

*If today
you hear
His voice,
harden not
your hearts.*

***Eucharist
Main Church***

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses: 7:45 am, 12:05 pm

(All Masses are Handicapped Accessible)

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 2:00 to 3:00 in the Parlor
or by appointment with one of the priests.

Sacraments

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, just stop by the office and fill
out a registration form.

Staff

Joe Costantino, S.J. (Pastor) — 204

Cassandra L. Agredo

(Dir. Outreach Mission) — 205

Patrick Brewis (Capital Campaign/ Dev.) —206

Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Rel. Ed.) — 207

Donna Estaba (Receptionist) — 201

Jacqueline Falco (Parish Manager) — 221

Peter Fink, S.J. (Associate Pastor) —208

Corrine Manning (Parish Secretary) — 222

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

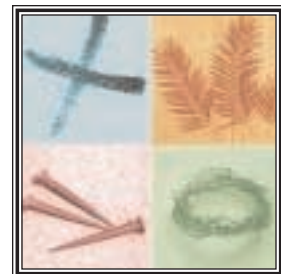
Pastoral Council

Sandy Mattingly, Chair

Joan O'Brien, Vice-Chair

Roseann Bonadia; Jim Fox; Eileen Gatzka;

Jim Hartman; Ed Poliandro;



G.I.F.T.

GROWING IN FAITH
TOGETHER

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND
ONE OF THE LENTEN SESSIONS
ON SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

Spiritual Conversation:
The Spiritual Practice of
Discovering Who We Are Before God

Sunday March 7 th 1:30 to 3:30 PM Main Church	Wednesday March 10 th 6:30 to 8:30 PM Hurtado Hall
Monday March 15 th 6:30 to 8:30 PM Hurtado Hall	Saturday March 20 th 1:30 to 3:30 PM Main Church



In spiritual conversation, through sharing our personal prayer and attentive listening to others, we discover how the spirit of God is revealed to us, how it lives in our lives, and how it leads us to grow in community.

Rose Allocca and Marie Bannister will facilitate four interactive sessions to practice spiritual conversation framed in a methodology that Marie and Rose learned in the CAD (Communal Apostolic Discernment) workshop in Rome, Italy in 2009.

You are invited to attend any one of the four sessions offered. When possible, members of the Xavier Ministries and Committees are encouraged to attend a single session group together.

Marie Bannister, M.A., Spiritual Director
Rose Allocca, Ph.D., Coordinator, Spiritual Exercises

Phone: (212) 627-2100 ext 207 or email lm Diaz@sfxavier.org

2010 Archdiocesan Stewardship

The 2010 Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal is in its final stages in our parish. Next weekend is Commitment Weekend.

At all Masses, you will have an opportunity to make your commitment to the Appeal. As children of Christ, we are called to serve others out of gratitude to our most generous God. Please consider a worthy pledge to the 2010 Appeal. Thank you.

Please visit the Stewardship Appeal website for further detailed information:
<http://stewardshipappeal.org/>

Young Adults

WORDS OF SERVICE AND PRAISE:

Prayers on Our Lenten Journey

TODAY, MARCH 7

AFTER 5PM MASS, WEST ROOM

Join the Xavier Young Adults as we contemplate our parish's Lenten theme,

"What Shall I Give Back to the Lord?"

using text passages that discuss Service and Praise.

Drawing upon the wisdom of both holy Scripture and the words of St. Ignatius, Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, and others, we will discuss the ways their words inspire us to prayerful action and greater devotion during this most holy season.

Good prayer, conversation, and snacks will abound!



MOVING FORWARD

IN RENEWAL, RENOVATION AND RESTORATION

Capital Campaign Communications

**STRETCH
YOUR HEART**

Cupid is still calling!

Participate in our Stretch Goal

If you have given already...

If you are still discerning...

Our Stretch Goal is for You

Just a few reasons why...

