



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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“What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” They replied, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” John 2: 18-20

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 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
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John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

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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 14th

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

Sunday, March 15th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Marc Roselli, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Marc Roselli, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Peter Fink, SJ*

NEXT WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION for the benefit Catholic Relief Services

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Barbara Beharry, Tom Cooney, Eugene Curtis, David Gotay,
Johnathan Gotay-Caban, Francis Coleman, Frank Fiore,
Racquel Gager, Jesus Jimenez, Marianne Githens, Jay Kiss,
John Marshall, Herminda 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, Shirley Haanio, Mildred McCauley,
Sr. Eleanora Murphy, Bert Pelayo, Neil Waldrop,
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 Desk of John Uehlein

FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM: A LENTEN JOURNEY

Does the lifting of the fast from whatever it is one may have given up achieve the Freedom of Easter? It is our typical "Lenten Journey." We all know the stories of slavery and liberation from the Old Testament. As we will hear in our first reading for the fourth Sunday of Lent, the Hebrews were taken captive to Babylon, enslaved along with all of their prized possessions from the temple (Chronicles 36). We all know the great story of liberation that we hear each year at the Easter Vigil where Moses leads the people through the Red Sea into the Promised Land ending the Egyptian captivity (Exodus 14). Other stories of liberation from the Old Testament include the amazing story of Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego walking through the burning fiery furnace unharmed (Daniel 3) as well as Jonah being regurgitated from the whale (Jonah 1). And three of these are followed by Canticles often set to music (Babylonian Captivity ~ Psalm 137; Exodus ~ The song of Miriam; and The Canticle of Jonah). These are great songs of gratitude and praise where slavery has been transformed into freedom.

How do we sing the Lord's song in light of today's slavery? Human trafficking; child labor; insufficient wages that trap the poor, multi-national exploitation by corporations, the scorching of the earth, war and murder. Certainly, scripture outlines a spiritual solution to internal slavery, but that does not relieve us of the responsibility to do what we can do to solve the problem of modern day life-depriving slavery. As the old labor song says:

You will eat, bye and bye
In that glorious land above the sky.
Work and pray, live on hay.
You'll get pie in the sky when you die. (That's a lie.)

From the Preacher and the Slave

Are these stories of slavery to freedom that are part of our faith simply metaphors? Of course they are, but are they also exhortations for us to the call to action? In our own country, we have had a war to free the African-American slaves which with some people on levels hard to substantiate still continues. Is Harriet Tubman one of our modern day Moses?

Next Sunday, the Music Ministry (Choir, bells, instruments and readers) will lead the parish in a prayer service focusing on the road from slavery to liberation. We will include Songs of Struggle honoring the reality of today's world as well as Canticles of Praise looking forward to the Coming of the Kingdom where all slavery is abolished. It is a Lenten Journey: from slavery to freedom.

SLAVE

They still exist;
Both literally and metaphorically.
Little girls sex trafficked,
Boys slave in sweat shops,
Businessman works a 60 hour week.
Everyone's got their own chains.
Some we put on freely,
Some are thrust upon us,
like maturity on an orphaned child
--Some are cut into our wrists.
With every lie,
With every curse,
With every slander,
Pain built up creates inside
these fine little links;
Alone they are weak, but together
UNBREAKABLE

By Timothy Stout

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.





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.

SFX Women's Ministry

Tuesday, March 24th
7:00 P.M.
Mary Chapel

Join us for our March meeting as our ministry participates in the Parish's process for gathering input for the Synod on the Family.

For more information, contact
thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com.



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/>

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, March 13th
6:00 pm
West Room

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

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 to 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.

IMPORTANT Preparing for the Synod on the Family

As you may know, Pope Francis and the Church's magisterium are interested in gathering input from faithful Catholics around the world in advance of the next Synod, scheduled for October 2015. The window for engaging this process is small but we, as a parish, can get through it. Please see next weekend's bulletin and the parish website for more information about this very important endeavor.

IGNATIAN 40'S OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CHURCH WEEKEND RETREAT FRIDAY, MAY 1 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 3

Led by Fathers Joe Marina, S.J. and Tom Feely, S.J.

