



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds to guide them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the Lord. (Jeremiah 23: 3-4)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Parish Maintenance

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 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
Receptionist — 201
Dameley Tineo (Assistant to the Pastor) - 205
Rev. Sean Toole, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206
John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Jack Schmitt (Chair); Adel O'Regan (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.

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 25th

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

Sunday, July 26th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

11:30am Mass:

Rev. Donald Doherty, MM (Guest Presider)

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Antonio Bird, Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Kyle Cheplic,
Eileen Cocchini, Hugo Correa, Sheila Creasey, Teddy D'Alesio,
Louis DeFazio, Litha Edwards, Tony Edwards, Racquel Gager,
Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Christine Kiss, Robyn Luisi, Edith
Maier, John Marshall, Elizabeth Miller, 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:

*Joseph Fortunato, 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 Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

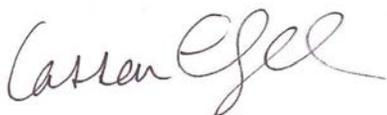
Many thanks to those of you who supported the **Fr. Ned Coughlin SJ Shelter Naming Project**. At the start, our hope was to sell 1,000 raffle tickets to pay for some much-needed renovations to the shelter. But through the wonderful efforts of both parishioners and Mission volunteers, we actually sold 1,113 tickets and thus were able to raise the level of each prize.

One man alone bought 125 tickets and wrote anonymous on each one with the instructions that, if any of his tickets were drawn, the prize money would go back to the shelter. All of the winners gave a portion of their prizes back, some returning the entire amount! Additionally, single gifts of \$5,000 and \$2,500 (independent of ticket sales) were donated to the shelter, bringing the total money raised to \$29,760 before the distribution of prizes. We were very moved, but not surprised, by your tremendous generosity!

Work will begin soon to replace portions of the floor and ceiling, install new cabinetry and a better ventilation system, and paint various rooms and walls. By early fall, we expect to have a much better, more comfortable home for our guests thanks to you.

The official renaming of the shelter program will take place during the annual **Mission Mass on Sunday, October 18th (11:30am)**. Ned would be very proud of our efforts and we are certain his spirit will be with us. Thank you once again for all you did to make this initiative a great success.

Yours very gratefully,



Cassandra Agredo
Executive Director
Xavier Mission



Joseph Marina, SJ
Pastor
Church of St. Francis Xavier

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





I've been a catechist in the Family Faith program a couple years now. I started out in third grade, and this past year moved to second, where the most sensitive, intense, and humbling part of the curriculum is to prepare the children for both First Reconciliation and First Communion. In fact, in the interest of full disclosure, I should probably say that I'm writing this the day after the First Communion celebration on Corpus Christi Sunday, and I'm still buzzed at the wonder of watching these children enter into deeper union with Christ, with his Church in the world, and with his community on 16th Street. Buzzed; overstimulated; dizzy with God. So I'm not entirely rational about catechesis at the moment, and you should perhaps remember as you read this that you're talking with someone who is, in spiritual terms, a little bit drunk.

Although I was already active in the parish as a lector and eucharistic minister, I had a strong impulse—an itch, really—to get more involved. I wasn't entirely sure what I wanted to do (particularly with the wide range of ministries at Xavier), but as I brought the impulse to prayer and tried to discern its shape, it became clear to me that what I was looking for was a ministry in which I could actively articulate my faith. I think it was the very next Sunday there was a notice in the bulletin that they needed catechists. (God knows that subtlety can be lost on me.) I recognized the fit immediately—but not without some hesitation. I had teaching experience, and had in fact taught all eight primary grades, but it had been a good fifteen years since I had been in a classroom. I wasn't sure I could still do it. So I talked to my friend Ezzy, who's the first grade catechist, and she said I should do it. And I talked to Luz Marina Diaz, the Director of Religious Ed, and she said I should definitely do it. So here I am.

And my misgivings were for naught. Although catechesis is in general an intimidating endeavor (you haven't lived until you've discussed the Trinity with a roomful of seven-year-olds), the resources supporting it are remarkable. There is, of course, the Catechism of the Catholic Church itself. There are the archdiocesan guidelines, a textbook with an excellent teacher's guide, an annual archdiocese-wide forum, a million how-to books, and of course a zillion things online. But most of all there are the other people in the program. I am constantly learning from my fellow catechists—and, far more important, am constantly inspired by them.

