



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*Artist is Nicolas Poussin*

I, John, your brother, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus... When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. But he touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last, the One who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever." (Rev 1:9, 17-18)

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
for the benefit of Xavier Mission

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**April 3, 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](http://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](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 and Space Requests send  
e-mails to [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto: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 mini-  
mum of six months before qualifying for a  
sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.**

## ***Next Weekend Presider Schedule***

### **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Mass (Vigil): Rev. Peter Fink, SJ

### **Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

Paula Acuti, Angelina Alejandria, Australia Baez,  
Marc Boorstein, Jeffrey Breitman, Jim Calimano,  
Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell, Kyle Chepic, Sheila Creasy,  
Louis DeFazio, Francisco Domingo, Maryann Downing,  
Joaquin Gager, Racquel Gager, Gary Gatza, Howard Skip  
Geiger III, Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham,  
Terri Harrington, Robyn Luisi, Eileen Marina, John Marshall,  
Betty & Ron Miller, Lou Mauro SJ, Mary Montemurro,  
Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keeffe, Ruth Rivera,  
Riederman Family, Denyse Robinson, Carmin Rosado,  
Joshua Rota-Tebb, Rocco Scura, Ray and Terri Sharpe,  
Amando Solero, Matthew Tanck, Mary and Gabino Torres,  
Janet Townsend, Bess Vindigni, Molly Wolfe

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

Jose Flores Angeles, Gregoria Arnaldo, Arturo Boquiren Sr.,  
Berta Caceres, Brian Danis, Marisa Kruger, Joe Mattioli,  
Joseph Mullen, Andres Perez-Chaumont,  
Police Officer Mark J. Rivera, George Splain,  
Clelia Venticinque, Lisa Wallace

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 Fr. Peter*

As most of you already know, I will be leaving St. Francis Xavier in June heading to Ignatius House Retreat Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Coming to Xavier was for me a homecoming for my first assignment as a Jesuit was to teach physics and math at the High School next door. And as a kid from the Bronx, New York City always has a claim on me. Going to Atlanta also is a bit of a homecoming. After Ordination I spent five years there as a graduate student at Emory University building friendships that last even to today. My return to the South fulfills that wonderful southern cry: “Y’al come back now, heah!”

Leaving Weston Jesuit School of Theology after 31 years was both sad and filled with hope. I used to say that Weston was a place that was run on affection, and the sadness came from saying goodbye to students and colleagues who remain a profound part of my life. The hope was to join the women and men of Xavier as priest and as friend, entering this wonderful journey of prayer, care and love. Ten years now, that hope has been fulfilled far more than I could have realized, and the word “thank you” isn’t really enough to say what is now in my heart. If Weston was run on affection, Xavier is run on faith, on commitment, on challenge, on daring, and of course, finally, on love.

So I leave here as I left Weston with sadness and hope. Sadness because I leave so many friends, people of faith, people of courage and people who love. Hope because the mission at the retreat house will bring faith and friendship in a new way into my life. It will probably be a final mission before I make that journey into God’s waiting hands, and I am thrilled to embrace it.

When I left Weston, I realized that Weston itself was ending, becoming the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College. Much that we had in Cambridge changed, some of it lost. But the spirit of the school, to train compassionate and courageous people to serve in our Church, does not change. The same is true for Xavier. God has given us much growth in my short time here, and I am confident that such growth will continue. It has been said so often that you as a community invite that growth and I can only hope that beyond all our conflicting needs and desires that sense of welcome and challenge will still stand forth.

In the words of our mission statement, go forth as a “prophetic, welcoming community, as an inclusive witness to the presence of Christ in our midst.” And send me forth as a prophetic and welcoming person to bring Christ with me as priest and as worker to Ignatius House Retreat Center. God bless. I love you all very much.

