



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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The master said to him, “Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.” Matthew 25: 21

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of
the Music Ministry

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2014

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)

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 1:00 to 2:00 in the Main Church
confessional or by appointment with one of the priests.

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. Joseph Marina, S.J. (Pastor) — 204

Cassandra L. Agredo (Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

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

Jacqueline Falco (Parish Manager) — 221

Rev. Peter Fink, S.J. (Associate Pastor) — 211

Stephanie Fuentes (Parish Secretary) — 222

Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

Receptionist — 201

Damely Tineo (Assistant to the Pastor) - 205

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Patricia Dahl (Co-Chair); Peter Ranello (Co-Chair);
Jacqueline Perez (Vice-Chair); Jim Fox; Phil Gutierrez;
Bob Lepisko; Adel O'Regan; David Pais; Jack Schmitt;
Anne Sheridan

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: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices send e-mails to sfuentes@sfxavier.org and Space Requests send e-mails to jfalco@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
minimum of six months before qualifying for a
sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.**

**Main Church Accessibility from 16th street during
regular office hours. Simply ring the bell on the
two furthest entrances on the West & East sides
of the Church.**

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, November 22nd

5:00pm Vigil: *Rev. Louis Garaventa, SJ*

Sunday, November 23rd

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Peter Fink, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*John Beam, Eleanor Bibbo, Michael Brooks, Tom Cooney,
Rocco and Dorothy Danzi, Carlos Fuentes, Francis
Lapitano, Thecla Luisi, Carmine Novembre, Vivian
Palazzdo, Elizabeth Rafferty, Terri and Ray Sharpe,
Juanita Torres, Anthony Sellitti, Dianne Weyers,
Deborah Whitenack, Marge Zwanziger*

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

John Cassels & Jim Urban

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.**

Jesuit Ordinations

The Jesuits of the Maryland, New England and New York Provinces invite you to join us in celebrating the vocation of and praying for the following four men.

These men have been ordained to the diaconate and together will be ordained to the priesthood on June 13, 2015.



Dennis Baker, SJ



Brent Otto, SJ



John Peck, SJ



Sean Toole, SJ

Please pray for vocations to the Society of Jesus.



JESUITS®

For more information about the Society of Jesus, visit

www.Jesuits.org

www.JesuitVocations.org



HANDCRAFTING JUSTICE
HOLIDAY SALE
DECEMBER 6-7
in the church
after each mass



Think outside the Bottle...

Last February, the Peace & Justice Committee presented a major workshop on:

WATER: THEOLOGY, ETHICS AND THE GLOBAL WATER CRISIS

One of the most important take away messages of this presentation was: *Single serve bottled water is environmentally damaging and wasteful. Tap water saves money and dramatically reduces this environmental impact.*



New York City's water is healthy, and free! Join the Xavier Peace & Justice campaign to Take Back The Tap!

Watch the bulletin for more information coming soon...

Find beautiful, Fair Trade gifts from around the world & empower women with every purchase.

HandCrafting Justice provides access to Fair Trade markets for unique, handmade goods created by enterprising women in the developing world working to lift themselves and their families out of poverty. By fostering self-reliance, ensuring fair wages, and building support networks, the organization offers far more than Fair Trade: HandCrafting Justice promotes human dignity by empowering women to overcome social and economic injustice.

<http://www.handcraftingjustice.org/>

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:

*The Feast of St. Francis Xavier:
 A Celebration of our
 Parish and our Patron Saint
 Wednesday, December 3rd
 6:30pm Mass
 Main Church*

A reception will follow in Larkin-Hurtado Hall in honor of all who have contributed to our capital campaign. All are welcome.

Catholic Lesbians

12TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PARTY FOR CHILDREN OF PICTURE THE HOMELESS, COMMUNITY VOICES HEARD, LIFE EXPERIENCE & FAITH SHARING, AND STEPS TO END FAMILY VIOLENCE

**Friday, December 12th
 6:00 PM—9:00 PM
 Mary Chapel, West Room, Parlor**

THE BOOK OF SOULS

Our parish Book of Souls will be present in the sanctuary during the month of November. I encourage you to write the names of your loved ones into the book so we, as a community, can remember them during this sacred month of prayer. Thank you.

Fr. Marina



On Thanksgiving, November 27th, Mass will be held at 10:00am in the Mary Chapel.

"We are grateful for your support each year." (Lynn Lewis, Picture the Homeless director) "Thank you so much for doing this as always! Peace be unto you." (Tyletha Samuels, CVH) "Thanks for all you do." (James Addison, LEFS) "Thank you again for coordinating everything! The gifts we received were absolutely wonderful and could not have come at a better time." (Audrey Bruner, STEPS advocate)



Plenty of children need Christmas joy this year, and we have eight weeks to make their dreams come true. Please contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for the name of a child and bring your unwrapped present to the wrapping party. Pizza and beverages will be served.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Music Ministry

LESSONS AND CAROLS
DECEMBER 14TH
7:00PM

featuring the Xavier Choir, The Bell Choir, Family Faith
Choir and the Xavier Players

Followed by our Fabulous
Home-made Christmas Cookie Reception!!!



