



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Jesus approached the disciples and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 18-20)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of our
Annual Mission Appeal
(Handmaids of the Divine Redeemer)

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 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;
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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, June 6th

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

Sunday, June 7th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Julia Ann Barnes, Barbara Beharry, Antonio Bird,
Michael Brooks, Dr. Christopher Bulgarelli, Alex Campbell,
Lisa & Chris Cirri, Francis Coleman, Jack Conway,
Tom Cooney, Louis DeFazio, George Gilmore, Racquel Gager,
Robyn Luisi, Teresa Mitchell, Scott McKinney, Lori Mitchener,
Kathleen Mulvaney, John Nesbit, Carmine Novembre,
Dorothy Oliva, Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek,
Ellen Palumbo, Dennis Petraghani, Natalie Russo, David
Saulius, Rocco Scura, Teri Sheridan, Barbara Starkey,
Mary and Gabino Torres, Charles and Janet Townsend,
Carl Wassmann*

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

*Rose Ann Boyle, David Gotay, Henry Guallini, Ann B. Hogg,
Stephen Quigley, 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.**

“THE INVITATION TO YES”

by Zahrah Ektefaei Wattier & Phil Gutierrez

Coordinators, Xavier Young Adults

In this final Sunday of May, we conclude the Church’s celebration of Mary during this month – a very special time. Mary is not just Jesus’ mother, as we know, but is also the first evangelizer and the first disciple. Mary accompanied Christ’s entire earthly mission of love, and is an example of how to follow Christ in our daily lives. At St. Francis Xavier, our Eucharist, devotional prayers, Mary Chapel, and recently-restored sanctuary artwork remind us of this.

For the two of us, however, Mary’s most memorable act was at the Wedding Feast at Cana.

We remember the celebration and Christ turning water into wine, but it was Mary’s affirmative yes when she instructs “*Do whatever He tells you,*” that continues to inspire us today. Mary had an amazing ability to surrender to God’s will in a way that many of us strive to achieve.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus tells his apostles to go out and “*make disciples of all nations,*” reminding us that we should go where we are called, but we are not alone; Christ is with us always. So, what does that mean to us today? And how might we connect Jesus’ command with Mary’s life-changing and life-giving choice to say yes?

Often young people are seen serving in the parish, encouraged by sentiments such as, “That’s so sweet” or “We’re so happy to have a young person with us today!” It’s true: seeing young people serve in the parish is a wonderful thing, energizing and life-giving to the parish community. But why aren’t more young people serving? In fact, why aren’t more PEOPLE serving?

Too often the word “later” is a part of our plans. I will donate “later,” I will volunteer “later,” I will join that ministry “later.” It’s very comfortable to feel that we are anonymous in the parish pews showing up on a Sunday and leaving as soon as the final hymn is over – that is, until eventually *later* becomes *never*. Why wait for later when we are being called to serve today? No matter your age, from 3 to 103, we have all been given gifts to share with others.

Xavier Young Adults ministry serves parishioners who are 18-35. Our roster often changes, marked by this period of life transitions and growth. People get new jobs; people move away; people move back; people go back to school; and all of those other things that happen when you are making your mark in this world. While Young Adults ministry always needs help to make our programming happen, we are not the only ministry who needs your “yes.”

A parishioner-driven parish such as St. Francis Xavier depends on all Catholics, and our community cannot thrive if we wait for someone else to minister to us rather than ministering with each other. Since its founding, our Church has been the work of the People of God; with your help and full participation, Xavier will continue to thrive for generations to come.

As the two of us conclude our leadership of Xavier Young Adults, we reflect with gratitude on how God is at work in the young people we have encountered the past three years in our ministry’s spiritual, service, and social activities, and elsewhere in Xavier parish life. Meeting young Catholics where they are and fostering community, deeper spirituality, and long-term engagement, our activities ask how disciples can contribute to the Catholic Church of today, at a Jesuit parish, in New York City.

