



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. (Jeremiah 31: 8-9)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Family Faith Program

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 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.

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 7:30 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.**

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, October 31st

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

Sunday, November 1st

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Peter Fink, SJ*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jesus Andaluz, Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Kyle Cheplic, Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio, Rose Fernandes, Gary Gátza, Christine Giangreco, Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Alice Gonzalez, Monsignor Neil Graham, Robyn Luisi, Joseph Morrone, John Marshall, Ron and Elizabeth Miller, Kathy Mulvaney, Nicole Mysak, John J. Nesbit, Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek, Denyse Robinson, Joan Schechter, Rocco Scura, Thomas Stemberg, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend, Helen Vitale, Carl Wassmann

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

Carmen Cortes, Matilde and Jose Dado, Teresa Demma, John Gallagher, John Henry Mark Jr., Dolores McCarthy, John McNeill, Halina Myhal, Gerard Schmidt, Genevieve Skurski, Esperanza Trinidad

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.

PADRE MELO TO VISIT XAVIER

Rev. Ismael Moreno Coto, S.J., popularly known as Padre Melo (or just Melo), is a Jesuit priest and human rights activist in his native Honduras. He directs the Jesuit radio station, Radio Progreso, and ERIC, the Team for Reflection, Research and Communication, whose work focuses on grassroots training on human rights, community organizing, and empowerment and the formation of leadership committed to social change. Padre Melo will be the guest of our church for the period of Nov. 9-18.

Last month, Padre Melo was awarded the prestigious Rafto Prize for Human Rights by the Rafto Foundation. He will deliver the keynote speech at the awards ceremony in Bergen, Norway, on November 1. Several past recipients have gone on to win the Nobel Peace Prize. In the announcement on its website, the Foundation wrote that he is "...a fearless spokesperson who works tirelessly to investigate and communicate the reasons for the violence and abuse committed against vulnerable groups in society."

Padre Melo was a student of Ignacio Ellacuria, S.J., the rector of the Jesuit university in San Salvador who, along with five other scholars and priests, was murdered in 1989. He was a friend of the housekeeper and her daughter who were also killed. Padre Melo stated that witnessing the martyrs convinced him of the need for Jesuits both to accompany the poor in their suffering as well as to take seats in the halls of power to question and challenge the roots and causes of poverty.

Radio Progreso was outspoken in criticizing the human rights abuses in Honduras after the coup in 2009. During that time, local residents stood watch 24/7 to ensure that the government would not torch the station as did occur to other stations at that time. The staff has received numerous death threats and one member of the team was brutally murdered in April, 2014. On our trip to Honduras in August, 2014 we met with Padre Melo who explained to us his thinking as to how the country has reached its current dire situation of high crime and drug violence, corruption and judicial impunity. We were guests that evening at his weekly radio program, called "America Libre".

On Sunday, November 15, Padre Melo will concelebrate the 11:30 mass here at Xavier. At 1 PM, the Honduras Companion Communities Project and the Peace and Justice Group will co-sponsor a meeting with Padre Melo in the church. After introductions and brief remarks, we will have a free-flowing dialogue on issues such as the mass migration of Hondurans, the role of U.S. militarism in this issue, and the struggles and successes of building a fair and inclusive society in a country such as Honduras. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

Padre Melo is willing to meet with other groups here as his schedule permits. In his own words, his mission is "to communicate and share the reality and the hope from Honduras and Central America".

Brian Hotaling

Thinking and Praying with Pope Francis A West Side Deanery Initiative

Tuesday, November 3rd

7:00pm-9:00pm

**Holy Name Church, Lower Church
(96st, btw Broadway and Amsterdam)**

"If we are truly concerned to develop an ecology capable of remedying the damage we have done, no branch of the sciences and no form of wisdom can be left out, and that includes religion and the language particular to it." (#63).

