



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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The sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light. The stars will fall from the sky and the powers in the heavens will be shaken...Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that Christ is near, at the gates. (Mark 13: 24-25, 28-29)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit Music Ministry

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 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.

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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, November 21st

5:00pm Vigil: *Rev. Dennis Baker, SJ*

Sunday, November 22nd

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

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

NEXT WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION

**for the benefit of
Human Development (Thanksgiving)**

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio,
Gloria DeFranco, Gary Gatza, Johnathan Gotay-Coban,
Monsignor Neil Graham, Terry Higgins, Thomas Higgins,
Anne Karle-Zenith, Dee Kelly, Ann Malebra, John Marshall,
Ron and Elizabeth Miller, Kathy Mulvaney, Nicole Mysak,
John J. Nesbit, Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek,
Denyse Robinson, Rocco Scura, Thomas Stemberg, Mary and
Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend, Michael Weber*

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

*Alice Gonzales, Lucille Salamida, Marie Sanetra,
Gerard Schmidt, William Jude Schmitt, Patricia Thornton,
Esperanza Trinidad, Marilyn Bosh Vojta*

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.**

Making the Case to Support Xavier and Year-end Giving

First we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support our parish throughout the year. Part of our Stewardship Plan is to increase awareness of the parish's financial needs and obligations and encourage increased giving to help reduce the size of our forecasted operating deficits in the years ahead. In September we outlined in the bulletin our \$2.1 million operating budget and the various programs that your donations help support. Since then we have been asked to contribute an additional \$100,000 annually to support the Global Regional School System of the Archdiocese.

This year we are budgeting a deficit of \$173,502 and are projecting operating deficits totaling \$619,000 over the next 5 years until the restoration loan is paid off. To help reduce our deficits and continue to fund our programs without the need to use our cash reserves we conducted an increased giving program last fall with the goal of increasing our Sunday collection by 25% over the previous year. Although we did not reach our stated goal we did increase our Sunday collections by 17.1%. **Our thanks to all those who participated in this program.** Although we have sufficient cash reserves to cover these deficits, our reserves will fall below the level we've set aside to fund unexpected building repairs or other emergencies.

Over the past five years we have emphasized our reliance on the income from our 17th St. rental property to help sustain the basic operations of the parish. To illustrate that point we have shown below what our deficit would be if our budget no longer included the rental income and our loan payment. Last year our rental income was \$10,000 more than our Sunday collections.

	Budget	Actual
	2015/16	2014/15
Total Revenue minus Rental Income	1,270,200	1,393,431
Total Expenses minus Loan Payments	1,683,515	1,580,288
Net Support Over (Under)	(413,315)	(186,857)

Through financial transparency in the publishing of quarterly and annual reports, and other information in the bulletin each of us now has knowledge of parish finances, enabling one to make an informed decision around parish support. In light of the above, we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your total giving, especially your Sunday, maintenance, and holiday collections. Our goal is to increase our total collections by 20% over last year. Such an increase will allow us eliminate this year's projected deficit! By way of example if each parishioner contributing \$20 each week, increased the amount they give each week to \$24 we could completely eliminate this year's projected deficit. We recognize that some of you may not be able to increase your giving or to that level, but perhaps there are others who are doing better and can contribute more.

As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to the parish. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support the parish for years to come. There are many different ways of contributing a gift.

Two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests and IRA/retirement accounts. For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift please contact Father Marina in the parish office.

Thank you.

Adult Activities

November 18th
Mary Chapel at 1:30pm

“SITTING FIT” CHAIR EXERCISES

Join us and learn how to safely stretch, strengthen, and improve your flexibility.

Roseann Brown an instructor at the YMCAs of New York will teach us a series of exercises that can be done while seated in a chair. Roseann is a certified fitness instructor and was featured on NBC nightly news in 2013.

Wear comfortable clothes. Please note the time of this meeting is 1:30. All are welcome.

The Women’s Ministry

Friday, November 20th
6:30 - 8:30 pm
West Room

What Happened at the Synod on the Family?
Were women’s voices and concerns heard?

A Report by Nancy Lorence followed by discussion.

Bring a beverage and/or snack to share.

For more information, contact
thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com

WORLD AIDS DAY MASS

*“When did we see You sick,
or in prison, and come to You?”*

On **Monday, December 1st at 7:00 PM**, the community of Saint Francis Xavier will commemorate World AIDS Day with a mass in the main church.

Observed worldwide on December 1 since 1998, World AIDS Day unites people from around the world to raise awareness of the global AIDS response.

Please take this time to be with us and pray for those we have lost, for those currently living with HIV/AIDS and that one day we will “Get to Zero”.

THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Please join us on
Thursday, December 3rd,
to celebrate our patron saint and to say
farewell to our parish manager,
Jacqueline Falco,
after 17 years of dedicated service.

Mass will begin at **6:30pm** with
refreshments to follow in
Larkin-Hurtado Hall.

Catholic Lesbians

13TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PARTY



Friday, December 11th
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
Mary Chapel, West Room, Parlor
All Are Welcome!

*Because of you, 131 children from
Picture the Homeless, Community Voices Heard,
Life Experience & Faith Sharing, and
STEPS to End Family Violence had a present to
open on Christmas morning last year. Thank you!*

Please contact SFXWomen@aol.com or
(917) 297-6804 for the name of a child and bring your
unwrapped present to the wrapping party. Pizza and
beverages will be served.

