



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

*A JESUIT APOSTOLATE*

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## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 2016



My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. (John 10: 27-28)

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit the Parish Maintenance

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 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](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 23<sup>rd</sup>**

5:00pm Mass (Vigil): Rev. Sean Toole, SJ

### **Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mass: Rev. Peter Fink, SJ

11:30am Mass: Rev. Peter Fink, SJ

5:00pm Mass: Rev. Sean Toole, 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, Francisco Domingo, Maryann Downing, Joaquin  
Gager, Racquel Gager, Gary Gatza, Howard Skip Geiger III,  
Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham,  
Liz Guerin, Terri Harrington, Robyn Luisi, John Marshall,  
Kay Mazzo, Betty & Ron Miller, Lou Mauro SJ,  
Mary Montemurro, Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keeffe,  
Anne Passini, Ruth Rivera, Riederman Family,  
Denyse Robinson, Carmin Rosado, Joshua Rota-Tebb,  
Alice Sharkey, Rocco Scura, Ray and Terri Sharpe,  
Amando Solero, Matthew Tanck, Mary and Gabino Torres,  
Janet Townsend, Bess Vindigni, Carl Wassmann

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

Palma Como, Louis DeFazio, Eileen Marina,  
Andres Perez-Chaumont, Dr. Purificacion P. Prudente

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.**

# MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 53<sup>rd</sup> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (EXCERPTS)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is my great hope that, during the course of this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, all the baptized may experience the joy of belonging to the Church and rediscover that the Christian vocation, just like every particular vocation, is born from within the People of God, and is a gift of divine mercy. The Church is the house of mercy, and it is the “soil” where vocations take root, mature and bear fruit.

For this reason, on the occasion of the 53<sup>rd</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I invite all of you to reflect upon the apostolic community, and to give thanks for the role of the community in each person’s vocational journey. In the Bull of Indiction for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I recalled the words of the venerable Saint Bede, describing the call of Saint Matthew: “Miserando atque eligendo”. The Lord’s merciful action forgives our sins and opens us to the new life which takes shape in the call to discipleship and mission. Each vocation in the Church has its origin in the compassionate gaze of Jesus. Conversion and vocation are two sides of the same coin, and continually remain interconnected throughout the whole of the missionary disciple’s life.

Vocations are born within the Church. From the moment a vocation begins to become evident, it is necessary to have an adequate “sense” of the Church. No one is called exclusively for a particular region, or for a group or for an ecclesial movement, but rather for the Church and for the world. “A sure sign of the authenticity of a charism is its ecclesial character, its ability to be integrated harmoniously into the life of God’s holy and faithful people for the good of all”.

Vocations are sustained by the Church. After definitive commitment, our vocational journey within the Church does not come to an end, but it continues in our willingness to serve, our perseverance and our ongoing formation. The one who has consecrated her/his life to the Lord is willing to serve the Church wherever it has need. The mission of Paul and Barnabas is a good example of this readiness to serve the Church. Sent on mission by the Holy Spirit and by the community of Antioch, they returned to that same community and described what the Lord had worked through them. Missionaries are accompanied and sustained by the Christian community, which always remains a vital point of reference, just as a visible homeland offers security to all who are on pilgrimage towards eternal life.

All the faithful are called to appreciate the ecclesial dynamism of vocations, so that communities of faith can become, after the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, like a mother’s womb which welcomes the gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Lk 1: 35-38). The motherhood of the Church finds expression in constant prayer for vocations and in the work of educating and accompanying all those who perceive God’s call. This motherhood is also expressed through a careful selection of candidates for the ordained ministry and for the consecrated life. Finally, the Church is the mother of vocations in her continual support of those who have dedicated their lives to the service of others.

We ask the Lord to grant to all those who are on a vocational journey a deep sense of belonging to the Church; and that the Holy Spirit may strengthen among Pastors, and all of the faithful, a deeper sense of communion, discernment and spiritual fatherhood and motherhood.

