



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Pope Francis meeting with representatives of the Leadership Conference for Women Religious on April 16, 2015.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3: 1-2)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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
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

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, May 2nd

5:00pm Vigil: Rev. Peter Fink, SJ

Sunday, May 3rd

9:00am Mass: Rev. Peter Fink, SJ
11:30am Mass: Rev. Marc Roselli, SJ
5:00pm Mass: Rev. Marc Roselli, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Barbara Beharry, Robert Boeskool, Bettie Bose,
Dr. Christopher Bulgarelli, Alex Campbell,
Lisa & Chris Cirri, Francis Coleman, Tom Cooney,
Louis DeFazio, Nela Faddis, Johnathan Gotay-Caban,
Frank Fiore, Racquel Gager, George Gilmore, Mary Hannan,
Vincent Izzo, Jesus Jimenez, Marianne Githens, Robyn Luisi,
John Marshall, Herminda Matallana, Scott McKinney,
John Nesbit, Carmine Novembre, Dorothy Oliva, Ellen
Palumbo, Dennis Petraghani, David Saulius, Rocco Scura,
Teri Sheridan, Barbara Starkey, 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:

Rose Ann Boyle, Adeline Bucki,
David Gotay, Shirley Haanio, Walter Myers,
Consuelo Pizarro, Neil Waldrop, Pauline Zunno

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.**

TO THE SISTERS: THANK YOU

James Martin, S.J.

The Vatican's "mandate," in which it oversaw the running of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, has ended—two years earlier than anticipated. In a joint statement today from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the LCWR, both parties said that the goal of the oversight had been "accomplished."

When the Vatican's investigation of the LCWR, the umbrella organization that represents the majority of women's religious orders in this country, was announced in 2012, some of the language coming from Vatican officials was harsh. As a result, there were widespread concerns that the following outcomes were possible: the outright elimination of the LCWR; a virtual gutting of the organization, rendering it a shell of what it had been; and a longer-term Vatican oversight, perhaps extending for many years. Those fears have proven unfounded. The main terms of the joint agreement state that the LCWR will be more attentive than its official publications are in "accord with church teaching" and that any speakers at its annual conventions are "appropriate to the Conference's mission." The LCWR will continue, and will surely continue to be a powerful voice in the Catholic church in this country. The two groups have come to a mutual understanding, and, as the document says, their dialogue "has borne much fruit, for which we give thanks to God and the gentle guidance of the Holy Spirit." Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, the American bishop charged with the temporary oversight of the LCWR, called the conversations a "blessing from the Lord." And today, as the joint statement was being released, several members of the LCWR leadership met with Pope Francis, and afterwards said in a statement that they were "deeply heartened" by the Pope's "expression of appreciation for the witness given by Catholic sisters through their lives and ministry and will bring that message back to our members."

Now that the investigation has concluded, what can we say? First, the LCWR entered into this dialogue prayerfully and faithfully, but also conscious of their unique role in the church. In the best tradition of religious men and women, they were both obedient to church authority and to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. This is a delicate balance for religious: the need to be faithful both to the institutional church and true to the unique role of religious life, as well the individual charisms of their orders.

Second, the surprisingly early ending of the investigation, and the amicable agreement, may be a sign of the more merciful approach in all areas under Pope Francis. Last December, the "Apostolic Visitation" of the "quality of life" of all American women religious (that is, Catholic sisters) also ended amicably, with unexpectedly fulsome praise for women religious from the Vatican congregation that deals with religious orders. Indeed, as almost all of the Pope's biographers have noted, the former Jorge Mario Bergoglio, SJ, had several run-ins with Jesuit superiors after he served as Jesuit provincial in Argentina. Though it is unclear to what extent the Pope was involved in these deliberations, his experience may have given Pope Francis greater sympathy for religious men and women under "investigation."