Come, encounter and get the dialogue going... Participation in previous workshops not necessary
Necessary reading: Laudato Si Chapter 2 (available on ndparish.org)



HEALING MASS

Friday, October 30th

6:30pm

Main Church

Presider: Fr. James Sheehan

"Lord, touch our lives with your healing grace."

All are invited to come and pray for healing of body, mind and spirit. There will be an opportunity for individual healing prayer that includes anointing with blessed oil and laying on of hands. It is a time of peaceful prayer and resting in God's presence.

WANTED: A FEW GOOD WOMEN OR MEN

There is an urgent need for persons who would be willing/able to bring Communion to some of the 300+ Catholic patients at Mount Sinai Hospital. The commitment would involve between 1 ½ and 2 hours one day a week on a day of your choice. If you are not currently a Eucharistic Minister, we will provide training. If you are interested or for more information, please contact Sr. Nadine at nadine.koza@mountsinai.org.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, November 13th

6:00 pm–9:00 pm

West Room

The Gospel calls us to love radically and live faithfully. Roe Sauerzopf and Paula Acuti will share highlights from their trip to the Call to Action Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that featured Sister Joan Chittister, OSB, PhD.

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



ENCYCLICAL ON THE ENVIRONMENT

In his encyclical "On Care for Our Common Home" Pope Francis refers multiple times, not only to the destruction of the earth and the poor, but also to the destruction of local, indigenous cultures whose insights are essential for planetary survival. So significant is this issue for Pope Francis that in an address a few months after the encyclical appeared, he asked forgiveness for the crimes the church committed against native peoples during the conquest of America. May we join him in asking forgiveness for the crimes against the indigenous cultures and join Pope Francis' call for the protection of present-day indigenous communities from corporate land grabs and appropriation of mineral and water rights which too often lead to the destruction of their communities, culture, and the ecological wisdom we desperately need.

SFX LGBTQ Annual Retreat

"Discovering God's Mercy"

DATES: Friday, November 20, 3:00 p.m. through Sunday, November 22, 1:30 p.m.

PLACE:

Linwood Spiritual Center, Rhinebeck, New York.

TOTAL COST: \$215.00

\$200.00 per person. (payable to Linwood Spiritual Center), \$15.00 cash for additional costs payed upon arrival to Retreat Team

Space is limited to 34 people, first come, first serve. Registration forms are available in the parish office on 15th Street.

**DEPOSIT IS DUE ON OR BEFORE
NOVEMBER 1, DIRECTLY TO LINWOOD.**

Contact SFXWomen@aol.com,
SFXGCGroup@gmail.com, or (917) 297-6804
with any questions and/or comments.



LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING!

A XAVIER CABARET

November 6th and 7th at 7:30pm and November 8th at 2:30pm

DIRECTOR: *Paul Michael*

MUSICAL DIRECTOR: *Brad Ross*

FEATURING: *Jim Fox, Joe Palarca, HaQuyen Pham, Larry Kiss, Elda Luisi, Vinnie Fedor, Jackie Perez, John Wiegand, Anna Zhukovskaya, Mark Wallace, Christine Menna, Ladd Boris, Gregory Rittiner, John Uehlein, and Dugan McGinley*

Suggested Donation: \$20

CHECK OUT OUR PROMOTIONAL VIDEO ON OUR WEBSITE.

VIEWING FILM THROUGH AN IGNATIAN LENS

IVC Metro New York invites you to a screening and discussion of *THE RAILWAY MAN*, a film about war, remembrance and reconciliation. Starring Colin Firth and Nicole Kidman, this film tells the story of the capture and torture of a British Army Officer and his determination, years later, to confront the man responsible for his suffering.

Ralph Rivera, S.J., faculty member and Chaplain at Xavier High School will lead us in conversation about the spirituality embedded in this powerful film.

