The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot. In those days, Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure. (Jeremiah 33:14-15)
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

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, December 5th
5:00pm Vigil: Rev. Peter Fink, SJ

Sunday, December 6th
9:00am Mass: Rev. Sean Toole, SJ
11:30am Mass: Rev. Sean Toole, SJ
5:00pm Mass: Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS
Let us especially, remember those who have asked for our prayers
Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Kyle Chepic, Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio, Gloria DeFranco, David Fuentes, Gary Gatza, Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham, Jerica Alaine Harris, Terry Higgins, Thomas Higgins, Anne Karle-Zenth, Roberta Luisi, Dee Kelly, Ann Malebra, John Marshall, Ron and Elizabeth Miller, Joseph Morrone, Kathy Mulvaney, Nicole Mysak, John J. Nesbit, Catherine Anne Olne, Jacob Michael Olne, Denise Robinson, Rocco Scura, Thomas Stemberg, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend,

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, Jason Vermonty, Marilyn Bosh Vojta, Michael Weber

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.
**Upcoming Advent & Christmas Events**

**December 1st**
*World AIDS Day Mass*
7:00 PM

**December 3rd**
*Feast of St. Francis Xavier*
6:30 PM

**December 8th**
*Immaculate Conception Liturgy*
Mass at 7:45 AM and 12:05 PM

**December 14th**
*Archdiocesan Day of Reconciliation*
3:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**December 13th**
5:00 PM Mass
*Lessons and Carols*
7:00 PM

**December 16th**
*L-step Graduation*
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

**December 24th**
*Christmas Eve*
3:30 PM music / 4:00 PM family Mass
10:00 PM music
11:00 PM Mass in the Night

**December 25th**
*Nativity of the Lord*
9:00 AM and 11:30 AM Masses

**January 1st**
*New Year’s Day*
11:30 AM Mass

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**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MISSIONARY AND SAINT**

**Thursday, December 3rd**
5:00 PM
*West Room*

*Just before the Feast Day Mass*

Fourth Week Films and the New Orleans Jesuit Province present Xavier, a new PBS-style documentary film on the life of the famed 16th-century Jesuit missionary Francis Xavier. Narrated by Liam Neeson, Xavier tells the missionary’s compelling story through dramatizations, interviews, contemporary location shots, paintings and engravings, maps, and most importantly, the extant letters of Xavier. The film features interviews with distinguished scholars of Jesuit and Renaissance history including Ingrid Rowland (Notre Dame University), Andrew Ross (University of Edinburgh), Lourdes del Costa (University of Goa, India), Anthony Ucerler, SJ (Jesuit Historical Institute in Rome), Gauvin Bailey (Clark University) and John O’Malley, SJ, (Weston Jesuit School of Theology).

**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 **6:30 PM** with refreshments to follow in Larkin-Hurtado Hall.
Thinking and Praying with Pope Francis

A West Side Deanery initiative
Workshop – Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis (Ch 3 Laudato Si)

“A certain way of understanding human life and activity has gone awry, to the serious detriment of the world around us. Should we not pause and consider this?” (#101)

Come, encounter and get the dialogue going. Be part of the change Pope Francis is calling us to lead!

Tuesday, December 1st, 7:00pm - 9:00pm - doors will open at 6:30pm offering some networking time.
Church of the Holy Name, Lower Church (96st, btw Bdway and Amsterdam)

Recommended reading: Chapter 3 Laudato Si Participation in the previous workshop not necessary!

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.

SOME CHILDREN SEE HIM
The Ignatian Schola
Sunday, December 6th
7:00 PM
Main Church

The Ignatian Schola presents Some Children See Him, a concert of prayerful music for Advent and Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the main Church of St. Francis Xavier. All are welcome. Admission is Free.

For more information, visit www.Facebook.com/IgnatianSchola

World AIDS Day Mass

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

On Tuesday, 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”.

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.

Catholic Lesbians

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World AIDS Day Mass
Mark your calendar for the Handcrafting Justice Holiday Sale

Saturday, December 5th  
Sunday, December 6th  
After all Masses  
In the back of the church

Find beautiful, Fair Trade gifts from around the world & empower women with every purchase.

HandCrafting Justice provides access to Fair Trade markets for unique, handmade goods created by enterprising women in the developing world working to lift themselves and their families out of poverty. By fostering self-reliance, ensuring fair wages, and building support networks, the organization offers far more than Fair Trade: HandCrafting Justice promotes human dignity by empowering women to overcome social and economic injustice. [http://www.handcraftingjustice.org/](http://www.handcraftingjustice.org/)

LESSONS AND CAROLS:  
Sharing the Joy

Featuring: Parish Choir, Bell Choir, Dancers, Xavier Players and String Quartet  
And Parish Lectors  
John Uehlein, Director of Music Ministries  
Anne Holland, Assistant Director of Music Ministries

On Sunday, December 13th at 7:00pm in the church, the music ministry will present Scripture, Poetry and Stories from writers like Thomas Merton, Fred Pratt Green, Henri Nouwen, Dietrich Bohhoeffe and Madeleine L'Engle. Musical favorites for the holiday season, Festive choral music and our favorite carols will be paired up with the various readings. Pieces like “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” and “O Holy Night.” Afterwards, we will gather in the Hurtado Hall for cookies, refreshments and fellowship to bring in the holiday season. Save the date for our Parish wide Christmas Party.

