



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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The 21 Coptic New Martyrs of Libya

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Romans 8: 33-34

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Xavier Mission

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2015

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

Jack Schmitt (Chair); Jacqueline Perez (Vice-Chair);

Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Patricia Dahl;

Phil Gutierrez; Bob Lepisko; Deborah Olley Murphy;

Adel O'Regan; 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: 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, March 7th

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

Sunday, March 8th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Peter Fink, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Marc Roselli, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Tom Cooney, Eugene Curtis, Johnathan Gotay-Caban,
Francis Coleman, Frank Fiore, Racquel Glazer, Jesus Jimenez,
Marianne Githens, Jay Kiss, John Marshall,
Hermina Matallana, Maris Mattingly, John Nesbit,
Carmine Novembre, David Saulius, Rocco Scura,
Mary and Gabino Torres, Carl Wassmann,
Lisa & Don Whitacre, Katie Wohlstadter, Marge Zwanziger*

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

*Sal Agnello, Reno Baldelli, Mildred McCauley,
Sr. Eleanora Murphy, Bert Pelayo, Barbara Van Buren*

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

A hearty welcome and a thousand thank you's to our newest Pastoral Council members: Deborah, Kathleen, and Stephen. All three are off to a fine and energetic start and I know I speak for the rest of the Council when I say how great it is to have them with us. Please say hello when you see them and keep all of our members in your prayers as we move on toward Easter.



NAME: *Deborah Olley Murphy*

NYC NEIGHBORHOOD & BOROUGH: *Sunnyside*

**YEAR STARTED ATTENDING/
FIRST ENCOUNTERED ST. FRANCIS
XAVIER PARISH:** *2007*

PARISHIONERS CAN OFTEN FIND ME AT THIS MASS: *Saturday 5PM, Sunday 9AM or 11:30AM*

WHAT INITIALLY BROUGHT ME TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH: *When I moved back to New York in 2007, I wanted to find a parish that had a strong commitment to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. I also was Jesuit-educated, so Xavier became a natural fit for me. When I came to Xavier and encountered both its incredible outreach ministries and its LGBT ministries, I was thrilled and knew I had found my parish.*

I AM ALSO INVOLVED (OR HAVE BEEN INVOLVED) IN THE FOLLOWING ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MINISTRIES: *Visiting the Sick and Homebound, Welcome Table, Food Pantry*



NAME: *Stephen Alfieri*

NYC NEIGHBORHOOD & BOROUGH: *Astoria*

YEAR STARTED ATTENDING/FIRST ENCOUNTERED ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH: *2002*

PARISHIONERS CAN OFTEN FIND ME AT THIS MASS: *Sunday 9AM or 11:30AM*

WHAT INITIALLY BROUGHT ME TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH: *I was not feeling spiritually nourished at my parish in Astoria so I set out to find a parish where I would want to be more engaged. Having been educated by the Jesuits at Fordham University, I immediately felt comfortable and at home at St. Francis Xavier. I was especially impressed (and I still am) with our parish's commitment to Ignatian Spirituality and Social Justice.*

I AM ALSO INVOLVED (OR HAVE BEEN INVOLVED) IN THE FOLLOWING ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MINISTRIES: *Lay Spirituality Program and Liturgical Ministries (Lector)*

NAME: *Kathleen Cagnina*

NYC NEIGHBORHOOD & BOROUGH: *Harlem*

**YEAR STARTED ATTENDING/
FIRST ENCOUNTERED ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH:** *2006*

PARISHIONERS CAN OFTEN FIND ME AT THIS MASS: *Sunday 5PM*

WHAT INITIALLY BROUGHT ME TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH: *I was looking for a church near where I was living and found my spiritual home. The liturgies are celebrations. The homilies challenge and inspire me. I can come by myself and not feel alone.*

I AM ALSO INVOLVED (OR HAVE BEEN INVOLVED) IN THE FOLLOWING ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MINISTRIES: *Mass coordinator, Eucharistic minister, lector, and liturgical dancer*





UPCOMING FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM LECTURE

Sarah Wilbanks,
End Trafficking Fellow at UNICEF USA

Sunday, March 15th at 10:20am
Xavier High School Library

The End Trafficking Project is the U.S. Fund for UNICEF's initiative to raise awareness about child trafficking and to mobilize communities to take meaningful action to help protect children. The End Trafficking project works in partnership with individuals and groups to bring us closer to the day when there are ZERO exploited children.