Yours in Christ,  
*Fr. Peter*

# COME TO THE FAIR, THAT IS OUR CELEBRATION OF SERVICE/MINISTRY FAIR SATURDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>

All are invited to attend our Celebration of Service/Ministry Fair at 6pm on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in Hurtado Hall, following the 5pm Mass. We want to honor and celebrate all of our Xavier Ministries and Services, and give all parishioners an opportunity to learn more about and participate in them. There will be refreshments and music to help us celebrate each other and our Church.

Come have some fun and learn more about all the great work of our Ministries.

*Sponsored by your Pastoral Council*

## PAPER TIGERS

*One high school's unlikely success story.*

*Paper Tigers is a film that intimately examines the inspiring promise of Trauma Informed Communities - a movement that is showing great promise in healing youth struggling with the dark legacy of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)*

Please join us as we watch and then discuss this powerful new documentary about one school's answer to childhood toxic stress.

**FILM SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION  
with critically acclaimed author and Pulitzer  
Prize nominee Andrew Solomon  
Monday, April 18 at 6 PM**

*Presented by Joy Farina Foskett,  
Prevent Child Abuse NY Representative*

**Grace Church School  
46 COOPER SQUARE MANHATTAN  
(212) 675-6150 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

*Sponsored by: The Church of St. Francis Xavier,  
Grace Church School, The First Presbyterian Church  
in the City of New York, National Institute for the  
Psychotherapies, Corlears School, Prevent Child Abuse  
New York, Go Project, Academy of St. Joseph*

## PASSOVER SEDER WITH RABBI AVRAM MLOTEK

**Hosts:** Base Community and the Church of St. Francis Xavier

**When:** Sunday, April 10 at 6:30 PM

**Where:** Church of St. Francis Xavier - Hurtado Hall  
55 West 15th Street New York, NY 10011  
RSVP to [Imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:Imdiaz@sfxavier.org) or 212-627-2100 ext. 207

**Cost: \$20 per person (Please make checks payable to the Church of St. Francis Xavier.)**

***Come and let us celebrate the Passover:  
The Festival of Freedom  
with Rabbi Avram Mlotek!***

The main event of the Passover holiday is the seder (literally, "order"), a festive meal in which the Haggadah (story of the Exodus and related writings) is recited in a set order.

One of the four names for Passover — and sometimes the aspect most emphasized — is Hag ha-Herut (The Feast of Freedom). Freedom is the primary theme of the seder, with numerous other recurring themes, and motifs.

The celebration includes music and a Kosher meal.

# THE SPIRITUALITY OF DOROTHY DAY



*“Don’t call me a saint.  
I don’t want to be dismissed  
that easily.”*

Dorothy Day did not want to be conveniently dismissed. She wanted to be taken seriously.

Catholic, Journalist, Pacifist, Social Activist, Communist, “Great American”, Saint?

Join us on Sunday afternoon, April 17 at 1:00 pm to probe the life and spirituality, writings and prayers of Dorothy Day to find out what moved her to become all of the above. An afternoon of listening, reflecting and sharing.

**Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

*Presented by Marie Bannister*

## AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2016

Once again Xavier will have a team. As a parish, we are organizing this project and encourage as many individuals as possible to JOIN OUR TEAM and/or contribute.

There are three convenient ways to register to walk or donate:

Visit the parish Facebook page and follow the link, on-line at [www.aidswalk.net/newyork](http://www.aidswalk.net/newyork) or call 212-807-9255.

Be sure to use the Church of Saint Francis Xavier Team’s Number, #1250



## TAIZÉ PRAYER FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016, 6:00 PM MARY CHAPEL

*“Right at the depth of the human condition, lies the longing for a presence, the silent desire for a communion. Let us never forget that this simple desire for God is already the beginning of faith.” Brother Roger, of Taizé*



## SPONSOR A PARTICIPANT!

Our next class of L-STEP participants has just begun their semester and is looking forward to an exciting 14 weeks ahead! Please consider sponsoring one of our L-STEP Participants and ensuring them a life-changing experience! If you cannot sponsor the full amount, please consider covering a portion of the expenses, as outlined below. The breakdown for one participant is:

Stipends	\$300.00 (\$10 per session, 30 sessions)
MetroCards	\$165.00 (\$5.50 MetroCard per session, 30 sessions)
Food	\$90.00 (\$3.00 per meal, 30 meals)
Supplies	\$30.00 (\$1.00 per session, 30 sessions)
Administrative	\$65.00
Total	\$650.00

Please contact Cassandra at 212-627-2100, x208 with any questions!

