



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, he called the bridegroom over and said to him, “Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.” (John 2: 9-10)

OFFICE CLOSED

Martin Luther King Day
Monday, January 18th

One Mass will be celebrated at
9:00am in the Mary Chapel.
Please use 15th Street entrance.

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Parish Maintenance

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2016

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)

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 Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208
Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207
Rev. Peter Fink, S.J. (Associate Pastor) — 211
Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to the Pastor) — 222
Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201
James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship and
Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205
Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201
Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221
Rev. Sean Toole, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206
Receptionist — 201
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 (secretary); 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 and Space Requests send e-mails to sfuentes@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, January 23rd

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

Sunday, January 24th

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

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Mike Allocca, Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Maria Caruana, Kyle Chepic, Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio, Carol Ferrone, David Fuentes, Joaquin Gager, Gary Gatza, Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham, James Griffin, Jerica Elaine Harris, Elizabeth Jones, Kvetka Kaplan, Anne Karle-Zenith, Ana Gerda Kennedy, Robyn Luisi, Dee Kelly, Robert Labissiere, John Marshall, Ron and Elizabeth Miller, Joseph Morrone, Kathy Mulvaney, Nicole Mysak, John J. Nesbit, Catherine Anne Olnek, Dorothy Oliva, Jacob Michael Olnek, Riederman Family, Denyse Robinson, Rocco Scura, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend, Dr. John Sony Valentino, Bess Vindigni, Molly Wolfe

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

Expedit Codo, Eugene Curtis, John Guiliano, Judith S. Kaye, Patrick Loughlin, Barbara Mohr, Rachel Monteleone, Jim Murphy, Anthony Muto, Catherine O'Regan, Nelda Salas, Maxell Shief, Aidan Frank Stephens, Dr. Alex Wong

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.

From the Desk of Jim Martinez

Dear Friends,

First let me extend to all of you my wishes for a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year. I'm looking forward to the challenges ahead as I begin my work here at the parish as the Director of Stewardship and Assistant for Financial Planning. I hope to help us continue to move forward in service to our parish community and support our many active and vibrant ministries.

January is a month full of talk about resolutions. So with that in mind I'd like to share with you some **RESOLUTIONS FOR STEWARDS** that I found a number of years ago. I thought they would be a good place to start our stewardship journey together here at Xavier:

- **I resolve** to trust God more, believing that in God's wisdom and abundance, God will give me all that I need.
- **I resolve** to spend more time with God, giving a few more minutes of each day to prayer, worship and spiritual reading.
- **I resolve** to find more ways to share my unique skills and talents so that my special strengths will make a difference in this world.
- **I resolve** to give a generous share of my treasure to God's work here on earth, making this the first check that I write each week or each month. *[Better yet use Faith Direct!]*

At the end of last year, I finished serving as a parish trustee, a director of Xavier Mission, Inc., and chair of the parish Finance Council. I continue to be a member of our Bell Choir. I have found great joy in all of these varied ministries and each of them has allowed me to give back to a wonderful community of faith.

There are many ways to support and participate in our ministries. On April 16th, we will be holding our Celebration of Service and Ministry Fair. Our goal is to celebrate the many ways that we are using our talents and gifts to reflect God's love and to help others find a place of joyful service.

Thank you for the warm welcome I've received from so many of you and thank you for all of your time, treasure, and talent in support of our Xavier community.

Yours gratefully,
Jim Martinez



SAVE THE DATE!

November has Thanksgiving, December has Christmas and January has New Year's. But February? Poor February is just a dismal, dreary month, with nothing to look forward except more snow and a dismal, dreary March.

UNTIL NOW!!!!

Mark your calendars because on **February 20, 2016**, Xavier Mission will be hosting our third annual Dinner-Dance, with this year's theme "A Night at the Oscars"! There will be food, music, dancing, awards, and PLENTY of Oscar-worthy decorations to make you feel like you're really strutting the red carpet and rubbing elbows with celebrities! Watch the bulletin for the announcement of ticket sales. In the meantime, prepare to eat your way through the holidays and dance it all off in February!

Tickets go on sale this week. Check our website at www.xaviermission.org for more information.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICES

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH: MARY CHAPEL ~ 6-7PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH: MARY CHAPEL ~6-7PM

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH: MAIN CHURCH ~6-7PM

A TASTE OF THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA: May 16th to 25th

A Pilgrimage of Faith, Fitness, and Food! \$3,375
Spiritual Guide: Fr. Joe Costantino, S.J.

SAVE THE DATES

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY SEMINAR

ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)
will sponsor a
Sunday afternoon seminar
on Ignatian Spirituality.

January 31st:

St. Ignatius of Loyola and Ignatian Spirituality

Presenter: Sean Toole, SJ

February 7th:

Ignatian Prayer

Presenter: Eileen Gatza

February 14th:

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

Presenter: Joseph Marina, SJ

February 21st:

Discernment

Presenter: Vivienne Joyce, SC

Sunday afternoons 2:00 PM, Main Church.

No registration required for sessions.

The city's Department of Homeless Services is seeking volunteers, age 18 and older, for the Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE Count) on Monday night January 25th. All volunteers choose from one of 28 sites, where they report to a district captain, who provides instructions about how to help count the city's street homeless. Please use the Volunteer Registration web site: www.nyc.gov/hope.

