

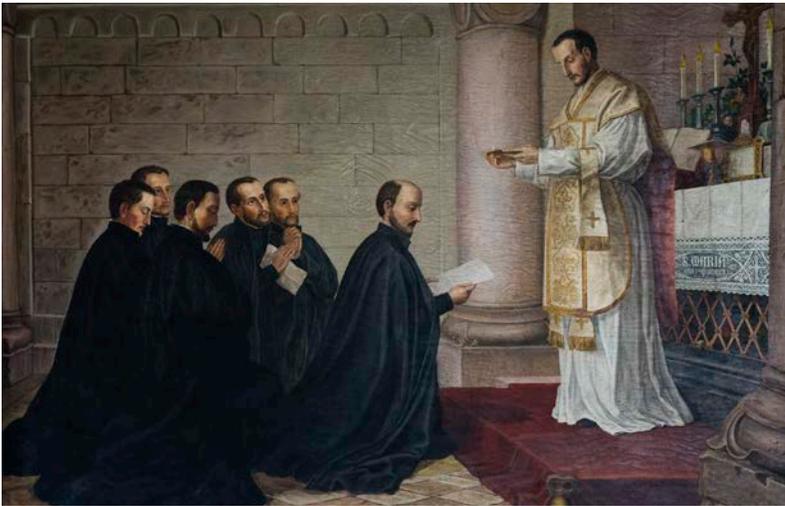


CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

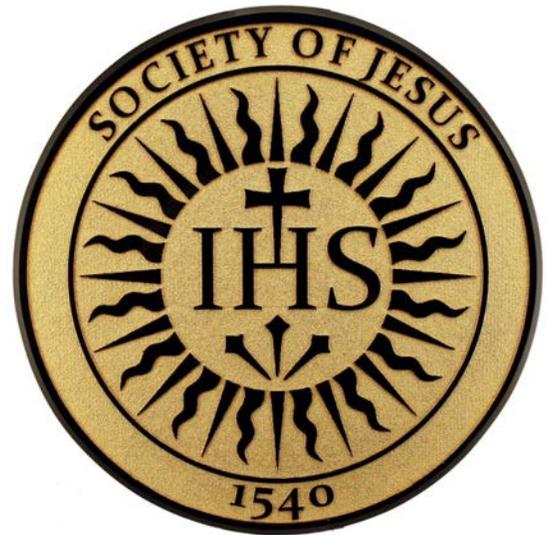
A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

West 16th Street, NYC • Phone: 212-627-2100 • Fax: 212-675-6997

Mailing Address: 55 West 15th Street, New York, NY 10011-6801
(Wheelchair Accessible 55 West 15th Street - All Masses are Handicapped Accessible)
E-Mail Address: StFrancisXavier@sfxavier.org • Website: www.sfxavier.org



We are sent on mission by God, as were Ignatius and the first companions, together with Christ, risen and glorified but still carrying the cross, as he labors in a world yet to experience the fullness of his reconciliation...



This reconciliation calls us to build a new world of right relationships, a new Jubilee reaching across all divisions so that God might restore justice for all.

-General Congregation 35 of the Society of Jesus, Decree 3, #60



SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of
the people of Nepal

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 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, June 20th

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

Sunday, June 21st

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

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Barbara Beharry, Antonio Bird, Eileen Cocchini, Francis Coleman, Tom Cooney, Teddy D'Alesio, Louis DeFazio, Racquel Gager, Robyn Luisi, Edith Maier, Teresa Mitchell, Lori Mitchener, Kathleen Mulvaney, John Nesbit, Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek, Dennis Petraghani, Rocco Scura, Teri Sheridan, 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, Jack Conway, George Gilmore, David Gotay, Ann B. Hogg, Dorothy Jones, Dominga Nazareno, 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.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Dear Friends in Christ,

What a difference eleven years can make! That's how long it's been since I joined the Society of Jesus. Some days, it feels like a lifetime --other days, no more than a long weekend. But over a decade has passed to be sure. And I am writing these words to you on the third anniversary of my ordination.

Eleven years ago, eleven of us entered the Jesuit Novitiate at St. Andrew Hall in Syracuse, NY. We came from eight different states and ranged in age from 23-42 (guess who the oldest was!). Before the end of our novitiate, two great men, Rob and Matt, decided to take a different path. A few years later, Rob married Kristen, right here at Xavier. They still worship with us on most Sundays and Rob is currently working on a doctorate in theology at Fordham. Matt married Louise and they are happily raising three beautiful daughters in Wheeling, WV. He teaches high school during the day and, in his spare time, leads a terrific band called "Two Bridges." A third man, Tom, left the Jesuits just last year to continue his path to the priesthood with the Archdiocese of Boston.

So eight of the original eleven remain. And three of those --Dennis Baker, Brent Otto, and Sean Toole-- will be ordained this weekend at the Fordham University Church, along with John Peck who came later in the program. We have been through an incredible journey together: the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius; pilgrimages to foreign countries; grueling (yet blessed) work as orderlies at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx; hundreds of credit hours in philosophy and theology; countless opportunities to promote the faith that does justice; authentic new friendships; and the beat goes on and on. It's a wonderful life!

