



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

*A JESUIT APOSTOLATE*

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Michelangelo's depiction of the prophet Jeremiah (Sistine Chapel)

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)

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
for the benefit Xavier Misson

**First Sunday in Advent**

**November 29, 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org) and Space Requests send e-mails to [jfalco@sfxavier.org](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

## **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 Elaine Harris, Terry Higgins, Thomas Higgins,  
Anne Karle-Zenith, Robyn Luisi, Dee Kelly, Ann Malebra,  
John Marshall, Ron and Elizabeth Miller, Joseph Morrone,  
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,*

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 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**WORLD AIDS DAY MASS**  
7:00PM

**DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**  
6:30PM

**DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LITURGY**  
MASS AT 7:45AM AND 12:05PM

**DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF RECONCILIATION**  
3:00PM – 8:00PM

**DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
5:00PM MASS  
**LESSONS AND CAROLS**  
7:00PM



**DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**L-STEP GRADUATION**  
6:30PM - 9:00PM

**DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
3:30PM MUSIC/4:00PM FAMILY MASS  
10:00PM MUSIC  
11:00PM MASS IN THE NIGHT

**DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
9:00AM AND 11:30AM MASSES

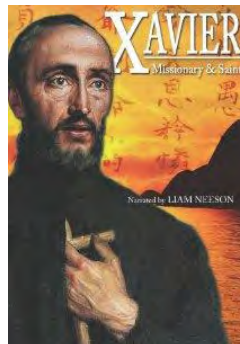
**JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
11:30AM MASS

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MISSIONARY AND SAINT

Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
5:00pm

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 16<sup>th</sup>-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 3<sup>rd</sup>,**  
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

### 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PARTY



Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto: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.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm - 9:00pm** - doors  
will open at **6:30pm** offering some networking time.  
Church of the Holy Name, Lower Church (96<sup>st</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>

On Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>,  
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 6<sup>th</sup>

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](http://www.Facebook.com/IgnatianSchola)

### WORLD AIDS DAY MASS

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

On **Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 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”.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE  
HANDCRAFTING JUSTICE  
HOLIDAY SALE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

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/>

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**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.

**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 [lccjs@aol.com](mailto:lccjs@aol.com) or call 917 716 1265. Thank you.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Bohhoeffer 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.



**CAN YOU BAKE COOKIES?**

Bakers sought for the Parish Holiday Celebration of Lessons and Carols. On **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:juehlein@sfxavier.org) or call 212-627-2100, ext. 202. Start softening up the butter!!!! (PS: leftovers will go to the shelter.)



## 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](http://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 YOU!!!

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!

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### 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:

Is 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24.

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:

Is 29: 17-24; Mt 9:27-31.

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)

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; LK 3:1-6.

**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](mailto:abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com)

**ADULT ACTIVITIES:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [bowcol@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:b.a.good.apostle@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS:** Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday, 6 p.m., West Room, [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com), (917) 297-6804.

### EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sfxgcgroup@gmail.com)

**INTERFAITH COMMITTEE:** works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact Jose Ramon, [joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com)

**LITURGICAL COMMITTEES:** See website or

Contact Luz, [LMDiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:LMDiaz@sfxavier.org)

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact James Fox, [sunikol20@nyc.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

**SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES:** Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Rose Alloca, [allocarose@gmail.com](mailto:allocarose@gmail.com) or Marie Bannister, [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com) for more information.

**ZEN MEDITATION GROUP:** Mondays at 7pm.

Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul 212-260-2486, [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com)

### XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**CLOTHING ROOM:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, contact Ann Mary: [xmClothingRoom@gmail.com](mailto:xmClothingRoom@gmail.com)

**FOOD PROGRAMS:** Every Sunday soup kitchen and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday food pantry, contact Christine: [xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com](mailto:xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com)

**L-STEP:** Spring and Fall semesters, contact J: [xmLSTEP@gmail.com](mailto:xmLSTEP@gmail.com)

**SHELTER:** Every night, contact Jim: [xmShelter@gmail.com](mailto:xmShelter@gmail.com)