



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, passed it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. (Mark 14: 22-24)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of our
the Black & India Missions

Soleminity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 7, 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

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

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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, June 13th

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

Sunday, June 14th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Dennis Baker, SJ*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Barbara Beharry, Antonio Bird, Michael Brooks,
Dr. Christopher Bulgarelli, Alex Campbell,
Lisa & Chris Cirri, Francis Coleman, Tom Cooney,
Louis DeFazio, George Gilmore, Racquel Gager, Robyn Luisi,
Edith Maier, Teresa Mitchell, Scott McKinney, Lori Mitchener,
Kathleen Mulvaney, John Nesbit, Carmine Novembre,
Dorothy Oliva, Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek,
Ellen Palumbo, Dennis Petragani, 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:

*Julia Ann Barnes, Helen Bowen, Rose Ann Boyle,
Jack Conway, David Gotay, Ann B. Hogg,
Dorothy Jones, Ralph Torres, 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.

EUCHARIST: THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Eucharist is the heart of the Church. The importance of the Eucharist was expressed by Karl Rahner when he said that the Eucharist is the sacrament of the Church. The Second Vatican Council puts it in a more concise and forceful way: “The Eucharist appears as the source and summit of all preaching of the Gospel.” According to Pope Francis, the Eucharist guarantees that Christ is in the center of our lives, and that the Holy Spirit is what moves our steps and our efforts to reach out, to help others and to be in communion. “By sharing in the same loaf of bread, we become one body, even though there are many of us.” (1 Corinthians 10:17)

Pope Francis affirms that whoever is nourished by the Living Bread, is driven by Christ’s love to give his/her life for others, including the marginalized and despised. In his homily on Corpus Christi 2013, Pope Francis said that when we come to the table of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, Jesus gives us his body once again. Listening to his word and being nourished by his Body and Blood makes us change from being a multitude to becoming a community; from anonymity to communion. Jesus speaks quietly in the mystery of the Eucharist and, each time we receive the Sacrament, we are reminded that being a disciple means to come out of ourselves and make our lives not merely our own possession, but a gift of Jesus to others.

The Eucharist is the sacrament of communion that makes us emerge from individualism to living together with one another in Christ. So Pope Francis asks: How do I live the Eucharist? Do I live it anonymously or as a moment of genuine communion with the brothers and sisters who participate in the same Mass? How are our Eucharistic celebrations? We can answer these questions by saying that, fortunately, the Eucharistic liturgies at this parish empower and enrich our commitment to discipleship. The Xavier community encounters the marginalized and despised. This is reflected in the various outreach programs and parish groups that have their own community and social commitments. In addition, each year these ministries together also focus on a particular issue - human trafficking, climate change, migration.

This Sunday, at the 9:00 am Mass, 22 students from the Family Faith program will receive the body and blood of Christ for the first time. Let us pray for them and for all of us that our participation in the Eucharist always incites us to follow Jesus every day, to be instruments of communion, to share with others what we are and have. It is then, as Pope Francis states, our existence will be truly fruitful.

THE XAVIER SHELTER NAMING PROJECT



As announced in the past 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:

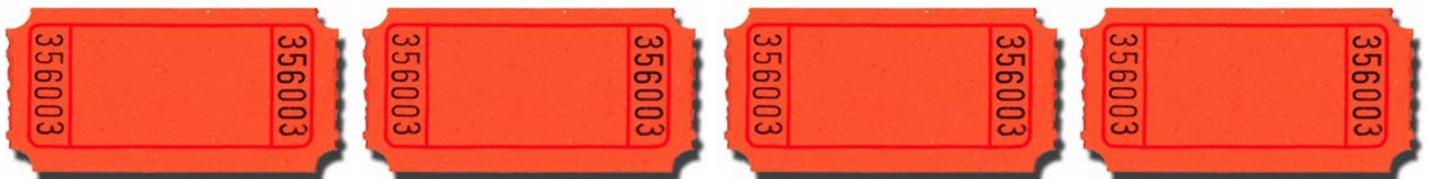
\$1,750 (or 8.75% of the drawing's gross income). Two prizes will be awarded at this level.

3rd PRIZE:

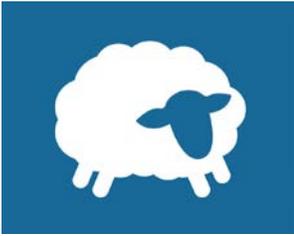
\$500 (or 2.5% of the drawing's gross income). Three prizes will be awarded at this level.

