



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*Members of our wonderful BAGA (Be A Good Apostle) ministry group serving the guests of the Xavier Men's Shelter.*

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need. (Acts 4: 33-35)

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 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](http://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

Rev. Marc Roselli, S.J. (Visiting Priest) - 206

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](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: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

**NOTE:** for Bulletin Notices send e-mails to [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org) and Space Requests send e-mails to [jfalco@sfxavier.org](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> 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, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Barbara Beharry, Robert Boeskool, Bettie Bose, Lisa & Chris Cirri, Tom Cooney, Louis DeFazio, Nela Faddis, David Gotay, Johnathan Gotay-Caban, Francis Coleman, Frank Fiore, Racquel Gager, Mary Hannan, Vincent Izzo, Jesus Jimenez, Marianne Githens, Ken Latsch, John Marshall, Herminda Matallana, Rosemarie McGrath, John Nesbit, Carmine Novembre, Ellen Palumbo, Dennis Petragrani, David Saulius, Rocco Scura, Teri Sheridan, Mary and Gabino Torres, Charles and Janet Townsend, Carl Wassmann, Stanley Young, Pauline Zunno*

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

*Arturo Boquiren, Adeline Bucki, Cardinal Egdan, Shirley Haanio, Walter Myers, Consuelo Pizarro, Neil Waldrop*

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.**

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

We are pleased to report that the parish is currently operating at a \$215,047 surplus compared to a budgeted deficit of \$27,521 for the first six months of this fiscal year ending February 28, 2015. **These favorable results are due to both increased giving and reduced spending.** We received a generous bequest of \$75,000 during this period and have been blessed with increases in Sunday collections, weddings, and the Christmas collection. Our Sunday offertory collections are 15.4% higher than last year, due in part to the success of our *Sharing God's Gifts Increased Giving Initiative* conducted last fall. Our sincere thanks to all who are participating in this important program.

## First Six Months Revenues and Expenses Ending 02/28/2015

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Support	\$1,145,537	\$928,872	\$216,665
Expenses	\$930,490	\$956,393	(\$25,903)
Net Support Over (Under) Expenses	\$215,047	(\$27,521)	

Such good news must be balanced by remembering the significant expenses yet to come. Our heating bill for this winter, the need for new flooring behind the apse, the *"Take Back the Tap"* water justice initiative, our new fire alarm system, and several other projects will consume much of our present surplus, and all with good reason.

Our Faith Direct e-giving option continues to grow both in the number of participants and percentage of our total Sunday collections. In March, we had 281 parishioners donating 48% of the total collection compared to 235 parishioners and 37% of the total collection in September. We encourage those not using Faith Direct to consider enrolling as you will be able to support our parish each and every week, even if you are out of town, or unable to attend services due to weather or other circumstances. Using Faith Direct will also win you points and rewards through your credit card.

In other news, last month we were pleased to welcome Andrew Royston, Audit Manager for Deloitte and Touche, as the newest member of the Finance Council, succeeding Tim O'Connor who completed 17 years of dedicated and valuable service. We are very grateful for Tim's efforts and we also want to thank the other six parishioners who came forward to selflessly offer their time and talent to serve on the Council. Thank you Tim and welcome Andrew!

Finally, stewardship calls us to imitate the early Christians we hear about today in our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles: *"The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own."* - Acts 4:32 . All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents and abilities – these are all gifts from God. We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. Our continued thanks to all who support SFX with their time, talent, and treasure.

Happy Easter!

*Your friends on the Finance Council*

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

WEBSITE HAS A NEW LOOK.

VISIT [WWW.SFXAVIER.ORG](http://WWW.SFXAVIER.ORG)

The screenshot shows the website's header with the title 'THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER' on a dark red background. To the right is a search bar and a Twitter icon. Below these are two buttons: 'Please Register as a PARISHIONER' and 'Donate Now'. A navigation bar lists various church activities. The main content area features an 'OVERVIEW' section on the left with details about mass schedules, confessions, and sacraments. On the right is a large painting of Christ with a dove, and below it is the church's mission statement. A small logo at the bottom left reads 'MAKING ALL COMMUNITIES ACCESSIBLE'.