Construction presents unanticipated opportunities & challenges

- ♥ New art commissioning for the Sacred Heart & Boy Saints (HIV/AIDS) Shrines
- ♥ New Shrine Candle holders
- ♥ Air Conditioning for the Mary Chapel
- ♥ Restoration of the newly discovered Tiffany stained glass for the Mary Chapel
- ♥ Special lighting for the two church Tiffany stained glass windows
- ♥ New prie-dieus
- ♥ New choir chairs
- ♥ New cantor stand
- ♥ Mosaic medallions for Baptismal font and Front Entrance
- ♥ All this and more discovered as unique opportunities while MOVING FORWARD

Patrick Brewis
Director, Capital Campaign
212.627.2100 ext. 206 or visit our web site
at www.sfxavier.org/movingforward

GIVING BACK

In our February 14th Bulletin, the Lent/Easter Liturgical Planning Committee introduced a focus, if you will, for this Lent, “*What Shall I Give Back to the Lord?*”, then answered that question with “*service and praise*”. What a wonderful way to give back!

Everyone knows from experience how great it feels when you help someone in need, whether it is with service or praise. Thank God for the service and ministries that we provide here at Xavier to those in need! And thank God that we now have a restored and renovated building from where we can offer those vital services and ministries! The Church is the very center of all the service and praise we offer. Thank you for helping make the Church of St. Francis Xavier the dynamic, diverse and inclusive community it is ... May you experience your own interior renovation and restoration this Lent!

A FEW IDEAS to STRETCH this LENT...

‡ Increase your original pledge

‡ Do a “*bump*” gift – “*bump*” up the total gifts, by gifting the campaign from time to time

‡ Give a T.B.T.G. Gift - (“*Thanks Be To God*”) This Lent, when you feel blessed, give back to the campaign with a T.B.T.G. Gift!

‡ Give Stock options or remember us in your will (and let us know)

‡ Make an initial pledge if you haven’t already

‡ Go to www.sfxavier.org/movingforward and click on the Pledge or Donate Now button or drop your check in the collection basket at Mass

Liturgy Ministers Committee

The Lenten Liturgy

During the fourth and fifth centuries, the Church developed liturgies to help people who wanted to become Christians. The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) that we use today is rooted in that past history. The RCIA involves four stages along this exciting journey of faith. The third stage is 40-days, corresponding to 40-days of Lent. It focuses on spiritual withdrawal in preparation to celebrate the Paschal Mystery as either a new Christian through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, or, if a candidate is already baptized, through Confirmation. They are all invite to partake in the Eucharist. The entire period seeks to purify the heart and to illuminate the mind into a deeper knowledge of Christ.

Biblically, “40” is a symbolic number that expresses “*intense preparation*” to celebrate an important event. Jesus prayed 40-days before beginning his ministry. Moses waited 40-days before going to Sinai. Elijah walked 40-days towards Horeb. After the Exodus from Egypt, the Jews spent 40-years wandering in the desert.

During Lent, those journeying in the RCIA also enter into a period of intense preparation and prayer. On the First and Second Sunday of Lent are the presentation of the Lord's Prayer and the Creed along with the Rite of Election and Rite of Continuing Conversion.

This is followed for the next three Sundays with the public celebration of the *scrutinies*. These *scrutinies* are communal prayers designed to strengthen these elect in their ongoing journey of initiation and conversion. To “*scrutinize*” something means to examine it closely. The community, however, does not scrutinize the elect; the elect scrutinize their own lives and allow God to scrutinize and heal them.

On the First and Second Sunday of Lent, our scripture readings are about the temptation of Jesus in the desert and his transfiguration. When a parish is engaged in the RCIA journey, the readings may be from Cycle A instead of Cycle B or Cycle C, which we are using this year. These readings for the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays, are from the Gospel of John and emphasize the baptismal themes of Water (the Samaritan woman at the well), Light (the healing of the man born blind), and Life (the raising of Lazarus). These three scriptures are read at all our parish Masses to assist in our common reflection about our own Baptism. This commonality helps to make the entire parish aware of those preparing for the celebration of the Sacraments; it invites their prayers and encourages us to continue praying for them as they make this special faith journey. We encourage everyone to participate in the Pascal Triduum and in particular to join with our elect in the celebration of the Easter Vigil. It is a moment of enormous grace and joy for them and for us. *Mark your calendar!*

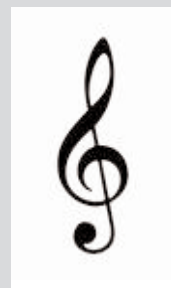
Save The Date



If you missed it at
JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER

Be sure to catch it at PAX
(Performing Arts at Xavier)

MARY LOU WILLIAMS



A special concert on the anniversary of Jazz Legend, Mary Lou Williams' 100 birthday!