The drawing will be held immediately following the 11:30 mass on Sunday, July 5th.

Winners need not be present. All are welcome to attend.



**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 into 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.

SFX Women's Ministry

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH
7:00 PM – WEST ROOM**

Women of Xavier, are you curious about the results of our parish's recent listening sessions on the Synod on the Family and what was said about women?

What is happening with the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) after Pope Francis ended Vatican oversight?

All that happened with our parish's focus on human trafficking for the past year.

What our ministry has planned for the summer and fall and how you can participate?

Follow that curiosity!! Join us at our June meeting on to find out more and add your voice!



XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS - WITH GRATITUDE

A special Thank You acknowledgment for the members of the 2014-15 Young Adult Ministry Committee:

*Roisin Duffy-Gideon, Emily Jermusyk, Cindy Kusuma,
Christine Santisteban, Emily Schmitt, Lisa Slama,
Dan Trucil, Marie Wiltz*

Zahrah Ektefaei-Wattier & Phil Gutierrez, coordinators

This year, Xavier Young Adults' steering committee of servant-leaders provided spiritual, service, and social opportunities for Xavier's 20s-30s community, with over 100 active participants.

Please join us in prayers of gratitude and well-wishes, particularly for a number of our leaders who are beginning new chapters of their lives outside of NYC.

**SEEKING ACTIVITY LEADERS & NEW 2015-16
COMMITTEE MEMBERS!**

If you are in your 20s-30s, and looking to get more involved by helping plan or assist activities for Xavier Young Adults, we'd love to hear from you!

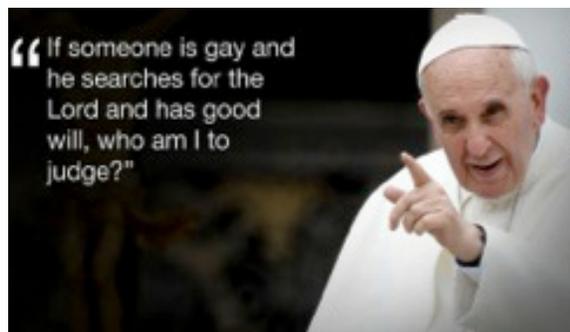
For this summer and for 2015-16, we are seeking activity leaders (Young Adult Ministry Committee members), as well as 1-2 coordinators to chair the committee. No experience necessary; full training and mentorship available, and first-timers are welcome!

This is a great way to meet fellow young Catholics, grow in your faith, and help other NYC young adults grow in theirs! Email sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com for details.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE PASTOR AND PASTORAL COUNCIL

Fr. Marina, the Pastoral Council, and the leadership of our LGBT ministries invite you to join us on **Friday, June 19th**, in the Mary Chapel for a viewing of “Owning Our Faith,” a short documentary film about the experiences, challenges, heartbreaks, and joys of being Catholic and part of the LGBT community. The documentary was produced and released last year by our sister parish, St. Paul the Apostle, and has received rave reviews. We will begin viewing the film at **6:30pm** and a facilitated discussion will follow. It is critically important that efforts like these continue so that the walls of prejudice and misunderstanding can come down.

Please join us if you can!



On **June 21st**, *Fr. Marc Roselli, SJ* will celebrate the 11:30am Mass. Please join us for coffee in the Mary Chapel immediately following, as we extend to him our gratitude and very best wishes as he departs Xavier for his new assignment.



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.

Catholic Lesbians

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

“You are to be the Messiah’s witness to all human-kind, 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 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.*

Monday~ Feast of St. James Berthieu: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Matt 5:1-12. *God encourages us that we ourselves may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction. Blessed are the poor in spirit.*

Tenth Tuesday in Ordinary Time: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Matt 5:13-16. *Jesus was not yes or no, but yes has always been in him. You are the light of the world.*

Tenth Wednesday in Ordinary Time: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Matt 5:17-19. *He has qualified us as ministries of a new covenant, not of the letter but of spirit. I have come not to abolish the law, but to fulfill it.*

Thursday~ Feast of St. Barnabas: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matt 5:20-26. *Barnabas was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. Whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.*

Friday~ Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Hos 11:1, 3-4; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19. *My heart is overwhelmed. To know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge. One soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.*

Tenth Saturday in Ordinary Time: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Matt 5:33-37. *For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin. I say to you, do not swear at all.*

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34. *I have lifted high the lowly tree. Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord. It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants.*



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**, [suniko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto:sunikol20@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