## Catholic Lesbians

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm—9:00 pm  
West Room

Parishioner Dianne Weyers has had thirty-eight years of intensive journal retreat workshop by Ira Progoff and will share her insights about this practice and how it will enhance the Easter and Pentecost experience. Contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804 for more information

### THE 2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL IS IN PROGRESS!

*"You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify our heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:14-16)*

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are called to help one another and be merciful, as Jesus is for all of us. It is only with your help that the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters through our ministries and charities.

**PLEASE ANSWER THE CALL AND DONATE TODAY!**

*Envelopes available in your pews.*

To make an online gift,  
visit [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)

*The Pastoral Council invites  
you to join us for a*

## PARISH WIDE COFFEE HOUR

as we welcome  
parishoners  
New to SFX on  
**This Sunday**  
in the Mary Chapel  
(following the  
11:30 Mass)  
All are welcome.



## Stewardship at SFX

The Lord is risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Xavier with our Faith Direct e-giving option. Faith Direct provides a convenient and secure way to support the parish via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card. There is no cost to you for using Faith Direct. You can sign up online by clicking the Donate Now button on the upper-right hand corner of our homepage or mail in an enrollment form available from the parish office.

### **"WHAT NEXT?" EXPLORING THE TRANSITIONS THAT DEFINE WHO WE ARE**

**A RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS  
April 15-17<sup>th</sup>**

Are you starting a new job? Not sure where your relationship is headed? Contemplating a change in your life? You're not alone! Join other 20- and 30-year-olds for a peer-led retreat weekend to explore transitions that define who we are and who we will become, as well as the faith that can carry us through.

**\$260 per person** (financial aid and payment plans available)

**Mariandale Retreat Center; Ossining, NY**  
(Accessible via MTA/MetroNorth & Amtrak)

For more information or to register today,  
visit [www.Charis.nyc](http://www.Charis.nyc).

Questions? Contact us at  
[CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com](mailto:CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com).

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER :

Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31.

### MONDAY~ FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD:

Isa 7:10-14; Heb 10:4-10.

7:45AM ANTHONY RACIOPPI (D)  
12:05PM AMERIGO STANCO (D)

### SECOND TUESDAY IN EASTER:

Acts:4:32-37; John 3:7b-15.

7:45AM SUNNY BALZANO (D)  
12:05PM CHARLIE BYRNES (D)

### SECOND WEDNESDAY IN EASTER:

Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21.

7:45AM JIM ENGLISH (L)  
12:05PM OLIVE HOLMES (D)

### THURSDAY~ FEAST ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE:

Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36.

7:45AM GERMAN CADALIN SR. (D)  
12:05PM DIANA GOLDRICK (D)

### SECOND FRIDAY IN EASTER:

Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15.

7:45AM NANCY O'FLAHERTY (D)  
12:05PM MIKE ALLOCCA (D)

### SECOND SATURDAY IN EASTER:

Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21.

12:05PM NELLY FERNANDEZ CASTILLO (D)

### THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER :

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-14.

**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, [SEXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SEXWomen@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 [sfxgsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgsgroup@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, [sumiko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto: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 John Karle at [xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

**SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES:** Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Rose Allocca, [allocarose@gmail.com](mailto:allocarose@gmail.com) or Marie Bannister, [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com).

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** Spiritual, Service, and Social Activities for Xavier's 20's-30's. Meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 5pm Young Adult's Mass, in the West Room. Contact [sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

**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)