



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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“Those Catholics are worthy of all praise- and they are not a few in number- who, understanding what the times require, have striven, by various undertakings and endeavors, to better the condition of the working class by rightful means. They have taken up the cause of the working [person], and have spared no efforts to better the condition both of families and individuals; to infuse a spirit of equity into the mutual relations of employers and employed; to keep before the eyes of both classes the precepts of duty and the laws of the Gospel.”

--Rerum Novarum: Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII on Capital and Labor, #55 (May 15, 1891)

OFFICE CLOSED

Labor Day
Monday, September 7th

*One mass will be celebrated at 9:00am in
the Mary Chapel. Please use 15th street entrance.*

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of the Xavier Mission

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 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, September 12th

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

Sunday, September 13th

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

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Peter Fink, 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, Sheila Creasy,
Louis DeFazio, Racquel Gager, Gary Gatza,
Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Alice Gonzalez, Kelly Jenkins,
Christine Kiss, Robyn Luisi, John Marshall, David Matos,
Ron and Elizabeth Miller, Nicole Mysak, John J. Nesbit,
Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek,
Denyse Robinson, Natalie Russo, Laura Samoy, Joan Schecter,
Rocco Scura, Denton Stargel, Thomas Stemberg,
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, John Brosnan,
Theresa Burgos, Richard Clements, Alberto Cocorpus,
Tom Cooney, Lorraine Greco, Reina Henaine,
George Rocco Perno, Karina Villarreal, 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.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Now is the time when the music ministry especially seeks new members for the coming year. There are two ways in which you might want to participate: The Choir and The Instrumental Group. Please take a moment to read the descriptions below and if you're interested or called to service, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Director of Music Ministries: John Uehlein (juehlein@sfxavier.org or 646-573-0099)

THE CHOIR: This community of 30 – 40 singers meets twice a week. Thursday evening rehearsal runs from 7-9 and we gather on Sunday morning at 10:30 to lead the congregation in musical worship at the 11:30 liturgy. We also sing for all major Holy Days (Christmas and Easter) and occasionally for a special event. Ability to carry a tune and sing in harmony is required. Ability to read music is an added plus, but is not required. We are looking for members in all categories: soprano, alto, tenor and bass, but are especially in need of altos and basses this year.



THE INSTRUMENTAL GROUP: The group meets on Sundays at 3:45 and prepares for the 5:00 liturgy that day. We also have several extra rehearsals throughout the year for the major holidays (Christmas and Easter). The ability to sight read music moderately well is necessary. We are looking for players of at least medium level ability on their instrument to participate.



**YOUR PEACE AND JUSTICE
COMMITTEE IS GEARING UP FOR AN
EXCITING 2015-2016 YEAR.**

Please join us for our first meeting on Sunday 9/13 in the Mary Chapel following the 1130 AM Mass. Come to join us, come to listen, come to explore advocacy issues or simply to see what we are all about. Everyone is welcome!

We also remind you of the “*Poverty Simulation*” on **September 19th from 10:00AM -12:30PM** at Wallace Hall / St. Ignatius Loyola 980 Park Avenue at 84th St., New York - a collaboration of The Peace and Justice Committees of St. Francis Xavier Church and St. Ignatius Loyola Church, along with The St. Vincent DePaul Society and Bread for the World.

Please RSVP on the Bread for the World website: www.bread.org/simulation. Any questions please email us at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com. Peace!

THE IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS of METRO NEW YORK (IVC)

invites you to join us for
a three part film/discussion series:
VIEWING FILM THROUGH AN IGNATIAN LENS

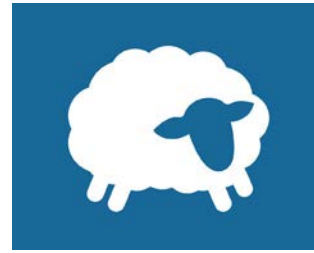
Friday, Oct. 9, 2015 (Stranger Than Fiction)

Friday, Nov. 6, 2015 (Railway Man)

Friday, Dec. 4, 2015 (Babette’s Feast)

Each program will be presented at
Xavier H.S. 30 West 16th. St. NYC
from 6:30 – 9:30 PM

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 the “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!

To sign up, can visit the parish website at www.sfxavier.org and click on the Flocknote icon pictured above.

To donate through **Faith Direct** you can visit our website at www.sfxavier.org and click the

Donate Now

If you have a smartphone please scan the Faith Direct QR code below.



Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

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.

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 welcome!

September 26, West Room 6-7

September 27, Main Church 1-3

September 27, West Room 6-7



*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 CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME (13TH INSTALLMENT)

To some people, Pope Francis's recent encyclical on caring for the earth and the poor seemed like a bolt out of the blue. But it's actually part of a long tradition of papal social encyclicals, dating back at least to Pope Leo XIII's 1891 letter, "On the Condition of Labor." And like Pope Leo, Pope Francis criticizes out-of-control capitalism for the harm it does to ordinary people, as well as to the earth on which all God's creatures depend. To learn more about the Catholic social encyclical tradition, Google: USCCB social encyclical primer. For more information visit 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*.

FIRST PRACTICE:
September 20th
1:00pm-2:15pm
Main Church

For more information please contact Gerry Moss at gerrymoss@aol.com.

RCIA Sponsors Needed

Sponsors are needed to journey with men and women who are seeking full initiation in the Catholic faith community through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA.)

From September 27 to April 3, sponsors accompany catechumens/candidates during Sundays sessions held from 1pm to 3pm in the West Room. From December 13 until Holy Week, catechumens and candidates sit with sponsors in designated pews during the 11:30am Mass on Sundays. If you are feeling called to this form of service, please come to a meeting on Sunday September 13 at 1 p.m. in the West Room.

Gay Catholics

The Gay Catholics first meeting of the new season will take place on

**Friday, September 18th at 6:45pm
in the Mary Chapel**

Theme: Aspects of Gay Spirituality
Guest speaker: Fr. Michael K. Holleran is a Catholic priest, Sensei (Zen Teacher) and a former Carthusian Monk

Please join us and welcome a new season.

Scripture Readings For the Week

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Isa 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37. *The ears of those who are deaf will be cleared; and the tongue of those who are mute will sing. Did not God choose the poor to be heirs of the kingdom? He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.*

Twenty-Third Monday in Ordinary Time:

Col 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11. *I am a minister of the Church to bring to completion the mystery hidden from ages past. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him closely to see if he would cure on the sabbath.*

Tuesday~ Feast of The Nativity of the

Blessed Virgin Mary: Mic 5:1-4a; Matt 1:1-16.

The time when she who is to give birth has borne. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her.

Wednesday~ Feast of St. Peter Claver: Col

3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26. *You have died with Christ; put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly. Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.*

Twenty-Third Thursday in Ordinary Time:

Col 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38. *Put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

Twenty-Third Friday in Ordinary Time:

1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42. *I was once a blasphemer, but I have been mercifully treated. Can a blind person guide a blind person?*

Twenty-Third Saturday in Ordinary Time:

1 Tim 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49. *Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Why do you call me, "Lord, Lord," but do not do what I command?*

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Isa 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35. *I gave my back to those who beat me. Faith, if it does not have works, is dead. You are the Christ... the Son of Man must suffer greatly.*



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: Seeks volunteers to plan spiritual, service, and social activities for Xavier's 20s-30s community. Email sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com for more information.

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