Then of course there are the children, and here I feel particularly blessed in my second graders. Catechesis is basically missionary work, and the first thing you do in missionary work is see what the chief values are in the culture you're trying to catechize, see where the Spirit's already at work and let that be your doorway in. Fortunately the chief value in second grade culture is having fun. So we play a lot, color a lot, act things out—and the whole time we're talking about Jesus. The kids adore the story of Jesus. And it's astounding to watch the power of the Gospel unfold in a child's life, and to feel it unfold anew in your own. I wanted a ministry that would articulate my faith, and I got one. But the articulation of faith had ultimately less to do with what I said in class than with what was articulated in the clear, buoyant, bright blue faith of seven-year-olds. It is indeed to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

I wouldn't lie to you: catechesis is hard work. But for 90 minutes a week in the kingdom of God...

Jeffrey Essmann

FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Sundays~August 9, 16, 23, 30

West Room

9:00am to 1:00pm

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.

For more information contact Luz Marina Diaz at LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

PAPAL ENCYCLICAL ON THE ENVIRONMENT (6TH INSTALLMENT)

Encyclical on the Care of Creation

In his encyclical on the care of creation, Pope Francis tells us that human beings, even Christians like us, are turning our common home into a “pile of filth.” We can help to atone for this destruction by always taking re-usable bags with us to the grocery store, not buying water in plastic bottles, never again throwing litter onto the ground and thinking of new ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle. For more ideas, Google “What to Do? The Pope’s Practical Tips”

“GIVE ME ONLY YOUR LOVE AND YOUR GRACE”



Healing Liturgy

Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola

Friday, July 31st at 6:30 PM

Presider: Father Marc Roselli, SJ

What is a healing mass? It is an invitation to join with the community in a Eucharistic liturgy and pray for our own needs and the needs of our loved ones. Whatever your burdens might be, please come and place them in the hands of our loving God. Each person will have the opportunity for an individual healing prayer that includes anointing with blessed oil and laying-on of hands. It is a time of peaceful prayer, a time of resting in God’s presence and a time of spiritual renewal. Please come and join in our prayer for healing.



EXPERIENCE/UNDERSTAND/ TAKE ACTION

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 19th

10:00am – 12:30pm

**Wallace Hall/St. Ignatius Loyola
980 Park Avenue at 84th St.**

Please join The Peace and Justice Committees of St. Francis Xavier Church and St. Ignatius Loyola Church For a “Poverty Simulation” organized with us by The St. Vincent DePaul Society and Bread for the World

This poverty simulation experience is designed to help participants understand what it might be like to be a part of a typical low income family trying to survive from month-to-month. It is a simulation, not a game! The object is to sensitize participants to the realities of life faced by low income people, while providing concrete suggestions for further advocacy.

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

Scripture Readings For the Week

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.*

Sixteenth Monday in Ordinary Time:

Exod 14:5-18; Matt 12:38-42. *They will know that I am the LORD when I receive glory through Pharaoh. At the judgment the queen of the south will arise with this generation and condemn it.*

Sixteenth Tuesday in Ordinary Time:

Exod 14:21-15:1; Matt 12:46-50. *The children of Israel marched into the midst of the sea on dry land. Stretching out his hands toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers."*

Wednesday~ Feast of St. Mary Magdalene:

Exod 16:1-5, 9-15; John 20:1-2, 11-18. *I will rain down bread from heaven for you. Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?*

Sixteenth Thursday in Ordinary Time:

Exod 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matt 13:10-17. *The Lord descended on Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people. Because knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted.*

Sixteenth Friday in Ordinary Time:

Exod 20:1-17; Matt 13:18-23. *The law was given through Moses. The one who hears the word and understands it will bear much fruit.*

Saturday~ Feast of St. James: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Matt 20:20-28. *Always carrying about in the body of Jesus. You will drink my chalice.*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

2 Kings 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; John 6:1-15. *They shall eat and there shall be some left over. One body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. He distributed as much as they wanted to those who were reclining.*



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