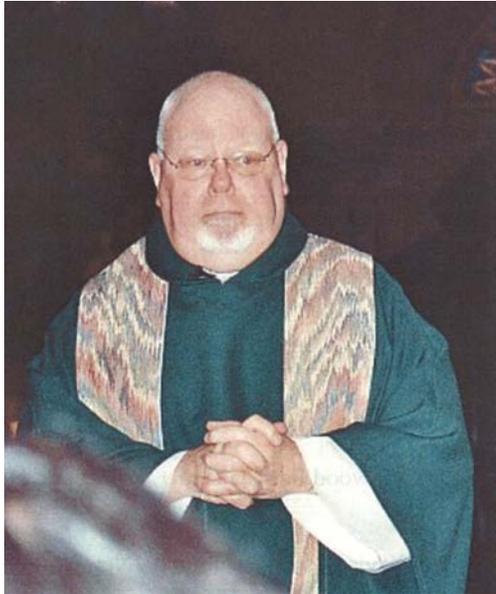
Two of the men from my class will intersect with SFX as early as this weekend. Dennis, a former member of the Xavier High School faculty and no stranger to our church, celebrates his first Mass as a priest at our 11:30 liturgy on Sunday. Dennis has served the Jesuit mission from Canisius High School in Buffalo to Yap Catholic High School in the Federated States of Micronesia. He's amazing! In July, Sean will begin a pastoral year with us, serving both the parish and the Mission as a most welcomed addition to our staff. Sean has engaged a variety of great ministries, from refugee resettlement in Syracuse, NY to prison chaplaincy at San Quentin Penitentiary in California. You're going to love him! These are two wonderful Jesuits whom I am honored to call my brothers and friends.

In 1955, Fr. Joseph McGloin SJ wrote a book entitled "I'll Die Laughing." It tells the story of Jesuit formation prior to Vatican II and I couldn't think of a better title for it! If truth be told, the last eleven years have been sacred, inspiring, enriching and profound. At times, they've been crushing as well. But I think I've spent more time laughing, loving, feeling loved, and finding God than I ever did in the 40+ years that went before them. This is truly a wonderful life and I recommend it highly.

Thank you, good people of St. Francis Xavier, for nurturing and strengthening Jesuit vocations since 1847. This parish would not be standing without you. And the Jesuits would be diminished without Dennis, Sean, Brent, John and the 24 other U.S./Canadian Jesuits being ordained this year. So please keep these new priests in your prayers and be assured of theirs for you. I hope that *all* of us will die laughing (but not too soon)!

Your servant,
Fr. Marina

THE XAVIER SHELTER NAMING PROJECT



As previously announced, 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 **50/50 raffle!**

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** at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/59>. 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 raffle's gross income)

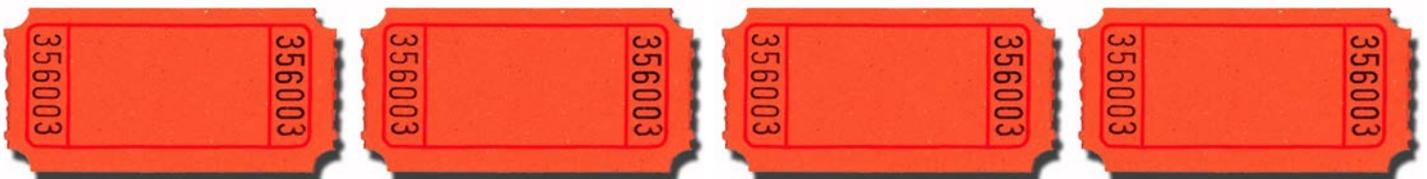
2nd PRIZE:

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

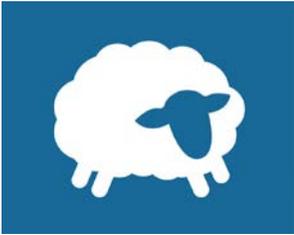
3rd PRIZE:

\$500 (or 2.5% of the raffle'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.

Congratulations, Prayers, and Best Wishes
to
***Frs. Dennis Baker, Brent Otto,
John Peck, and Sean Toole***
on their ordination to the priesthood



June 13, 2015
Fordham University Church
Go Forth and Set the World on Fire!



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 Larkin-Hurtado Hall 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, on 59th street. 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!



Please join us for coffee in the Mary Chapel immediately following the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, June 21st, as we say thank you and farewell to Fr. Marc Roselli. He will be sorely missed!

“Laudato Si: On the Care of Our Common Home”

The encyclical of Pope Francis on the environment will be released to the world on Thursday, June 18th. The opening words of the title, *Laudato Si*, are Latin for “Praised be...”, an invocation often used by St. Francis of Assisi as he thanked God for the beauty of creation: “Praised be Brother Sun and Sister Moon”, etc.

The encyclical will be posted to the SFX website as soon as possible and we will use it as a central resource and rallying point throughout the year. This document is an extremely valuable gift to the nations of the world. Let us keep Pope Francis and the health of our planet in our prayers.

AIDS WALK NY 2015



The Church of Saint Francis Xavier DID IT! We reached our goal of **\$30,000.00**. Your team and all those you will help thank you with all our hearts.

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

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.*

Eleventh Monday in Ordinary Time:

2 Cor 6:1-10; Matt 38-42. *In everything we command ourselves as ministers of God. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil.*

Eleventh Tuesday in Ordinary Time:

2 Cor 8:1-9; Matt 5:43-48. *Christ became poor for your sake. Love your enemies.*

Eleventh Wednesday in Ordinary Time:

2 Cor 9:6-11; Matt 6:1-6, 16-18. *God loves a cheerful giver. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you.*

Eleventh Thursday in Ordinary Time:

2 Cor 1:1-10; Matt 6:7-15. *I preached the gospel of God to you without charge This is how you are to pray.*

Eleventh Friday in Ordinary Time:

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Matt 6:19-23. *Apart from these things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.*

Eleventh Saturday in Ordinary Time:

2 Cor 12:1-10; Matt 6:24-34. *I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses. Do not worry about tomorrow.*

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41. *Here shall your proud waves be stilled! Behold, new things have come. Who is this whom even wind and sea obey?*



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