Tuesday December 8th  
6:30pm – 9:00pm  
The Mary Chapel

Kick off the Jubilee Year of Mercy and join The Peace and Justice Committees of St. Francis Xavier Church and St. Ignatius Loyola Church for a performance of “The Bullpen” to announce our new Prison Outreach Spiritual Ministry.

Joe Assadourian, 37, found his writing and performing abilities while serving time for shooting a man in SoHo in 2001 when he was 23. He spent 12 years in various prisons, including three at Otisville, where he arrived in 2010 and participated in a theater workshop for inmates. “The Bullpen” is a multi-character comedy based on his experience of being arrested and put in a holding cell full of colorful personalities.

Can you bake cookies?  

Bakers sought for the Parish Holiday Celebration of Lessons and Carols. On Sunday, December 13th at 7:00pm, the music ministry will present scripture, poetry, music, dance and COOKIES! Wouldn’t you like your COOKIES to be part of the celebration? After the program we will gather in Hurtado Hall for COOKIES and refreshments to bring in the holiday season in a great communal way. We are looking for 30 individuals to commit to baking 2 dozen COOKIES a piece (or other baked goods) for the reception. If you think you can help out, please email John Uehlein at juehlein@sfxavier.org or call 212-627-2100, ext. 202. Start softening up the butter!!!! (PS: leftovers will go to the shelter.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MINISTRY TO DISABLED PARISHIONERS  

Can you help out once a month before and after the 11:30 liturgy?

For further information or to volunteer, please contact Lynn Corwin at lcjs@aol.com or call 917 716 1265. Thank you.
PLEASE PASS THE GRAVY!

Due to the early press deadline of this bulletin (11/19), we are unable to provide an accurate report of the Meal Fund drive, because we hope it will be out of date as soon as we print it!

I refer you to Toby-the-Turkey-Baster at the front of the church, who can show you just how close to our goal we are. We hope that if you have not yet joined us for this drive, you’ll consider making a gift to help us push the gravy line over the top!

Thank you so much to everyone who has participated in this drive and made our Thanksgiving Meal possible once more! We are so grateful for your support!

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).

THANKSGIVING THANK YOUS!!!

A HUGE thank you to the following people for their contributions to our Thanksgiving Festivities!

Alex Hoffman, Program Director  
Beverly Torres, Chef  
Adrian Morrissette, Maintenance & Inventory Manager  
Christine Strumpen-Darrie, Volunteer Coordinator  
Michael Costello & Mark Kiley, Homebound Meal Coordinators  
Danny Tore, Congregate Meal Coordinators  
Wing Wendy Lee & Stephanie Martinez, Volunteer Communications  
The Kitchen Crew and Volunteer Teams, Decorating/Preparing/Cooking/Serving/Delivering/Cleaning!

Thanks to all of our donors! Without their generosity, this meal would not have been possible!

City Harvest (Turkeys)  
Fairway—Michael O’Donnell (Plastic Bags)  
Frank Gargiulo & Son, Inc.—Michael Gargiulo (Fresh fruit and vegetables)  
Porto Rico Importing Co.—Peter Longo (Coffee)  
St. Francis Food Pantries & Shelters—Joe Sano & Bob Wechtenhiser (Turkeys)

A very special thank you goes out to Paul Wendel & the Student Body of Xavier High School for collecting 15,000+ items of food and Jennie Tichenor and the NYU Administrative Management Council for collecting 500+ items of food for our Thanksgiving Food Pantry baskets! We distributed 250 complete Thanksgiving baskets to 175 families in need!
**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, alloccarose@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

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**First Sunday of Advent:**
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37.

**Monday~ Feast of St. Andrew:**
Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22.
7:45AM Frank Curtis (D)
12:05PM Jason Vermonty (D)

**First Tuesday of Advent:**
7:45AM Alice Gonzales (D)
12:05PM Lucille Salamida (D)

**First Wednesday of Advent:**
Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37.
7:45AM Osvaldo M. Calvi (D)
12:05PM Christine Egan (D)

**Thursday~ Feast of St. Francis Xavier:**
Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27.
7:45AM Available
12:05PM Stanley Dill (D)

**First Friday of Advent:**
7:45AM Barbara Beharry (D)
12:05PM Francisco Aragon (D)

**First Saturday of Advent:**
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.
12:05PM George DuBreuil (D)

**You may reserve an available Mass for your intentions by contacting the parish office at 212-627-2100.