May 8, 2010 ~ 7:30pm

**The newly renovated and restored
Church of St. Francis Xavier**

Proceeds to benefit our Xavier Mission

Scripture Readings For the Week

The Third Sunday of Lent:

Exod. 17.3-7; Rom. 5.1-2, 5-8; John 4.5-42. *In their thirst the Israelites grumbled against God. The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Jesus promises the woman at the well that he will give her living water.*

Monday of the Third Week of Lent: 2 Kings 5:1-15a; Luke 4:24-30. *Naaman the Syrian is healed of his leprosy and becomes a man of faith. Jesus castigates those in his hometown because they have no faith.*

Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent: Dan. 3:25,34-43; Matt. 18:21-35. *Accept us, O God, with contrite and humble spirit. Forgive your brother or sister from the heart.*

Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent: Deut. 4:1,5-9; Matt. 5:17-19. *Who else has a god so near to them as our God when we call. Those who keep and teach the law are called great.*

Thursday of the Third Week of Lent: Jer. 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23. *Walk in the ways God commands. Whoever is not with me is against me; whoever does not gather with me scatters.*

Friday of the Third Week of Lent: Hos. 14:2-10; Mark 12:28b-34. *We will say no more "our God" to the things we have made ourselves. You shall love God with all your being.*

Saturday of the Third Week of Lent: Hos. 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14. *God says, I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice. God be merciful to me a sinner.*

The Fourth Sunday of Lent: 1 Sam. 16.1b,6-7,10-13a; Eph.5-8-14; John 9.1-41. *God does not see as we see, for God looks into the human heart. Live as children of God's light. Jesus opened the eyes of the man born blind. What have I been able to "see" about myself, about the others in my life, about God, through my Lenten journey?*

Outreach Mission

COMPASSION CAMPAIGN IN FULL SWING!!

Instead of giving up this Lenten season, give back! People have begun calling about the opportunities below and we greatly appreciate it, but we still need more help. We urge everyone to consider participating in this campaign and giving just one night at the shelter or trying out an L-STEP workshop and we still need 4-5 mentors for this semester of L-STEP. Step outside your comfort zone and step into Xavier Mission! Compassion Campaign commitments can be structured as follows:

SHELTER:

- A one-time donation of your time
- A gift at the "Lenten" level (once a month for March, April and May)
- A gift at the "Hurtado" level (once a month for six months)
- A gift at the "Saint" level (once a month for a year)

To make a pledge to the shelter, please contact Jim English at sfxshelter@gmail.com (note new email!)

L-STEP

- A one-time donation of your time in the form of a workshop presentation on one of the following topics: Seeking Employment, Education & Training Opportunities, Stretching Your Dollar, Locating Resources (contact Cassandra for specific qualifications required)
- A gift at the "Mentor" level, which includes seven mentor nights during the L-STEP semester (March—June) plus two special events (Speaker's Night & Graduation)

To make a pledge to L-STEP please contact Cassandra at cagredo@sfxavier.org or 212-627-2100, x205.

LAST WEEK AT THE WELCOME TABLE

On Sunday, February 21st the Welcome Table served 996 meals and 53 guests received clothing. As always, we thank all of you whose continued financial support and dedication make our work possible! We couldn't do it without you!



Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities at Xavier. <http://abilityxavier.googlepages.com>.
Contact: **Kathleen Friel**, kf2105@columbia.edu,
or call, 212.866.1120

ADULT ACTIVITIES: A group of adults of all ages who are free during the daytime; we meet for socializing, interesting talks, art lessons, movies and to plan activities. Meetings are at 1 PM on the 4th Wednesday of the month. For more information call **Marge** at 212 924 8687.

