIST

1)Xavier Mission Annual Report (available now in the front of the church and at [www.xaviermission.org](http://www.xaviermission.org)).

Check it out and see what an amazing year we had! (Special shout out to Nancy Fava for putting it all together for us!!)

## Catholic Lesbians

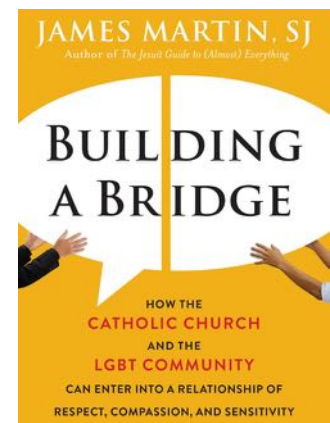
Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm–9:00 pm  
West Room

Jamaica Kincaid's My Brother, Angels In America 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Patient Zero, Truvada, Vision 2020, patron saints of people with HIV/AIDS—"AIDS is not over," says Tess Thompson, MSW. She will put together all of these elements in a comprehensive presentation on what we can do to fight back and end AIDS. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share. Contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

*You are invited  
Saint Francis Xavier, will welcome  
Fr. James Martin, S.J., for a presentation and book-signing of his new book*

### **"BUILDING A BRIDGE" TOWARDS GREATER INCLUSION IN THE CHURCH FOR LGBT CATHOLICS**

**Wednesday, June 28, 7:00pm  
in the Main Church**



*Fr. James Martin, SJ will also be presenting at Church of St. Ignatius Loyola on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and 7:00pm.*

**MOVING WITH THE SPIRIT!** The Church of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Dance Party to be held on Saturday June 17th from 7PM-11PM, sponsored by the Blessed Sacrament's Gay Fellowship. Tickets will cost \$150, and all proceeds will go towards the ministries of the parish as well as two non-profits that support vulnerable youth, in particular from the LGBT community- the Ali Forney Center and Born this Way Foundation. Come celebrate our Catholic diversity, as we dance the night away united in the Spirit which binds us together! Tickets are on sale at the Blessed Sacrament rectory. Please call or visit the rectory to get your ticket. Call (212) 877-3111.

**THE ACADEMY OF SACRED DRAMA** will present the North American Premiere of Giovanni Battista Bassani's oratorio Jonah (Giona) [1689] on Saturday, June 10th at 8 PM at Corpus Christi Church (529 West 121st St, near Broadway). Tickets for this Oratorio Reading are \$25 (payable by cash or check at the door). The Academy is a society of amateur and professional musicians, writers, and artists and their advocates who explore history, music, and culture through the philosophical and storytelling lens of Baroque-era sacred dramatic music. Visit [academyofsacreddrama.org](http://academyofsacreddrama.org) for more information.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a.

### SEVENTH MONDAY OF EASTER:

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

### SEVENTH TUESDAY OF EASTER:

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

7:45AM MARGOT CAREY (D)  
12:05PM MARY LOU HAGGERTY (D)

### WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

**MARY:** Zeph 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM KEVIN KEENAN (L)

### THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. JUSTIN:

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

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM VINCENT TUCCI (D)

### SEVENTH FRIDAY OF EASTER:

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

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM PAM KUHN (D)

### SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. CHARLES

**LWANGA:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25.

12:05PM ALFRED HORAN (D)

### PENTECOST SUNDAY:

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23.

**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)

**XAVIER ADULT GROUP:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [xavieradultgroup@gmail.com](mailto:xavieradultgroup@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS:** Ministry since 1993, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 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)

**IT WAS THE WOMEN WHO STAYED:** 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 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 [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)