



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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The Lord said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” I boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints for the sake of Christ. For when I am weak, it is then that I am strong.
(2 COR 12: 9-10)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Pastoral Solidarity

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 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
Dameley 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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 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, July 11th

5:00pm Vigil: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

Sunday, July 12th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

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

**NEXT WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Xavier Mission**

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Antonio Bird, Alex Campbell, Kyle Cheplic, Eileen Cocchini,
Hugo Correa, Sheila Creasey, Teddy D'Allesio, Louis DeFazio,
Racquel Gager, Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Robyn Luisi,
Edith Maier, John Marshall, John Nesbit,
Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek, Rocco Scura,
Teri Sheridan, Mary and Gabino Torres,
Charles and Janet Townsend, Carl Wassmann, Molly Wolfe*

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

*George Gilmore, Amadeo Hernández, Lori Mitchener,
Dominga Nazareno*

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.**

From the Desk of Fr. Marc Roselli

You might have read that article in the New York Times a week or so ago about the ghost writers who are hired to create speeches for the Best Man or Maid of Honor and even for people making a personal address at formal occasions like wedding anniversaries, bar mitzvahs, etc. I was half tempted to contact those people for this, my farewell message to you, that will be preserved in *perpetuam* in the Xavier parish bulletin. Writing my weekly Sunday homily is one thing, this, my dear friends is, as we say in Italian, *tutt' altra cosa* (something entirely different).

So much to say and only six hundred words (actually five hundred and seventy four after these very words—see, I really should have hired those people!) in which to do it. Brevity may be the soul of wit, but I am placing all my bets that it can also be true of the language of the heart.

These last twenty-three weeks or 161 days (yes, I counted each and every one of them in the futile hope that somehow that would slow the passage of time) have been some of the most wonderful days of my life. I mean that most sincerely. You all know what an incredibly special, wonderful community you have here— so alive, so full of faith and love, so vibrant in the Spirit. You are the most gracious, hospitable, inclusive, accepting Catholic parish community I have encountered in my sixty years. Please don't take that for granted and don't let it lull you into complacency. I have been both blessed and challenged by you, called to deeper prayer and integrity. I tried to give you my best. You have given me more affirmation than I have received in any other of my previous assignments. From my experience of liturgy, both daily and on the weekends, you have brought me to a deeper appreciation of the Mass by your own reverent and full-hearted participation in it.

In such a short period of time I was not able to experience extensively all of the present, active ministries here at Xavier—probably the only regret I have. However, what I was able to experience was extremely inspiring and profoundly consoling. I have been blessed by visiting some of the sick. I really cannot find words to describe how extraordinarily touched I was by the sharing, the honesty and openness of the Gay Men's group on Friday evenings. I know that what I experienced there is found in all the groups and ministries of the parish, and in the parish as a whole.

Xavier parish is a unique faith community. In one glance, a person can sense your history, while also getting a glimpse of your future. The present is only “where” you happen to be right now. What is ever-the-same about you is incarnate in your faith, tested and true, in your desire to know the Lord, to follow and to serve him, especially in your brothers and sisters who are overlooked, unloved, uncared for, and unaware of their own significance and giftedness. Here at Xavier people certainly find Christ, but in so doing they also, in a real sense, find themselves and can celebrate that within a community of believers.

I thank you, one and all, and special thanks to Fr. Joe Marina, Fr. Peter Fink, Luz Marina Diaz, John Uehlein, Jacqui Falco, to Stephanie, Damely, Cassie, Alex, to Moraima and Elizabeth, to Greg, Stephanie, Justin and Robert. A most special thanks to all those who coordinate so well together the various ministries at our weekend Masses.

This is really not goodbye. I see it, rather, as “until the next time.”

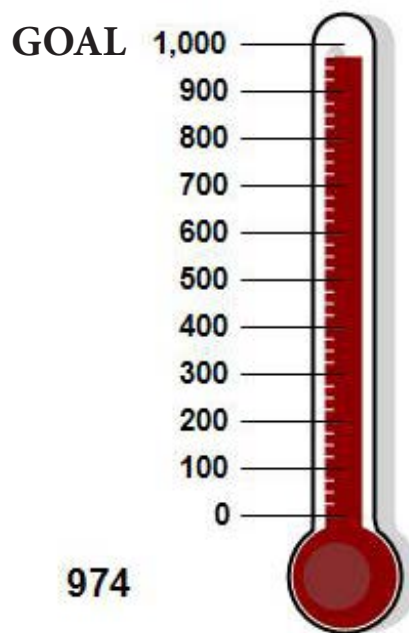
Fr. Marc Roselli, S.J.