A Lenten Journey: From Slavery to Freedom

March 15th at 7:00PM

*Featuring the Bell Choir, the Choir
and the Xavier Players*

A prayer service of music and scripture from Daniel's account of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to The Babylonian Captivity, The Hebrews Flight through the Red Sea, The Promise of Jesus' Salvation, The Underground Railroad and The end of Human Trafficking.



LENTEN RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION

On **Monday, March 30th,** across the Archdiocese of

New York, churches will offer the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesuit confessors will be available in our church from 4:00pm-8:00pm. Please come to avail yourself of the grace of this sacrament or simply to rest and pray for a while as we make our way toward Easter.

LENTEN RULES FOR EATING

During the Season of Lent, the Church urges us to reflect a spirit of penance in our daily lives through performing acts of fasting and abstinence.

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES FOR LENTEN PRAYER

"Igniting Our Values: A Jesuit/Ignatian Pilgrimage for 2015": An online program of daily prayer, reflection, and readings. More information at www.jesuits.org/ignite

Creighton University's Online Ministry Website: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

A Collection of Diverse Resources, all grounded in the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola, may be found here: <http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/lent/>

Young Adults

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY:

'WHAT NEXT?' RETREAT for Young Adults March 20 - 22, 2015

Several members of Xavier Young Adults are attending and/or helping plan March's multi-parish 'WHAT NEXT?' RETREAT, presented by Charis NYC. Rooted in Ignatian spirituality and reflecting upon Christ's journey, this is an ideal weekend away for your own Lenten prayer.

March 20-22, Mariandale Retreat Center (Ossining, NY). \$250, financial assistance available - and save \$25 if you register before Monday 2/16! Pick up a retreat flyer at the entrance of the church. Visit www.charis.nyc for details.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, March 13th

NEW START TIME: 6:00 pm

West Room

Maria Formoso & Joan O'Brien will lead a discussion during Women's History Month. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

Gay Catholics

Friday, March 6th

6:45 - 9:00 PM ~ Mary Chapel

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE of GOD.

*Jesus modeled it for us...and then said "Do the same."
How successful are we in living this founding principle of Christianity?*

- Do we tend to be too judgmental, unforgiving?*
- Is our help and caring given with conditions?*
- Do we slip into indifference to the suffering, loneliness and pain of others?*
- Would we like to be more responsive in our relationships? What holds us back?*

This evening's discussion is intended to be a time to explore how we can be more available and related to people on our path .

All are Welcome. You are invited to come and possibly consider approaching Lent from a different perspective. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share.



YOUR SMALL ACTS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

By Elda Luisi

This past year Sr. Mary Ellen Boyle, SC has passionately addressed almost all of the Xavier committees regarding modern day slavery that victimizes men, women, and children all over the world, including the United States. This slavery not only involves the sex trade but also the production of every day products we use. The inhumanity of this system is so widespread, it challenges us to look at our labels and cupboards for our unwitting participation in the success of this gross injustice.

That is why we are suggesting a community practice this Lent that would raise our awareness and embrace a solidarity with the victims of slavery by refusing to buy products that come to us by way of slave trade.

We could take an initial hour or two to search the websites suggested here to see if there are favorite products we use or consume and give them up this Lent, for a day, for a week, for the time of Lent, or for as long as it is provided by those who profit from slavery. A further step would be to write a letter to the companies purchasing these products for distribution and to Congress. Finally, write to us and tell us your experience or suggest other links for us to put on the Peace and Justice website.

Take a survey to see how much we already unwittingly participate in this slave trade on the website: slaveryfootprint.org.

Find products that come from Free Trade: www.madeinafreeworld.com

<http://fairtradeusa.org/shopping-guide>

To quote Justin Dillon, an advocate for Made in a Free World: *This has the power to change the world. Small acts of kindness, when multiplied by many, tip the world towards freedom.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday, March 3rd

7:00pm

Main Church



JOIN US FOR “TEDxMANHATTAN: CHANGING THE WAY WE EAT”!

*One-Day New York City TEDx Event Will Explore
Sustainable Food & Farming on March 7, 2015*

Union Square Hospitality Group CEO and Founder Danny Meyer, Food Tank co-Founder and President Danielle Nierenberg, and New York City Coalition Against Hunger Executive Director Joel Berg are among those who will take the stage at TEDxManhattan, “Changing the Way We Eat,” on March 7, 2015, in New York City. With an exciting roster of experts and innovators, TEDxManhattan (www.tedxmanhattan.org) raises public awareness about critical issues facing the food system while fostering collaboration within the food movement.