CATHOLIC LESBIANS get together on the second Friday of the month at 7 pm in the West Room. For more information, e-mail SFXWomen@aol.com or call 917.297.6804.

FAMILY FAITH: The catechetical ministry to parents/guardians and children pre-K through 12th grade. Meets on Sundays at 10:00 in the Mary Chapel. Contact: **Luz Marina Diaz**, 212.675 6997 or E-mail, lm Diaz@sfxavier.org

FOOD PANTRY distribute groceries to needy families on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Call **Frank** or **Eileen** at 944-1507.

GAY CATHOLICS: Men meet monthly on the first and third Fridays in a welcoming, affirming environment to address gay Catholic life and how best to live authentically our commitment to the Gospel. Meetings are held in the Mary Chapel at 7PM. Contact sfxgcgroup@gmail.com

LITURGICAL COMMITTEES: For information see website or contact Luz Marina Diaz in the parish office.

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE seeks to proclaim the living Gospel by examining the root causes of injustice and taking loving and prophetic action to name and address them. Meetings on the 2nd Friday of the month. For information, contact **Richenda Kramer** at: 718-720-6424 or chendakramer@yahoo.com.

SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE plans workshops, retreats and other activities to enrich the spiritual experience of our community. They meet the 2nd or 3rd Wed of the month. For more information contact **Joan Schechter** at JoanJSA@aol.com or 212-924-0882.

UNEMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP: If you know of a job opening, please contact us so we can pass the opportunity on to our members. E-mail **Katherine Cleary** at krcoff5th@netzero.com.

WELCOME TABLE: We serve meals each Sunday to all who are hungry. Volunteers prepare food between 9:00 am & 11:30 am or serve from noon to 3:30. Contact **Christine Raglan** 917-502-4759 or sfxwelcometable@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Programs social, spiritual, cultural, and service activities for young seekers in their 20s and 30s meet 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month after 5pm Mass, in the West Room. Single or married, gay or straight - *all are welcome!*
For further information contact **Phil Gutierrez** at, phil.gutierrez@mac.com or www.sfxavier.org/youngadults

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: meets every Monday at 7 pm. Newcomers are welcome. Introductory instruction available. Contact **Peggy & Paul Schubert** at 212-260-2486 or schubertnyc@gmail.com

JO-ANN FLORA, SND: A CLOSER WALK WITH JESUS

*Prophetic Voices from the Pew
Talk about Their Faith™*

Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 PM—9:00 PM
Mary Chapel

Join us as we reflect and pray, using chapter 13 of John's Gospel and **Sieger Köder's** painting of Jesus washing Peter's feet, as a way of preparing for our own Holy Thursday celebration.

Jo-Ann Flora is a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, an international congregation of women founded in France in 1804.

"We see our mission as making known how good God is."

Space is limited, so please RSVP to ACloserWalkJesus@aol.com or (917) 297-6804. The speaker series is free and open to the public, though freewill donations will be accepted.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, March 19, 2010,
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
West Room ~ 55 W. 15th St.

March is Women's History Month, and to celebrate, we will have a trivia game night focused on *Herstory*. **Anne Duquette** is our game night hostess, and we look forward to an evening of educational fun. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share with friends, old and new. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804

Brief Notices From Other Places

CREON GALLERY: 238 East 24th Street, 1B
CHRIS TWOMEY'S newest art installation
"ASTRAL FLUFF: Carnal Bodies in Celestial Orbit"
Bridges the gap between heaven and earth
March 20, Roger Ansanelli; April 3, Shoshke-Rayzl;
April 10, John Uehlein

March 18 to April 17

Hours: Tuesday.- Saturday 6-9pm

Opening reception: March 18, 6pm to 10pm

Saturday night art/music performances.

For information Call: 646-265-5508, www.creongallery.com

NY Metro CLC
Lenten Day of Prayer
at Fordham Prep

Presenter will be Fr. James Hug, S.J.
President of the Center of Concern in Washington D.C.
Reconciliation and Mass will be offered.

Sunday March 21 from 10:00-4 PM

For information flier or to register - Steve Macy at:
nycleprays@yahoo.com or (212) 830-9302.