CAN YOU BAKE COOKIES ?

Bakers sought for our annual Lessons and Carols program on Dec. 14th at 7PM Wonderful contemporary readings with many of your favorite Christmas carols will be represented. We are looking for 30 individuals to commit to baking 2 dozen cookies (or other baked goods). If you think you can help out, please email John Uehlein in the parish office at juehlein@sfxavier.org or if you don't have email, call John at 646-573-0099. Start softening up the butter!!!! (PS: leftovers will go to the shelter.)

Adult Activities

TOUR THE CATHEDRAL
CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH



Learn the history of the Cathedral, See the 100 foot long phoenixes that hang suspended in the Nave, two majestic birds in flight beneath the ceiling. Followed by lunch at a restaurant in the neighborhood. If you would like to join us, please meet at the 15th street entrance to Xavier no later than 11:00 am.

Cost of the tour is \$8.00

AN ADVENT RETREAT PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS' "THE CHURCH OF MERCY"

*This Advent, spend time with Pope Francis.
The retreat will focus on writings from
The Church of Mercy a collection of speeches,
homilies and papers written by the Holy Father.*

The program will meet during Advent: Tues. Dec. 2, Wed. Dec. 10 and Tues. Dec. 16 to reflect on the readings and share in small groups. Specific chapters and questions for reflection will be suggested for each meeting. Prior reading is prerequisite.

7:00 to 8:30pm Free Will Offering

Please obtain your own copy of "The Church of Mercy." If you are unable, please let us know. For more information contact Marie Bannister at mariebannister1@gmail.com or 917 301 2426.

*Sponsored by Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life(ISEL)
and Lay Spirituality Program*

Registration Form: Deadline for registration is Thanksgiving, November 27. Please send or leave form at office (55 West 15th St. NY, NY 10011) or email mariebannister1@gmail.com

*The Fordham University Department of
Theology and Fordham Theatre present*

"FULL OF GRACE"
Journeys of LGBT Catholics
By Scott Barrow and Robert Choiniere

Monday, November 24th
7:00pm

Pope Auditorium~Lincoln Center Campus
113 West 60th Street, NYC

Tickets:\$15

Free admission for Fordham students with ID.

For reservations contact 805-751-3855 or
fullofgraceplay@gmail.com. (CASH ONLY)
For Credit Cards: www.artful.ly/fullofgrace



THANKSGIVING MEAL FUND KICKS-OFF IN STYLE!

Our Thanksgiving Meal Fund kicked off last week in grand fashion with a generous \$2,500 gift from The Xavier Jesuit Community! Additional gifts put our total (as of press time on November 11) at \$3,200. We are well on our way! Thank you so much to *The Xavier Jesuit Community* and to all of our donors who have contributed so far. We are truly grateful!



We invite you all to join us as the gravy rises towards our \$25,000 goal. Turkey Up!

Visit www.xaviermission.org/donate to donate online via Faith Direct, or make a check payable to Xavier Mission (indicate “Thanksgiving” in the memo line). You can also scan the QR code below with your smartphone!



Xavier Company

AN ADVENT CAROL

*a musical drama celebrating the Advent Journey
presented by The Xavier Company*

Saturday, December 6th

7:30 pm

Main Church

Script by J.S. Pecorella

*Musical compositions: Gerard DeMan, Anne Holland,
Laurence Rosania & others*

*Featuring: Pasqualino Beltempo, Heather Fetrow,
Linda Garrity, Marian Lizzio, TJ Mundy-Punchard,
Rob Skolits*

Director & Choreographer: Carol Ferrone

Musical Director: Gerard DeMan

Percussionist: Tony Bartoli

Donations Accepted



“WE ARE EMPOWERED” WOMEN AND HIV/AIDS

Monday, December 1st

7:00 PM

Observed worldwide on December 1 since 1998, World AIDS Day unites people from around the world to raise awareness of the global AIDS response and join, in solidarity with, the millions of people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

On Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM, the community of Saint Francis Xavier will commemorate World AIDS Day with a Mass in the main church.

A reflection will be given by our guest: *April Watkins-Griffin*, Assistant Director of Work Force Development with GMHC.

Please take this time to be with us and pray for those we have lost, for those currently living with HIV/AIDS and that one day we will “Get to Zero”.

TOWARD A CHRISTIAN DAY OF ATONEMENT

On the feast of Yom Kippur, our Jewish sisters and brothers stand before G_d seeking atonement and forgiveness, for themselves, for their neighbors, and for all the world. When all is said and done, only G_d can forgive sin, as the Jewish Law reminds us. From Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur, the Holy Days of Awe, the Jewish people try to amend their behavior and seek forgiveness for wrongs done against God and against other human beings.

