



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” (John 6: 66-69)

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 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;
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, August 29th

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

Sunday, August 30th

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

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Samantha Agins, Carmen Baldelli, Margaret Burns,
Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Kyle Cheplic, Tom Cooney,
Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio, Racquel Gager, Gary Gatza,
Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Alice Gonzalez, Christine Kiss,
Robyn Luisi, David Matos, Ron and Elizabeth Miller,
John J. Nesbit, Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek,
Denyse Robinson, Joan Schechter, Rocco Scura, Denton Stargel,
Thomas Stenberg, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend,
Carl Wassmann*

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

*Barbara Beharry, Joannie Berger, Theresa Burgos,
Richard Clements, Alberto Cocorpus, Lorraine Greco,
Reina Henaine, George Rocco Perno, Lauren Weinfurt*

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.**

OF MANY THINGS

Dear Friends,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer, filled with grace and peace. As we look toward Autumn, a few important events for the life of the church are making their approach. First, as you must know by now, Pope Francis will visit New York City later in September and celebrate a Mass at Madison Square Garden on the evening of Friday, September 25th. Each parish in the Archdiocese is awaiting a share of tickets for this amazing liturgy. I don't know how many tickets we will receive or when they will be coming so please stay tuned to our website and bulletin. We will post more information as soon as we have it.

To no surprise, quite a few of you have asked for tickets already. Assuming that we have more requests than we will have tickets, the parish will conduct a lottery. That seems to be the only fair way to proceed. If you happen to be one of the "lucky winners," please be advised that security measures are likely to require your arrival at the Garden several hours before the Mass begins. Just a heads-up so you can plan accordingly!

Next, the Synod on the Family will take place in Rome through most of October. I am so hopeful that the Spirit will move powerfully and lovingly throughout this critical meeting of our leadership. But whether the Synod results in exciting new teachings or simply confirms what already is, we will have our work cut out for us in trying to understand the will of God. Let's move into this together, in prayer and in hope.

On December 8th, Pope Francis will convene a "Jubilee Year of Mercy." I am in discussion with the other pastors of our west side deanery to think about creative ways for engaging this year-long initiative. I expect we will receive some suggestions from Cardinal Dolan as well. And, speaking of our deanery, several west side parishes (SFX included) are teaming up to conduct monthly seminars based on the pastoral priorities of Pope Francis. The location sites will rotate to encourage broad participation, giving us the chance to interact with our sisters and brothers from other parishes. The seminar schedule will be available in a couple of weeks.

I hope you like the recent renovations we made to our lobby. The new tile floor is a lot easier to keep clean and the new paint and ceiling make the area look young again. Of course, all of this began with the "Take Back the Tap" campaign and the arrival of our environmentally-conscious water fountains, thanks to the Peace & Justice Committee. On a related note of renovation, please be very careful when moving through the sanctuary. We have had several falls in recent months. No broken bones, thank God, but bad enough! I am considering the installation of additional rails in the sanctuary to help prevent falls in the future. For now, please take care of yourself by using the ramps whenever possible and watching where you step.

Finally, too many beloved members of our parish community are suffering in these present days. Whether it be physical illness, issues with aging, emotional stress, financial burdens, or a host of other problems, these good people need and deserve our love, support, and prayers. Please remember to check the prayer list published in each weekly bulletin and pray for all those mentioned there. It's essential that we never forget the most vulnerable in our midst. And as a new school year begins, let's also remember to pray for the growing number of children in our parish. They are the future of the Church and it so good to have them among us.

For those of you who have been away, I look forward to your safe return to Xavier! May the days ahead be filled with God's grace for all of us.

Your servant,

Fr. Marina



XAVIER MISSION 2014 ANNUAL REPORT IS HERE!!

Pick up a copy at the entrance to the church or check it out on our website at www.xaviermission.org and see what an amazing year we had!



L-STEP/HOMECOMING INFO SESSIONS: AUGUST 30TH!

For those who have always heard about L-STEP but are really unsure what it is about, or for those who have been unable to volunteer in the past, we invite you to attend an info session **after the Sunday Masses on August 30th**. Please join us and learn more about L-STEP and our new sister program for veterans, Homecoming, and the different ways that you can be involved, whatever your time constraints may be. We look forward to seeing you then!

MENTORS NEEDED FOR L-STEP AND NEW VETERANS PROGRAM!

If you've got life-experience, then you're just who we're looking for! We are looking for caring, compassionate mentors for the Fall semester of L-STEP and our new sister program, Homecoming, at Metro Baptist Church. L-STEP assists homeless individuals with moving forward with their lives. Homecoming does the same for homeless veterans.

- *L-STEP MENTORS* commit to eight Wednesday evening sessions, plus the Stepping Stones & Graduation Ceremony, to assist individuals with goal-setting, story presentation, and successfully completing the program. Mentors must attend a training on September 12th.
- *HOMECOMING MENTORS* are usually veterans themselves and commit to seven Monday evening sessions throughout the semester, plus the Speakers' Night & Graduation Ceremony, to assist individuals with goal-setting, story presentation, and successfully completing the program. Mentors must attend a training on September 26th.

If you are a veteran, or would like to work with veterans, and are interested in mentoring, please consider joining the Homecoming Program!

Please contact Hope Levin at hlevin@xaviermission.org or 212-870-6876 or attend our information sessions on **August 30th** for more information. Thanks!



IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY FORMATION AT XAVIER FOR 2015-2016

The Church of St. Francis Xavier recognizes the spiritual hunger of people in search of a deeper and more meaningful experience of God.

ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life) responds to this yearning with opportunities to explore Ignatian Spirituality and by providing companions (spiritual directors) for your journey to God. Offerings include

- **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

A one-on-one journey with a Spiritual Director

- **THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS INCLUDING**

The 19th Annotation:

A 9-month personal retreat with a Spiritual Director

The 18th Annotation:

A 14-week group retreat meeting
Advent, Lent and Easter

- **A 4-WEEK STUDY OF IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY:
4 SESSIONS DEVOTED TO THE LIFE OF ST. IGNATIUS,
HIS SPIRITUALITY AND THE EXERCISES**

Please attend our introductory session on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 or Sunday, September 13 at 1:30.

For more information please contact

Rose Allocca at alloccarose@gmail.com or

Marie Bannister at mariebannister1@gmail.com

or 917 301 2426.

Adult Activities

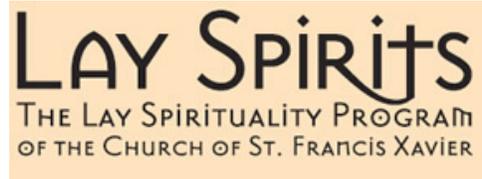
ADULT ACTIVITIES PLANNING MEETING

**Wednesday, August 26th
West Room at 1:00 p.m.**

At this meeting we will plan upcoming activities, places you would like to go, speakers you would like to hear, and subjects you would like to learn more about.

Please join us for this important planning meeting.

We look forward to seeing you and hearing your suggestions. If you are unable to attend this meeting and wish to share your ideas, you may e-mail them to *Tom and Nancy* at bowcol@hotmail.com.



*For more than 30 years,
through listening, prayer, reflecting and sharing,
we have found that our relationship with God is a
beautiful, surprising, and fulfilling journey.*

The Lay Spirituality Program
of the Church of St. Francis Xavier
invites you to go within ...
to find the more your soul yearns for.

**Group 26 is now forming & will begin a
10-month program in spirituality
on September 22, 2015.**

**INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 6:30 PM
AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT 6:30 PM.**

For more information, please visit our website at
layspirits.org, send us an email at
layspirits@gmail.com or leave a message at
212.627.2100, ext. 216.

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, September 11th
6:00 pm–9:00 pm
West Room**

What's going on right now that is your number one challenge/difficulty? Health? Family? Work? Finances? Proverbs 3:5 states, "Trust Yhwh with all your heart, and don't rely on your own understanding." How do we do that? Lorraine B. Nelson will lead our evening of discussion and reflection.

Bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

**PAPAL ENCYCLICAL
ON THE ENVIRONMENT
(11TH INSTALLMENT)**

In his recent creation care encyclical, Pope Francis extends the pioneering work of the Second Vatican Council by drawing on the wisdom of other world religious leaders, for example, the Eastern Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and the Muslim mystic Ali al Khawas. May Catholics everywhere join with members of the other world religions to demand an end to the market-driven destruction of our common home and of our impoverished brothers and sisters. Pope Francis' encyclical was well received by leaders and followers of other faiths. Find out if there are other faith groups in your neighborhood or town with whom you might collaborate on a common project to better the local environment with a Care of Creation Committee. **For more information, go to www.sfxavier.org/environment.**



**ALTAR SERVERS
NEEDED**

Any boy or girl (Grade 3 through High School) who received first holy communion and is interested in becoming an altar server is encouraged to attend practice sessions with *Gerry Moss*. Dates for Practice To Be Announced. For more information please contact Gerry Moss at gerrymoss@aol.com.

CABARET AUDITIONS

**August 23rd and 30th
6:30PM Music Room**

Director: Paul Michael

Music Director: TBD

Producer: PAX, John Uehlein

Date of Cabaret: November 6th, 7th & 8th

Please email *John Uehlein* at juehlein@sfxavier.org with subject heading "cabaret" to set up an audition.



**FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM
REGISTRATION**

**Sundays~August 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

**TRAINING FOR MINISTERS
OF HOSPITALITY**

This training is part of the ongoing formation of current hospitality ministers and for those interested in becoming a hospitality minister. All members of the community, either as individuals or in family groupings: children with their parents, youth, young adults and senior members of the parish are welcomed!

**September 26, West Room 6-7
September 27, Main Church 1-3
September 27, West Room 6-7**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The next scheduling period will be from September 5 through November 22. Please inform us of any dates you will not be available to serve in this period via the Ministry Pro webpage or by filling out a non-availability form from the liturgical ministers area close by the music room. Please, leave the form in the front desk. Due date is August 26.

Thank you

Scripture Readings For the Week

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Josh 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; John 6:60-69.
We will serve the Lord, for he is our God. This is a great mystery, regarding Christ and the Church. To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Monday ~ Feast of St. Bartholomew:

Rev 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51. *On the foundations of the city were inscribed the names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him.*

Twenty-First Tuesday in Ordinary Time: 1

Thess 2:1-8; Matt 23:23-26. *We were determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but our very selves as well. But these you should have done, without neglecting the others.*

Twenty-First Wednesday in Ordinary Time:

1 Thess 2:9-13; Matt 23:27-32. *Working night and day we proclaimed to you the Gospel of God. You are the children of those who murdered the prophets.*

Thursday~ Feast of St. Monica: 1 Thess 3:7-13; Matt 24:42-51. *May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.*

Friday~ Feast of St. Augustine: 1 Thess 4:1-8; Matt 25:1-13. *This is the will of God, your holiness. Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!*

Saturday~ Feast of The Passion of St. John the Baptist: 1 Thess 4:9-11; Mark 6:17-29. *You have been taught by God to love one another. I want you to give me at once on a platter the head of John the Baptist.*

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; Jass 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. *You shall not add to what I command you...keep the command of the Lord. Be doers of the word. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition.*



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**, 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