Contact SFX Parishioner and NYC Service Volunteer Todd Schmidt with questions:
TSchmidt@dhs.nyc.gov



**JANUARY IS NATIONAL
SLAVERY AND HUMAN
TRAFFICKING PREVENTION
MONTH GENERAL FACTS ON
MODERN DAY SLAVERY**

GENERAL FACTS ON LABOR TRAFFICKING

- Article 4 of the Human Rights Act: Prohibition of slavery and forced labor states:
 1. No one shall be held in slavery or servitude and no one shall be required to perform forced or compulsory labor.
- Of the estimated 21 million people enslaved globally, 5.5 million are children.
- Globally, the International Labor Organization estimates that there are 4.2 million people trapped in forced labor in industries including agriculture, construction, domestic work and manufacturing.
- U.S. Dept. of Labor has identified 136 goods from 74 countries made by forced and child labor.
- Since 2007, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline (888 3737 888) has received reports of more than 4,000 labor trafficking cases inside the U.S.
- In a 2014 study from the Urban Institute of 122 closed cases of labor trafficking, 71% of the labor trafficking victims entered the U.S. on lawful visas and paid an average of \$6,150 in fees for jobs in the U.S.
- In a study from San Diego State University, 31% of undocumented, Spanish-speaking migrant workers in that county had experienced labor trafficking.

Download **STOP TRAFFICKING NEWSLETTER** monthly for more information.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline Number is 1 888 3737 888, Text 233733

Join Your Peace & Justice Committee, Unicef and Lifeway in the Mary Chapel on Wednesday January 27th 6:30pm-8:30pm for A Screening of the Critically Acclaimed Film "Not My Life" With Discussion Following



**ADULT SESSIONS TAKE PLACE IN THE
XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
FROM 10:20 AM TO 11:25 AM.**

JANUARY 24TH-Tracey Tynan on *Laudato Si'*

JANUARY 31ST-*Preparing For Lent*

FEBRUARY 7TH-*Doing Time, Doing Vipassana (Documentary)*

FEBRUARY 21ST-*David Greenan on Healing Connections*

MARCH 6TH-*Roseann Bonadia and Luz Marina Diaz On Women Spirituality*

APRIL 17TH-*Father Peter Fink, S.J. Ritual on The Eucharist*

If you attend **Sunday 9 am Mass** and want to be part of the intergenerational "*Faith Family Choir*" led by *Anne Holland*, please contact Anne Holland at Anneholland@juno.com

THE 18TH ANNOTATION RETREAT CONTINUES

Join the 18th Annotation Retreat of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises which began in Advent and continues for Lent and Resurrection - 10 weeks of prayer and sharing beginning in February. Groups meet on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings. Space is limited. Free- will donation.

For more information please contact *Marie Bannister* at mariebannister1@gmail.com.

“Is God’s Charity Broad Enough for Bears?”

Dr. Elizabeth Johnson

Until recently, the natural world was not a subject of much religious interest to the church at large. This is now changing as the world faces an ecological crisis of great magnitude. Starting with John Muir’s question about the bears, this presentation explores the meaning of creation in a new context. It draws from Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’* and the speaker’s book “Ask the Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love” to explore how loving the Earth can become an intrinsic part of faith in God, rather than an add-on.

Join us on **Thursday, January 28th**, at **7pm** as **Dr. Elizabeth Johnson**, distinguished professor of theology at Fordham University, speaks to our church on the important topic of creation and care of the Earth. Dr. Natalia Imperatori-Lee of Manhattan College will respond to Dr. Johnson before time for general Q/A. All are welcome and free will offerings will be greatly appreciated.

Adult Activities

Wednesday, January 27th
1:00 p.m.
Mary Chapel

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND **“A HISTORY OF THE MOVIES PART 3”**

Roy Schlemme lecturer, writer, cartoonist is returning this year with an entertaining presentation about movies from 1980 to the present.

Join us for a fun afternoon and learn more about our most popular and enduring visual entertainment.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, February 12th
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
West Room

February is Black History Month. Cynthia May will facilitate a discussion on the importance of the movement Black Lives Matter. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.



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 or call 917 716 1265. Thank you.

ZEN SPIRIT/CHRISTIAN SPIRIT AT XAVIER
Saturday, January 30th
9:30am - 4:00pm West Room

Exploring Silence and Deepening Awareness
A day of teaching, reflection, and meditation

Many people have discovered in Zen a profound connection to the Christian life. Through the practice of stillness and awareness, we wake to a world of wonder and gratitude for life in all its aspects. This day of meditation and discussion provides an excellent opportunity for both the curious and committed.

Space is limited, please make a reservation by emailing *Peggy and Paul Schubert* at schubertnyc@gmail.com or calling 212-260-2486. A \$20 donation is suggested to cover lunch and refreshments.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Isa 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; John 2:1-11.

SECOND MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Sam 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22.

SECOND TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Sam 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28.

7:45AM ROGER JEAN-PAUL (D)
12:05PM WYNNE GREENWALD (D)

SECOND WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: 1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6.

7:45AM MARY HELEN CURTIN (D)
12:05PM PETER PARANICAS (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. AGNES:

1 Sam 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:13-19.

7:45AM LEO AND ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM JOSEPH SANCHEZ (D)

SECOND FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Sam 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19.

7:45AM BARBARA BEHARRY (D)
12:05PM PLOTTI AND CODO FAMILIES (L)

SECOND SATURDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: 1 Sam 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21.

12:05PM TITO FUENTES (D)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30;
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

**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, 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