From the Desk of Jacqueline Falco

They say the only thing that is constant is change. Well, I can surely attest to that, as I came to Xavier a redhead, size 6 in my 40's and I'm going out a size 12 blonde, approaching my 65th birthday. I've been around for 3 pastors, 3 provincials and, yes, 3 popes. John and Moraima are the only employees that remain here since the day I came. Since then, Cassie delivered twins. Ms. Luz Diaz is now Dr. Diaz. I hired Stephanie and Damely as receptionists and they are now running the show. As for Jasper, I hired him when he was a student attending Xavier High School and am proud to say he is now a teacher. Greg, and Stephanie worked here, left and returned. It's been a joy to work alongside Justin, Alex, Rachel, and Elisabe as well as getting to know Fr. Sean. Xavier High School has been an extended part of our family and it's been a pleasure working with many of their staff members. I am grateful for our Jesuits, in particular, John Mullin SJ, Rocco Danzi SJ, Matt Roche SJ and our former provincial Dave Ciancimino SJ. You don't have to search far to find Christ in these walls when your parishioners are people like Marge Zwanziger and Jackie Walker. Yes, we are a family at Xavier and it will be difficult for me to leave the nest. I don't know how my days will be without my "daughter" Moraima. She had better never forget her Xavier Mamma!

As in any family there are difficult times. I was here for 9/11, Hurricane Sandy and far too many funerals. I remember Dennis and me getting on a train to Washington for John's mother's funeral. When my mother was critically ill and my husband battling cancer, I knew it was providential that God sent me to work at Xavier. Had it not been for Fr. Ned and so many of you, lending your support, I don't know how I would have coped.

Fr. Ned moved on and along came Fr. Joe (Costantino) with Fr. Peter. We are truly blessed to have Father Peter with us as he gives us his all, day after day, year after year. Fr. Joe C. informed Moraima and me of his intentions to renovate our rundown offices. We didn't believe him and then it all came to fruition. Our offices and our church were renovated. I'd like to think I assisted him along the way in this grand project. There was much theatre and it was a great show!

So, Fr. Costantino moved on and Fr. Marina returned to us; here comes providence again. We worked alongside one another when Fr. Ned was here. And yes, more blessings to follow! My son gets married in Europe and Fr. Marina helped me in the planning of a beautiful Mass of Thanksgiving and reception here in New York. Then one year later I travelled to Italy for the birth of my grandson. Here again, Father Marina in his generosity surprises me with a great celebration upon my return. Yes, as head of our family he has given me much to be thankful for. His schedule shows no mercy; the visits to the hospitals alone are overwhelming. It is no easy task being the pastor of this magnificent parish. So now, in this particular scenario the story changes: Jacqui moves on, not the pastor.

While there are far too many of you to mention, I must give a shout out to our counters, Bob Ferrara, Eugene Curtis, Paddy Loughlin and Rosa Pergola whom I have worked so closely with every week for all these years. You're the best! And finally, I want to also thank our accountant Emil Rufolo, truly, a class act!

With great affection I was given the name Sister Danger, then La Jefa and now as I retire and begin my new journey on another continent, my name has changed again. So "Nonna" leaves you with that great song "Goodbye, this is where our story ends...goodbye, let our hearts call it a day, but before I walk away I sincerely want to say,....I wish you love".



MEAL FUND KICKS OFF WITH A BANG!

As of press time (Monday, 11/9) the gravy has risen to \$5,550! We're 20% of the way to our goal with three weeks left!

We anticipate serving Thanksgiving dinner to 200 guests, delivering meals to 250 homebound individuals, and providing 250 full Thanksgiving baskets to guests of our Food Pantry.

We invite you all to join us as the gravy rises towards our \$25,000 goal. Turkey Up!



Visit www.xaviermission.org/donate to donate online via Faith Direct, or make a check payable to Xavier Mission (indicate "Thanksgiving" in the memo line).

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Confession and Adoration December 14th

On Monday, December 14th, across the Archdiocese of New York, churches will offer the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesuit confessors will be available in our church from 3-8pm and the blessed sacrament will be present on the altar during these 5 hours. Please come to avail yourself of the grace of reconciliation or simply to rest and pray for a while as we make our way toward the great season of Christmas. All are welcome.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32.

THIRTY-THIRD MONDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43.

7:45AM DANILO CONSTANTINO (D)
12:05PM MARY S. FRIGIEL (D)

TUESDAY~ FEAST OF ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY: 2 Macc 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10.

7:45AM DOLORES NATIELLO (D)
12:05PM ANNE SULLIVAN (D)

THIRTY-THIRD WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY **TIME:** 2 Macc 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28.

7:45AM CHRISTINE EGAN (D)
12:05PM MARIA CORTEZ-GONZALES (D)

THIRTY-THIRD THURSDAY IN ORDINARY **TIME:** 1 Macc 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44.

7:45AM JEANNANN RILEY (D)
12:05PM CATHERINE AND ANDRES LAWLER (D)

THIRTY-THIRD FRIDAY IN ORDINARY **TIME:** 1 Macc 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48.

7:45AM BARBARA BEHARRY (D)
12:05PM THOMAS RIZZO (D)

SATURDAY~ THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: 1 Macc 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40.

12:05PM RICHARD MARESCA (D)

SUNDAY~ FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE:
Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37.

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