***Making Decisions with God:
Ignatian Discernment in Three Dimensions***

What does God want of me? What does God want for me? The method of spiritual discernment of St. Ignatius Loyola can help us find answers. The Ignatian 40's at St. Ignatius Loyola are sponsoring a weekend retreat to explore Ignatian discernment can apply to our personal lives and our lives in society. If you are in your late 30s, 40s or early 50s, mark your calendar and write to ignatian40s@gmail.com for details. Thank you!

Notices from Other Places

**SAINT PETER'S UNIVERSITY AND
SAINT PETER'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL PRESENT:**

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM AN IGNATIAN CHORAL FESTIVAL

at St. Aedan's: The Saint Peter's University Church

Featuring:
*Choirs of Sandford Park School from Dublin, Ireland
Saint Peter Schola
Saint Peter's Prep Vox
Saint Dominic Academy Glee Club
Phillipine - American Choral Project
Iñigo*

**Saturday, March 28th at 7:30 PM
Ticket Price: \$10.00
Students FREE with student ID**

**Sunday, March 29th Mini Concert at 4:00PM
followed by the Palm Sunday Student Mass.
Admission is free to all!**

For more information contact:
msantiago@saintpeters.edu or spp.vox@gmail.com

QUEL SUCCÈS!

We'd like to extend a huge MERCI BEAUCOUP to everyone who attended "A Night in Paris", Xavier Mission's second annual fundraiser—it was a smashing success! With the support of our ticket holders, sponsors, donors, and silent auction, the event sold out and raised \$27,500—more than TWICE what we raised last year, and far exceeding our \$20,000 goal! This is absolutely incredible and we are totally blown away!

A huge thank you to our fabulous Event Committee!

*Arlene Gharabeigie
 Will Mechem
 Stephen Samoy
 Michael Termini
 Danny Tore*

A special thanks to our sponsors and patrons:

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SPONSOR A PARTICIPANT!

Our next class of 10 L-STEP participants has just begun their semester and is looking forward to an exciting 14 weeks ahead! Please consider sponsoring one of our L-STEP Participants and ensuring them a life-changing experience! If you cannot sponsor the full amount, please consider covering a portion of the expenses, as outlined below. The breakdown for one participant is:

Stipends	\$270.00 (\$10 per session, 27 sessions)
MetroCards	\$135.00 (\$5.00 MetroCard per session, 27 sessions)
Food	\$81.00 (\$3.00 per meal, 27 meals)
Supplies	\$27.00 (\$1.00 per session, 27 sessions)
Administrative	\$37.00
Total	\$550.00

Please contact *Cassandra* at
212-627-2100, x208 with any questions!



Our All Saints Clothing Room has a multitude of shirts but hardly any pants for our clothing room guests. Please look through your closets, find those gently used pants you never wear or that don't fit anymore and drop them into the bin! Thanks!

Scripture Readings For the Week

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.*

Third Monday of Lent: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30. *There were many people with leprosy in Israel, but none were made clean. except Naaman the Syrian. Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus was sent not only to the Jews.*

Third Tuesday of Lent: Dan 3:25, 34-43; Matt 18:21-35. *We ask you to receive us with humble and contrite hearts. Unless each of you forgives your brother and sister, the Father will not forgive you.*

Third Wednesday of Lent: Deut 4:1, 5-9; Matt 5:17-19. *Keep the commandments and your work will be complete. Whoever keeps and teaches the law will be called great.*

Third Thursday of Lent: Jer 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23. *This is the nation that will not listen to the voice of the LORD God. Whoever is not with me is against me.*

Third Friday of Lent: Hos 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34. *We will not say to the work of our hands: our god. The Lord our God is one Lord, and you shall love the Lord your God.*

Third Saturday of Lent: Hos 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14. *What I want is love, not sacrifice. The tax collector went home justified, not the Pharisee.*

Fourth Sunday of Lent: 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; John 3:14-21. *The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people. Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been saved. God sent his Son so that the world might be saved through him.*

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 sfxgcgroup@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**