Sometimes we are told fairly directly in Scripture – “Do whatever [Jesus] tells you,” as we heard at the Cana wedding feast. But more often, as St. Ignatius of Loyola teaches, the invitation to respond to God’s love can be found in more subtle ways that beckon the time, gifts, experiences, and talents that only you can provide – not later, but now.

In Mary, we have an example of a young adult whose active yes changed the trajectory of her own life, and ours. What will your answer be?



Young Adults
CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

WANT TO KNOW ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS HAPPENING AT THE CHURCH?



Get important updates from SFX and the Archdiocese of New York in a timely and convenient way. We want to communicate more effectively with you. But we

also want to make it easy for you to control what types of announcements you get from us and how you are notified when we make them. In order to do this we are using a new service called FLOCKNOTE, as in sending “notes” to your “flock”.

The service is free and will make it easy for you to stay plugged in to the happenings at Xavier and the wider Church **via text message or email updates**. And don't worry, your information is completely safe and secure. It will NOT be sold or rented to third-parties. And you can unsubscribe at any time!

You can visit the parish website at www.sfxavier.org and click on the Flocknote icon pictured above.

Gay Catholics

**Friday, June 5th
6:45 – 9:00 PM - Mary Chapel**

Happy Pride. Fr. James Martin SJ makes clear that the journey to discovering the authentic self culminates in also finding God, while letting God find us. Because it is not possible to find our real selves alone, God has to be the instrument of this process. What has that meant in your discovery and pride?

Ignatius believed that God can be experienced by every person and that God deals uniquely and with utter respect with each human being. Life in the Spirit is ultimately a life of joy, because it is to be the recipient of divine life and love which enables us to discover our most authentic self and to live a life of love and compassion towards other human beings.

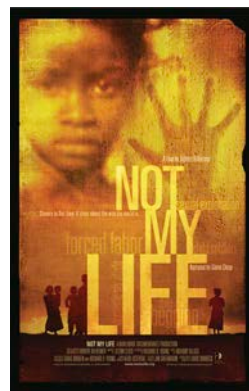


SEEK HUMAN DIGNITY AND END MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

St. Francis Xavier Parish and its Peace & Justice Committee are continuing to learn about and advocate against the \$32 billion global human trafficking / slavery industry. The Polaris Project, a leading organization active in this fight, estimates that there are more individuals in slavery today than at the height of the trans-Atlantic slave trade of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

On Tuesday, June 2 at 7 P.M., we will be holding a screening of the one hour UNICEF documentary “Not My Life” followed by an inter-active discussion led by Sarah Wilbanks, a Fellow at the U.S. UNICEF End Trafficking Department. Filmed on 5 continents in a dozen countries, this story takes us into a world with millions of children exploited every day, through practices of forced labor, domestic servitude, begging, sex tourism, sexual exploitation and child soldiering.

The full message of the film is actually one of hope since advocates are growing in numbers and effectiveness. As Pope Francis has said, “*Cry out full-throated, like a trumpet blast. Rub it in the face of all those who invented this infernal machine of exclusion, this infernal machine that disposes of people, and let's curse their conduct and ask God to convert their hearts.*” The choice between good and evil is, ultimately, ours! Peace.



Please join us:

SCREENING OF “NOT MY LIFE”

**Tuesday June 2th
7:00 P.M.
Mary Chapel**

THE XAVIER SHELTER NAMING PROJECT



As announced in last week's bulletin, we will name the Xavier Shelter for Men in honor of former pastor, **Fr. Ned Coughlin, SJ**. To make this possible and provide much needed resources for the shelter, the Parish and Xavier Mission are teaming up to hold a community-wide drawing!