Xavier Mission and the New York City Coalition Against Hunger will be hosting a viewing party in Hurtado Hall, open to anyone who wishes to watch any or all of the livestream of the conference. Attendance is free and lunch will be provided by Chipotle! The viewing party will be open from 10:00am—6:00pm. Webcast begins at 10:30am.

To register for the viewing party, please contact *Cassandra* at cagredo@xaviermission.org or call 212-627-2100, x208.

Confirmed speakers for the 2015 event include:

- Joel Berg, Executive Director, NYC Coalition Against Hunger
- Henry Hargreaves, Photographer
- Kendra Kimbirauskas, Farmer/CEO, Socially Responsible Agricultural Project
- Nikiko Masumoto, Masumoto Family Farm
- Danny Meyer, CEO, Union Square Hospitality Group
- Danielle Nierenberg, Co-Founder and President, Food Tank: The Food Think Tank
- Ali Partovi, Angel investor/advisor, Facebook, DropBox, Flixster, Break Media, Causes, Farmigo & more
- Stefanie Sacks, Culinary Nutritionist, author, host, “Stirring the Pot” radio show on Hamptons NPR
- Anim Steel, Director, Real Food Generation
- Marcel Van Ooyen, Executive Director, GrowNYC

Please join us for an afternoon of Senior Spirituality

The Wisdom Years:

*An afternoon of talk and exploration
with refreshments*

**Saturday, March 7, 2015, 2:00
to 4:00 PM in the Mary Chapel**
**Presented by Fr. Thomas Feely, SJ
and Marie Bannister**

Father Feely is Associate Pastor of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola. He served as principal of Colegio San Ignacio in San Juan, Puerto Rico and Regis High School in New York City. Father Feely was Assistant for Formation for the Northeast Provinces and also directed retreats in the US and Canada. Marie Bannister is a Spiritual Director and member of the Church of St. Francis Xavier. She is a member of the Lay Spirituality Program Steering Committee and co-facilitates Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life (ISEL).

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The Lay Spirituality Program with Adult Activities

RSVP at layspirits@gmail.com or
call 212 627 2100 ext. 216.

Brief Notices from Other Places

“POPE FRANCIS: WHY HE LEADS THE WAY HE LEADS WITH CHRIS LOWNEY”

*Join us as Chris Lowney hosts a special fundraiser for the
Contemplative Leaders in Action program.*

*This wonderful event will feature an evening of cocktails,
delicious bites, faith, and good humor as we come
together to celebrate and support the Contemplative
Leaders in Action program.*

Wednesday, March 4th

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. – Event starts at 7 p.m.
Wallace Hall, Church of St. Ignatius, Loyola
980 Park Avenue
New York, NY

For more information or to buy tickets before they sell out, please visit: www.jesuitcollaborative.org/CLA/NYCFund2015

Scripture Readings For the Week

Second Sunday of Lent: Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10. *The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith. God did not spare his own Son. This is my beloved Son.*

Second Monday of Lent: Dan 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38. *We have sinned, been wicked and done evil. Forgive and you will be forgiven.*

Second Tuesday of Lent: Isa 1:10, 16-20; Matt 23:1-12. *Learn to do good; make justice your aim. They preach but they do not practice.*

Second Wednesday of Lent: Jer 18:18-20; Matt 20:17-28. *Come, let us persecute him. They will condemn the Son of Man to death.*

Second Thursday of Lent: Jer 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31. *A curse on those who trust in mortals; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord God. Good things came to you and bad things to Lazarus; now he is comforted while you are in agony.*

Second Friday of Lent: Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matt 21:33-43, 45-46. *Here comes the man of dreams; let us kill him. This is the heir; let us kill him.*

Second Saturday of Lent: Mic 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. *God will cast our sins into the depths of the sea. Your brother was dead and has come to life.*

Third Sunday of Lent: Exod 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25. *The law was given through Moses. We proclaim a Christ crucified, a stumbling block to many, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God. Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.*

Ongoing Parish Happenings

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

ADULT ACTIVITIES: Seniors meets 4th Wednesday of each month, 1pm. Contact **Paddy, 212-243- 8186**

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, 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 sfxggroup@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 **Tracey Tynan** 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**