Friday, November 6th
From 6:30pm – 9:30pm
Xavier High School Library
30 West 16th St. NYC

A freewill offering will be gratefully accepted

Employment Support Group

Meetings take place once a month. We will be sharing info on how to motivate yourself in searching for the job that you want even in light of changing your career and trouble with asking for what you want. We welcome everyone to come and share their experiences with procrastinating, changing and asking.



New this year . . . The Book Club is headed up by our own Marylee Raymond Diamond. The books selected will extend and/or enhance the information from the meetings. Please email

Katherine at krcoff5th@netzero.com for further information.



XAVIER FAMILY FAITH CALENDAR

PLACE: THE XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

TIME: 10:20 AM TO 11:25 AM

Sunday, October 25th

Event: Who is Father Sean?

Father Sean Toole, S.J.

Sunday, November 8th

Event: End of Life Issues

Dr. Khalid Rehman

Board certified in Internal medicine, medical oncology and hematology, also board certified by the Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians, Fellow of the American College of Physicians and Masters in Public Administration (Major in Health). He has a great passion for teaching and promoting palliative medicine and end of life care. He is currently on the staff at the Metropolitan Hospital Center in New York City.

Sunday, November 15th

Event: Violent Reality in Honduras

Padre Melo

Jesuit priest and human rights activist in his native Honduras. He directs the Jesuit radio station, Radio Progreso, and ERIC, the Team for Reflection, Research and Communication, whose work encompasses grassroots radio programming; training on human rights, community organizing, and empowerment; the formation of leadership committed to social change; and aiding migrant families.

Padre Melo was a student of Ignacio Ellacuria, S.J., rector of the Jesuit University in San Salvador, who was murdered in 1989 along with five other scholars and priests. Melo was also a friend of the housekeeper and her daughter who were also killed. His visit will coincide with the 26th anniversary of the murders.



XAVIER MISSION

RETAIL OPPORTUNITY

The All Saints Clothing Room is seeking retail associates (aka “volunteers”) to assist the operation of “Bloomingdale’s on 6th” (aka the All Saints Clothing Room) on Sunday mornings. Volunteers will be finished in time to attend the 11:30am Mass. Sorting takes place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. Distribution to the public is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. All interested volunteers will be trained by current volunteer staff. Please contact *Ann Mary* at xmClothingRoom@gmail.com if you are interested in the exciting field of Mission Retail!

Q. WHAT DID THE TURKEY SAY TO THE TURKEY HUNTER?

A. QUACK, QUACK, QUACK.

Just a friendly reminder that Thanksgiving is around the corner! Keep your eyes open for Xavier Mission’s famous thanksgiving Turkey Baster as we begin our Thanksgiving Meal Fund Drive November 1st!

Nightfever NYC is coming back to *St. Patrick’s Cathedral* on **November 20, 2015**. Before we kick off the Year of Mercy, Nightfever NYC will be hosting this night of praise, worship and reconciliation at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral (50th Street and 5th Avenue). We will have the opportunity to pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as well as light candles to honor Our Lord. The evening of music and prayer will start at 7pm and end at 9pm. Confessions will be heard throughout the night. Come and be a part of this night, where the Cathedral will be have its doors open to all New Yorkers so they can come, pray, and love the Lord. For more information, email us at nightfevernyc@gmail.com.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52.

THIRTIETH MONDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Rom 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17.

7:45AM ANTOINETTE & LEO BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM AVAILABLE

THIRTIETH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Rom 8:18-25; Luke 13:10-17.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM THOMAS KEARNEY (D)

WEDNESDAY~ FEAST OF SS. SIMON AND

JUDE: Eph 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM DR. MICHAEL DEMPSEY (D)

THIRTIETH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Rom 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

THIRTIETH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Rom 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM MICHAEL & THOMAS MCALEER (D)

SATURDAY~ FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSUS

RODRIGUEZ: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29;
Luke 14:1, 7-11.

12:05PM JUDE BARCENAS (D)

SUNDAY~ FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12a.

**YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS
FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE
PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.**

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.

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