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!**

Tickets are \$20 each and will be available for purchase until the start of the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, July 5th. Half of the proceeds will benefit the shelter and the parish while the other half will be awarded as cash prizes according to the scale below:

Tickets Sold: 974



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.*



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

Family Faith is the religious education program at the Church of St. Francis Xavier serving children from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Since religious education is a lifelong process, the program also includes post-confirmation classes.

Members of Family Faith worship together at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. After Mass, we gather in the Xavier High School library. After a brief period of (healthy) snacks, announcements and prayer, parents accompany their children to their classrooms. Parents may either stay with their children or return to the library for a guest speaker and discussion. At 11:30, parents pick up their children at their classroom.

Children receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist if they are at least in 2nd grade and have completed two consecutive years in the program. They receive the sacrament of Confirmation when they are at least in 7th grade and have completed two consecutive years in the program. **For more information, please contact Luz Marina Diaz in the parish office.**

REGISTRATION

SUNDAYS
AUGUST
9, 16, 23, 30
WEST ROOM
9AM TO 1PM

TUITION FEE: \$100
PER STUDENT.
SNACKS FEE: \$80
PER STUDENT.

FOR STUDENTS
PREPARING FOR
THE SACRAMENTS,
THERE IS AN
ADDITIONAL FEE OF
\$50 PER
SACRAMENT.

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SAVE THE DATE:

**MARY MAGDALENE
PRAYER SERVICE**



Tuesday, July 21th

**Sponsors: Young Adults and
SFX Women's Ministry**

**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.

**PAPAL ENCYCLICAL ON
THE ENVIRONMENT**

In his recent encyclical on the care of our common home, Pope Francis preaches “the Gospel of Creation,” drawing on the words of the Hebrew prophets, saints like Francis of Assisi and Therese of Lisieux, the Popes who preceded him, and Jesus himself. Let us pray this Gospel of Creation in Francis' own words: “Son of God, Jesus...you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!” And please prayerfully consider signing the St. Francis Pledge of the Catholic Climate Covenant to act together with other Catholics in honor of St. Francis. (Google “Catholic Climate Covenant”.)

En su reciente encíclica sobre el cuidado de nuestra casa común, el Papa Francisco predica “el Evangelio de la Creación”, basandose en las palabras de los profetas hebreos, los santos como Francisco de Asís y Teresa de Lisieux, los papas que le precedieron, y de las palabras de Jesús mismo. Oremos este Evangelio de la Creación en las propias palabras de Francisco: “Hijo de Dios, Jesús ... usted está vivo en todos los seres creados en su gloria resucitado. Alabado sea usted! “ Y como parte de su oración, considere firmar el “Convenio Católica por el Clima” para actuar juntos a otros Católicos en honor al Santo Francisco. (Buscar en Google: Catholic Climate Covenant; escoger “español” en la esquina derecho.)

Thank you,
Nancy Lorence

Scripture Readings For the Week

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6. *They are a rebellious house but shall know that a prophet has been among them. I will boast in my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me. A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.*

Fourteenth Monday in Ordinary Time:

Gen 28:10-22a; Matt 9:18-26. *Jacob had a dream: a stairway rested on the ground and God's messengers were going up and down on it, and the LORD was speaking. My daughter has just died, but come and she will live.*

Fourteenth Tuesday in Ordinary Time:

Gen 32:23-33; Matt 9:32-38. *You shall be spoken of as Israel, because you have contended with God and have prevailed. The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.*

Fourteenth Wednesday in Ordinary Time:

Gen 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matt 10:1-7. *Alas, we are being punished because of our brother. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

Thursday~ Feast of SS. Leo Mangin and

Mary Zhu: Gen 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matt 10:7-15. *It was really for the sake of saving lives that God sent me here ahead of you. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.*

Fourteenth Friday in Ordinary Time:

Gen 46:1-7, 28-30; Matt 10:16-23. *At last I can die, now that I have seen for myself that Joseph is still alive. for it will not be you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.*

Saturday~ Feast of St. Benedict: Gen 49:29-32;

Matt 10:24-33. *God will surely take care of you and lead you out of this land. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.*

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13. *Go, prophesy to my people. God chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world. He began to send them out.*



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