Third, dialogue works. The process has involved extensive, and honest, exchanges of perspectives on matters involving faith and its practice, the roles of church leadership and religious life, hopes for the life of the Catholic church, and so on. As the Pope pointed out in the Synod on the Family, when these exchanges are carried on in a spirit of mutual respect, deeper understandings of differing perspectives can better be heard and appreciated. Both sides seemed to have genuinely heard the concerns of the other and tried to understand the context of those concerns. As Sharon Holland, IHM, the president of the LCWR, commented about the Apostolic Visitation, the commonalities between the sisters and the Vatican were much greater than any of their differences.

Fourth, the stakes were high. Both sides were concerned with the life of the church and the People of God. The CDF's investigation in particular had ramifications beyond just the LCWR and the state of religious life, since it dealt with matters of conscience, faith, belief, which impact, in different ways, everyone in the church. The commitment to dialogue, especially on matters like this, is difficult and time-consuming, but it is probably one of the most important works we can engage in at a time when the whole world is struggling with polarization and differences, and when the church is trying to move beyond internal division.

To read the rest of the article from America Magazine visit

<http://americamagazine.org/content/all-things/sisters-thank-you>

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

May 2nd 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.

*SFX Women's Ministry, Xavier Mission,
Catholic Lesbians, Gay Catholics, and Peace & Justice
invite you to a conversation on*

DOROTHY DAY

FOUNDER, CATHOLIC WORKER MOVEMENT

HER SPIRITUALITY, HER WORK, AND HER MISSION

**Tuesday, May 12th
6:30 pm – 8:45 pm
Mary Chapel**

with Jane Sammon, who was mentored by Dorothy Day and has dedicated her life to the Catholic Worker in New York City since 1972, and Joanne Kennedy, who is managing editor of The Catholic Worker newspaper and has lived and worked at the Catholic Worker since 1997.

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, May 8th
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 or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

AIDS WALK NY 2015

I am so grateful for the gift of being part of the Xavier community. ~John Weber

Last weekend we raised \$3,331.00 with more expected on-line. You can still contribute on-line until May 17th.

Visit the Xavier web site or Facebook Page for the AWNY link:
or call 212-807-9255.

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

India Group

INDIA GROUP REPORT TO THE PARISH

The India Group works with families in four cities in India to provide education for their children and health care for the family. During the month of February, three members of the group participated in a pilgrimage to India.

Please join us in the West Room on **May 3** at 1:00 PM. Parishioner Nancy Fava will be speaking about her experiences in India and the recent expansion of the work of the India Group.

LAY SPIRITUALITY

For more than 30 years, through listening, prayer, reflecting and sharing, we have found that our relationship with God is a beautiful, surprising and fulfilling journey.

The Lay Spirituality Program
of the Church of St. Francis Xavier,
invites you to go within ...
to find the more your soul yearns for.

**Group 26 is now forming &
will begin a 10-month program in
spirituality on September 22nd.**

An information session will be held
on **Sunday, May 7, at 6:30 PM** in the **Westroom**.

For more information, please visit our website at layspirits.org, send us an email at layspirits@gmail.com or leave a message at 212.627.2100, ext. 216.

Scripture Readings For the Week

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18. *There is no salvation through anyone else. We shall see God as he really is. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

Monday~ Feast of St. Peter Canisius: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10. *God has then granted life-giving repentance to the Gentiles too. I am the gate for the sheep.*

Fourth Tuesday of Easter: Acts 11:1-26; John 10:22-30. *They began speaking to the Greeks as well, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Father and I are one.*

Wednesday~Feast of St. Catherine of Siena: Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50. *Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul. I came into the world as light.*

Fourth Thursday of Easter: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20. *From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. Whoever receives the one I send receives me.*

Fourth Friday of Easter: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6. *God has fulfilled his promise by raising Jesus from the dead. I am the way and the truth and the life.*

Saturday~Feast of St. Athanasius: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14. *We now turn to the Gentiles. Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.*

Fifth Sunday of Easter: Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8. *Barnabas reported to the Apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way. This is the commandment: that we may believe and love. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.*



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 sfxgsgroup@gmail.com

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact **Jose Ramon, joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com**

SFX Women: 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**