



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The Lord took me from following the flock, and said to me: “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.” (Amos 7: 14-15)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of the Xavier Mission

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 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. Sean P. Toole, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 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

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 18th

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

Sunday, July 19th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Sean P. Toole, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Sean P. Toole, SJ*

**NEXT WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Parish Maintenance**

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'Alesio, Louis DeFazio,
Racquel Gager, Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Robyn Luisi,
Edith Maier, John Marshall, John Nesbit,
Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek, Silvana Puleo,
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.**

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.**

From the Desk of Fr. Sean Toole, SJ

Dear Friends in Christ,

I'm the new guy. I'm new to the parish and this is my first week on the job as associate pastor. I'm new to the city, having just relocated from California. I'm even new to the priesthood, ordained just last month at Fordham University. My new mission is to learn how to be a priest. Your new mission is to teach me and I'm the first newly ordained priest assigned to St. Francis Xavier in recent memory.

Nervous? Me, too. Fortunately for us, our faith is full of witnesses who rose to the occasion when they were asked to do something out of the ordinary. That's the subject of all three readings today. Jesus summoned the Apostles to preach as pilgrims, and they did. The Lord called Amos to prophesy to Israel, and he did. God chose to adopt, redeem, and forgive everyone in Ephesus, and the Ephesians accepted God's love, despite their transgressions. None of these holy women and men expected God to choose them, but they said yes anyway. The Apostles collected taxes and fish. Amos tended sheep and trees. The Ephesians weren't known for any special sanctity. But none of them ignored the Lord.

Our saints also model for us how to respond to God's surprising invitations. Henry, whom we celebrate July 13, fought wars but established peace. Kateri Tekakwitha (July 14) spent her brief adult life in New York and Quebec stubbornly devoted to Jesus, a suspicious figure to her Mohawk relatives. Bonaventure (July 15) was born wealthy but became a poor Franciscan. Mary (July 16) offers the best example of all. She was still a girl when she courageously and confusedly accepted Gabriel's invitation to bear our Savior. With these saints as our guides, we can find the faith to respond to God's call to new things here in Chelsea.

I can't think of a better place to start a journey than at St. Francis Xavier Church and Mission. This parish is deservedly renowned for welcoming outsiders, be they visitors, recent arrivals, or people searching for a new home. Both physically and spiritually, St. Francis Xavier offers a safe harbor and nourishment for the voyages ahead. I know that I am in experienced and kind hands as I begin my ministry here.

As you share with me your wisdom and insights about priesthood, know that you're not starting from scratch. I have been a Jesuit for eleven years. (No, I didn't get left back; we're just that slow!) During my time with the Society of Jesus, I have worked in schools, shelters, prisons, and hospitals in nine U.S. cities and three foreign countries. I hold degrees in urban studies from Rutgers and Saint Louis Universities and degrees in theology from Santa Clara University.

My hometown is the humble borough of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. There, my grandmother grew up on Third Avenue, my father grew up on Tenth Avenue, and I grew up on Sixth Avenue. It seems only fitting that my first assignment is to a parish just off Sixth Avenue in Manhattan. I'm a fan of folk music and look forward to visiting the old venues in Greenwich Village. My favorite sport is baseball; I've just concluded a season serving as chaplain to the San Quentin Athletics, who are unable to play away games. For the record, I experienced many fewer threats to my safety there than in the four years I worked as an intramural softball umpire at Rutgers.

As we worship God together in the weeks and months ahead, I ask for your patience and especially your prayers. Together, may we find the faith to respond to God's unexpected invitations.

Thank you,
Sean Toole, SJ

2015 APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF POPE FRANCIS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Here is the schedule for Pope Francis' September 2015 Apostolic Journey to the United States of America as released by the Vatican on June 30, 2015. All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (WASHINGTON, DC)

4:00 p.m. Arrival from Cuba at Joint Base Andrews

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (WASHINGTON, DC)

9:15 a.m. Welcome ceremony and meeting with President Obama at the White House

11:30 a.m. Midday Prayer with the bishops of the United States, St. Matthew's Cathedral

4:15 p.m. Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (WASHINGTON, DC, NEW YORK CITY)

9:20 a.m. Address to Joint Session of the United States Congress

11:15 a.m. Visit to St. Patrick in the City and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

4:00 p.m. Depart from Joint Base Andrews

5:00 p.m. Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport

6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 (NEW YORK CITY)

8:30 a.m. Visit to the United Nations and Address to the United Nations General Assembly

11:30 a.m. Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center

4:00 p.m. Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem

6:00 p.m. Mass at Madison Square Garden

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (NEW YORK CITY, PHILADELPHIA)

8:40 a.m. Departure from John F. Kennedy International Airport

9:30 a.m. Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia

10:30 a.m. Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

4:45 p.m. Visit to Independence Mall

7:30 p.m. Visit to the Festival of Families Benjamin Franklin Parkway

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 (PHILADELPHIA)

9:15 a.m. Meeting with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

11:00 a.m. Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility

4:00 p.m. Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway

7:00 p.m. Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation

8:00 p.m. Departure for Rome



PAPAL ENCYCLICAL ON THE ENVIRONMENT (5TH INSTALLMENT)

In his June encyclical on creation care, “Laudato Si”, Pope Francis proclaims that the poor are those most harmed by environmental destruction and climate change, and that developed countries like ours owe the poor an “environmental debt”. With Pope Francis we pray, “O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, ...that we may protect the world and not prey on it.” In the encyclical, we are urged to do what we can to support global agreements on sustainable development, on protecting ecosystems globally, and on limiting greenhouse gases to a greater extent in developed countries than in poor countries, and to not support the “ploy” of trading carbon credits since it does not reduce total global emissions. Rather, we are encouraged to reduce our consumption. **Read more at <http://www.sfxavier.org/environment>.**

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.

PRAYER SERVICE TO HONOR MARY MAGDALENE

Tuesday, July 21th

7:00 pm

Main Church



*Bronze plaque by Margaret Beaudette, SC, 2014.
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Theme: Passing on our Faith: Women Leaders of the Early Church

Reclaiming lost voices and discovering what they can say to us today

Reflection by Lizzie Berne DeGear

Sponsored by
The SFX Women's Ministry and Young Adults Ministry



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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Scripture Readings For the Week

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.*

Fifteenth Monday in Ordinary Time:

Exod 1:8-14, 22; Matt 10:34-11:1. *Come, let us deal shrewdly with them to stop their increase. I have come to bring not peace, but the sword.*

Tuesday~ Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha:

Exod 2:1-15a; Matt 11:20-24. *She called him Moses for she said, "I drew him out of the water." After Moses had grown up, he visited his people. It will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon and for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.*

Wednesday~ Feast of St. Bonaventure:

Exod 3:1-6, 9-12; Matt 11:25-27. *The angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in the burning bush. Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.*

Fifteenth Thursday in Ordinary Time:

Exod 3:13-20; Matt 11:28-30. *I AM WHO AM. I AM has sent me to you. I am meek and humble of heart.*

Fifteenth Friday in Ordinary Time:

Exod 11:10-12:14; Matt 12:1-8. *It shall be slaughtered during the evening twilight. Seeing the blood, I will pass over you. The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.*

Fifteenth Saturday in Ordinary Time:

Exod 12:37-42; Matt 12:14-21. *This was a night of vigil for the LORD as He led them out of the land of Egypt. He warned them not to make Him known to fulfill what had been spoken.*

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34. *I will gather the remnant of my flock and appoint shepherds for them. Christ is our peace who made both one. They were like sheep without a shepherd.*



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 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