## Zen Spirituality

**Zen Spirit/Christian Spirit at Xavier**  
**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30 am - 4:00pm**  
**West Room**

*Exploring Silence and Deepening Awareness*  
*A day of teaching, reflection, and meditation*

Many Christians have discovered in Zen a profound connection to life and to God. Through the practice of stillness and awareness, we wake to a world of wonder and gratitude for life in all its aspects. This day of meditation and discussion provides an excellent opportunity for both the curious and committed.

Space is limited so please make a reservation by emailing Peggy and Paul Schubert at [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com) or calling 212-260-2486. A \$20 donation is suggested to cover lunch and refreshments.

**The Gay Catholics Ministry will sponsor the next**

## Parish Coffee Hour

as we welcome parishoners  
*New to SFX on*

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
in the Mary Chapel (following the  
11:30 Mass)



*All are welcome.*

## Lay Spirituality

# A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE



*Our Lady of Peace*  
by Brother Mickey O'Neil McGrath

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
in the Main Church**

*Sponsored by the Lay Spirituality Program  
and participating Xavier Ministries*

We all know violence surrounds us. We ask ourselves what we can do?

The month of May is dedicated to Mary, the Queen of Peace. Pope Francis recently said, "Peace is a gift that comes through prayer." and "Follow Mary on the path to peace."

Please join us for all or part of the service as we gather together to pray for Peace.

## Adult Activities

**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>\*  
in the Mary Chapel at 1:00pm**

Greg Guiteras will present a personal reflection titled: "The Prologue, the Trinity and the Arts: Toward a Theology of Art". Using an early Christian symbol of the Trinity, his reflection is sure to be informative and educational. Afterwards, there will be time to ask Greg questions and share thoughts.

*\*Greg's reflection was originally scheduled for January, but was canceled because of bad weather.*



## HALFWAY THERE!

We have received five sponsorships for L-STEP participants, THANK YOU to those who have donated! We are still seeking five more to cover the cost of our current L-STEP class.

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$550.00</b>

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

## "AWAKENING OUR BASIC GOODNESS: FOSTERING A FAMILY'S HEALING CONNECTIONS"

*featuring David Greenan*

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
Xavier High School Library  
10:20 am to 11:25 am**

## Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm~West Room**

"Hildegard and the Mystics" with Jacqueline Starkey, DSW. Jackie will lead us in a discussion and exploration on the history of the mystic movement, starting with Saint Hildegard of Bingen, OSB, in the twelfth century, and the influence of mystic thinking in today's world. Please bring a beverage or snack to share, and contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

# The Church of Saint Francis Xavier, the AIDS Crisis, and Our Commitment to AIDS WALK NY

*by John Weber- Awny Team Captain*



*“Sometimes it is wise to ‘mind your own business.’ When it comes to the needs of others, however, their business IS our business. That’s the Ignatian way.” --Joe Paprocki, DMin. Loyola Press.*

As early as the 1930’s, there was a form of HIV that would mutate into what we now refer to as HIV. In 1959, the first known case of HIV in a human developed in a man who died in the Congo. It is suggested that the virus may have first arrived in the United States in 1968. In 1981, the first patient to have died of AIDS in the US was reported. By the end of that year, 121 people were known to have died from the disease. It wasn’t until 1982 that AIDS was declared an epidemic. The Gay Men’s Health Crisis (GMHC) organization was established in NYC and Larry Kramer’s own story of GMHC’s beginnings was told in his play *The Normal Heart*.