Throughout the month of June, tickets will be available for purchase in the church after all weekend Masses, at the 15th Street reception desk, and through *Faith Direct*. The cost is \$20 per ticket and we hope to sell 1,000 tickets (or more). Half of the proceeds will benefit the shelter and the parish while the other half will be awarded as cash prizes according to the following scale:

GRAND PRIZE:

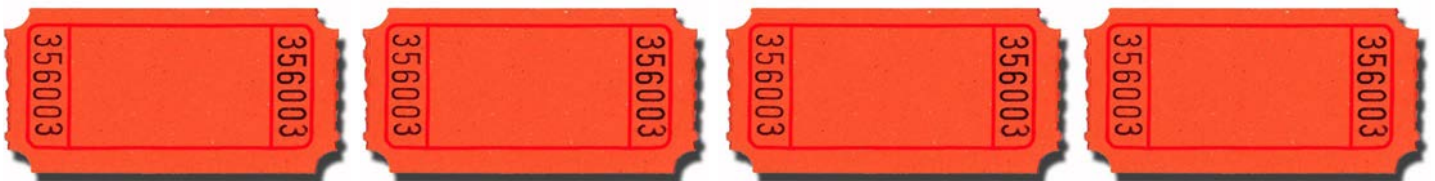
\$5,000 (or 25% of the drawing's gross income)

2nd PRIZE:

\$1,750 (or 8.75% of the drawing's gross income). Two prizes will be awarded at this level.

3rd PRIZE:

\$500 (or 2.5% of the drawing's gross income). Three prizes will be awarded at this level.



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 on spirituality in September.

An information session will be held on **Sunday, June 7th at 1:30 PM** in the **Mary Chapel.**

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.



Fr. Dennis Baker SJ, former member of the Xavier High School faculty, will celebrate his first mass as a priest on Sunday, June 14th, at 11:30am. Our church will be full and the celebration will be grand! Please plan accordingly.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday, June 7th
9:00 am Mass

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, June 12th
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
West Room

“You are to be the Messiah’s witness to all humankind, bearing testimony about all you have seen and heard. . . Go . . . and call on the name of Jesus.” (Acts 22:15–16)

Happy Pride! Anne Duquette will update us on two outreach projects for the ministry this month. Please bring a snack and/or beverage. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804.

SAVE THE DATE:

THE NEW YORK CATHOLIC BIBLE SUMMIT 2015

Saturday, June 20th
8:45am-4:00pm

The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office and the American Bible Society will bring together national and international Bible Scholars to share their knowledge with people who have an interest in learning more about the Bible. The theme of the Bible Summit this year is *Hear the Word of God with Reverence*. Proclaim it with Faith. This comes from the opening of Dei Verbum, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, which was issued by the Catholic Church 50 years ago this year. The cost of the Summit is \$25. If you register before June 10th, the day includes coffee for breakfast and a box lunch. For more information visit website www.nyfaithformation.org or call 646-794-2692.

Scripture Readings For the Week

Sunday~ Feast of the Most Holy Trinity: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Matt 28:16-20. *The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below and there is no other. You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Monday~ Feast of St. Justin: Tob 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mark 12:1-12. *Tobit walked on the paths of truth and righteousness. They seized the beloved son, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.*

Ninth Tuesday in Ordinary Time: Tob 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17. *I was deprived of eyesight. Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.*

Wednesday~ Feast of St. Charles Lwanga: Tob 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27. *The prayer of these two petitioners was heard in the glorious presence of Almighty God. He is not God of the dead but of the living.*

Ninth Thursday in Ordinary Time: Tob 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mark 12:28-34. *Call down your mercy on me and her and allow us to live together to a happy old age. There is no commandment greater than these.*

Friday~ Feast of St. Boniface: Tob 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37. *God himself scourged me and behold, I now see my son Tobiah! How do the scribes claim that the Christ is the son of David.*

Ninth Saturday in Ordinary Time: Tob 12:1, 5, 20; Mark 12:38-44. *So now praise God. Behold, I am about to ascend to him who sent me. This poor widow has given more than all others.*

Sunday~ Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: Exod 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26. *This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you. The blood of Christ will cleanse our consciences. This is my body. This is my blood.*



Ongoing Parish Happenings

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

ADULT ACTIVITIES: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact bowcol@hotmail.com

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

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