It is the spirit of Yom Kippur and the Jewish days of repentance that inspired me several years ago to think of a Christian ritual that would do for Christians what Yom Kippur has done for Jews. In recent Catholic tradition the sacrament of confession has focused only on one's own personal sin. It left out the sins of the community, the sins of the church, and the sins of the world. Confession as a sacrament was not able to address the reasons that bring about poverty, the causes of racial and gender discrimination, the evil of modern day slavery and the roots of war, violence, and atrocities such as the Holocaust. And where it did, it could only do so in terms of individual participation in such evil. The evil itself is much larger than only personal sin.

Our Christian faith insists that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ has rendered all sin, not simply personal sin, to be finally without power. One can usually name the source of personal sin. And the person can therefore bring his or her sin before G_d seeking the forgiveness that has already been so graciously given to us. But how does one address the forces that assault the quality of our human life, that neglect our fundamental human dignity, that bring about alienation among groups, war among people, violence done to the human journey itself? These too call for the victory of Jesus Christ. These too call for the mercy of our G_d.

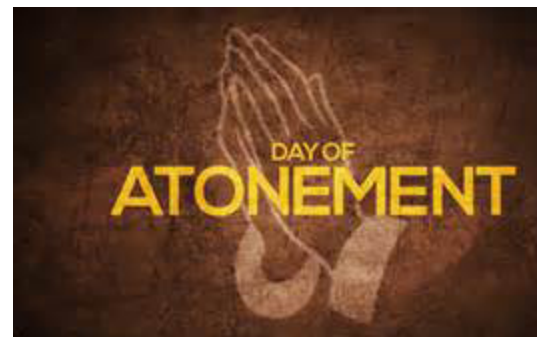
What was needed was a ritual that could reach beyond personal sin and personal forgiveness. A ritual of exorcism on a global rather than personal plane. What was needed was a ritual that would take all forms of evil in the world, whether the source could be named or not, and place them humbly into the loving mercy of G_d who alone would transform them by his own love and mercy.

The ritual we will celebrate on Friday, November 21st, as a Christian Day of Atonement is an attempt to address not only personal sin, but sins of this community, sins of the Church, and sins of the world. It will not attempt to name individuals who might be responsible for such evil, for so much evil in the world is not rooted in an individual or in small groups or factions. Yet it still remains evil and that needs to be addressed by the power of Jesus Christ. It is still evil that needs to be embraced by the love and mercy of our G_d.

The ritual we present brings our own personal sin to G_d for forgiveness. It also brings the sins we commit as a community of faith, the sins of the Church which must honestly be claimed and offered to G_d's endless mercy, and the sins of the world still so divided, still so enmeshed in violence, war and the need to destroy us all. Our symbol is the water of baptism: hands washed, altar made clean, world sprinkled in hope and in blessing. Our gift will be incense burned as a prayer of humble offering to our G_d.

For us, the ritual will be a gesture of faith, a gesture of hope, and a gesture of love that celebrates the victory of Jesus Christ which we honor once again on the feast of Christ the King, and for which we look forward once again through Advent and the blessings of Christmas. So do come and join us on the Day of Christian Atonement, a blessed ending for a year gone by and a blessed beginning of a year yet to come.

*Yours in Christ,
Fr. Peter*



Scripture Readings For the Week

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Matt 25:14-30. *She works with loving hands. Let the day of the Lord not overtake you like a thief. Since you were faithful in small matters, come, share your master's joy.*

Monday~Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary:
Rev 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43. *Realize how far you have fallen and repent. What do you want me to do for you? Lord, please let me see.*

Thirty-Third Tuesday in Ordinary Time:
Rev 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10. *If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him. The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.*

Thirty-Third Wednesday in Ordinary Time:
Rev 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28. *Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come. Why did you not put my money in the bank?*

Thirty-Third Thursday in Ordinary Time:
Rev 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44. *The Lamb that was slain purchased us with His Blood from every nation. If you only knew what makes for peace.*

Friday~ Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Rev 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48. *I took the small scroll and swallowed it. You have made it a den of thieves.*

Saturday~ Feast of St. Cecilia: Rev 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40. *These two prophets tormented the inhabitants of the earth. He is not God of the dead, but of the living.*

Sunday~ Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Matt 25:31-46. *As for you, my flock, I will judge between one sheep and another. Christ will hand over the kingdom to His God and Father so that God may be all in all. The Son of Man will sit upon His glorious throne and he will separate them one from another.*

Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

ADULT ACTIVITIES: Meets 4th Wednesday of the month, 1pm. Contact **Paddy, 212-243- 8186**

BAGA: A new 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, 7 p.m., West Room, SFXWomen@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**

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 or (917) 297-6804.

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 **Kevin Carlino** or **Peter Locascio** 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 20s-30s community. Meets twice a month. Contact **Zahrah** or **Phil, 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**