I started attending Mass at Saint Francis Xavier sometime in the mid-1980s because of its commitment to the spiritual growth of the gay person. I had walked by the church many times but had never stopped in until I heard the music from the street one afternoon; it was probably the 5 PM Mass. The Church of Saint Francis Xavier has always practiced the Jesuit values of compassion and active social justice. Then I heard that Xavier had buried a friend of a friend, at a time when few other Catholic institutions in NYC were brave enough to care for those infected by HIV/AIDS. Xavier was and is pastorally committed to inclusiveness as Jesus asked of all His followers, outreach to those in need. “One God, One Body.”

Xavier’s HIV/AIDS ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE became known as a place for people to come and remember those we’ve lost, pray for those who are living, and rededicate ourselves for stopping the epidemic. In the mid 90’s, the altar was officially dedicated as the parish response to the epidemic and word spread to many other people, places, and parishes. In 1996, the Gonzaga Group was formed; a group dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of anyone with HIV/AIDS’s.

This year marks 30 years of AIDS WALK NY and dare I say 30 years of Xavier’s commitment to supporting this worthy cause. The funds raised at the event remain a vital lifeline that sustains GMHC’s prevention, care, and advocacy programs for the thousands of men, women, and families affected by the disease in the tri-state area. At a recent fundraiser, the current GMHC CEO Kelsey Louie said “We must aspire to a cure once and for all. Let’s demand a cure and a society that values people with HIV enough to pay for it. Only if we aspire to more can we demand more. Only if we demand more will we get more.”

**This year’s AIDS Walk NY will take place on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please consider making a donation next weekend in the back of the church or help us by joining our team and raising money yourself. Our parish has been among the top 20 fund raisers (excluding major corporations) for the last several years because of YOU. God bless you all and know that I am always grateful for the support of the Xavier staff and its community of believers.**

## AIDS WALK NY 2015 DONATION WEEKEND April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

Team members will be manning a table set up at the back of the church after each Mass. Please consider making a cash/check donation.

### *Checks made payable to:*

AIDS Walk New York (legend Team #1250)

### *Contribute online:*

Visit the parish link on-line directly at:  
<https://ny.aidswalk.net/Team/View/5284/Church-of-Saint-Francis-Xavier-1250>

or call 212-807-9255.

***Be sure to use the Church of Saint Francis Xavier Team’s Number, #1250***

## Scripture Readings For the Week

**Second Sunday of Easter:** Acts 4:32-35;  
1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31. *They were of one heart and mind. Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. Eight days later Jesus came and stood in their midst.*

**Second Monday of Easter:** Acts 4:23-31;  
John 3:1-8. *As they prayed, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.*

**Second Tuesday of Easter:** Acts 4:32-37;  
John 3:7b-15. *The community of believers was of one heart and mind. No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.*

**Second Wednesday of Easter:** Acts 5:17-26;  
John 3:16-21. *The men whom you put into prison are in the temple area and are teaching the people. God sent his Son that the world might be saved through him.*

**Second Thursday of Easter:** Acts 5:27-33;  
John 3:31-36. *We are witnesses of these words, as is the Holy Spirit. The Father loves the Son and has given everything over to him.*

**Second Friday of Easter:** Acts 5:34-42;  
John 6:1-15. *The Apostles went out rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name. Jesus distributed to those who were reclining as much as they wanted.*

**Second Saturday of Easter:** Acts 6:1-7;  
John 6:16-21. *They chose seven men filled with the Holy Spirit. They saw Jesus, walking on the sea.*

**Third Sunday of Easter:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19;  
1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48. *The author of life you put to death, but God raised Him from the dead. Jesus Christ is expiation not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. Thus it was written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.*

## Ongoing Parish Happenings

**ABILITY XAVIER:** Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact [abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com](mailto:abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com)

**ADULT ACTIVITIES:** Seniors meets 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:b.a.good.apostle@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS:** Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday, 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 [sfxggroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxggroup@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) or (917) 297-6804.

**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** or **Peter Locascio** 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 20s-30s community. Meets twice a month. Contact **Zahrah** or **Phil, [sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)**.

**ZEN MEDITATION GROUP:** Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact **Peggy & Paul 212-260-2486, [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)**