**From the Vatican, 29 November 2015**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Franciscus**

# CELEBRATION OF SERVICE AND MINISTRY FAIR

“I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.” So begins the second reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter. And this image of a great multitude fits quite nicely with the Celebration of Service and Ministry Fair that will be conducted this weekend. Every year around this time, we celebrate one of the greatest hallmarks of our parish –the tremendous commitment to ministry and service among hundreds of our parishioners. How blessed we are to enjoy the passion and com-*passion* of so many, from service at our altar table to service at the Welcome Table and such a variety of options in between. Our church is alive with the gospel message that whatever we do for the least of our sisters and brothers, we do for Christ! As your pastor, I look at all of this in such awe and simply say THANK YOU for all you have done and all you continue to do for so many. Please join us after the 5pm Mass on Saturday for our great celebration and to gather more information on the kinds of ministries here at Xavier that may be of interest to you in the future. On behalf of our 20+ ministry groups, I wish you God’s blessings and much grace and peace.

Your servant,  
*Fr. Marina*

## 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<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

*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*

## Adult Activities

### TAKE A WALKING TOUR OF WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK WITH THE ADULT ACTIVITIES GROUP

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm to 7:30pm

Xavier Parishioner John Krawchuk, Director of Historic Preservation for the City of New York Parks & Recreation Department, will be our guide. The tour will include the history of the park and Potters Field Cemetery and other important developments that pre-date the park. John will discuss the monuments and fountains in detail, history, design and conservation.



*Meet under the arch at 6:00 pm,  
wear comfortable walking shoes.\**

### THINKING AND PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS, A WEST SIDE DEANERY INITIATIVE

The Pope's call to ecological education and spiritual conversion: what can be done?  
Approach and action workshops

**When:** Tues, April 19 and Tues, May 17  
at 7pm, doors will open at 6:30 for an  
Encountering coffee

**Where:** St John the Baptist Church  
(30th St btw 7 and 8 av)

*This workshop series will be concluded by a  
teaching from Fr. Michael Holleran on June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Recommended reading: Laudato Si chapters 5  
and 6. Participation to the previous workshops  
are not necessary.*

## THE XAVIER COMPANY

### HEALING MASS



Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm  
Fr. George Drance, SJ

*PRAYER, MUSIC, ANOINTING, HEALING*

For more information:  
[thexaviercompany@gmail.com](mailto:thexaviercompany@gmail.com)

### A PRESENTATION OF THE CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL THOMAS MERTON SOCIETY

On Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00pm-4:30pm the Corpus Christi Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society will present Thomas Merton & the Environment: *"Their Inscap is their Sanctity."* Well known Merton writers and scholars Sister Monica Weis, SSJ, and Dr. Patrick O'Connell will speak on *"Challenging Voices: Rachel Carson and Pope Francis"* and on *"The Sources of Thomas Merton's Environmental Theology."* Mass will be celebrated at 5:00pm. Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121 Street, NY 10027.

Free to Chapter members and students with ID.  
Non-members \$10.

For information call (212) 666-9350,  
or write [mertonnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:mertonnyc@yahoo.com).  
Website: [thomasmertonsociety-nyc.org](http://thomasmertonsociety-nyc.org)

# 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



## 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!

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016

All religious sisters, brothers, and priests of our parish are invited to renew their vows on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, during the 11:30am mass. Please join us to acknowledge and thank our religious for their years of tireless service to the Church and society and to pray that our God will send more servants into the vineyard.

*Performing Arts at Xavier (PAX)  
presents*

**ST. PETER’S UNIVERSITY SCHOLA  
in concert**

**Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM  
Main Church**

Please join us for an evening of beautiful music.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER :

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30.

### FOURTH MONDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10.

7:45AM RACHEL MONTELEONE (D)  
12:05PM CLAUDINA BARQUET (D)

### FOURTH TUESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30.

7:45AM LIYA GORELIK (D)  
12:05PM EILEEN MARINA (D)

### FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50.

7:45AM IRMA COSTA (D)  
12:05PM EILEEN MARINA (D)

### FOURTH THURSDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20.

7:45AM JOSE ANTONIO BERMUDEZ (D)  
12:05PM CLAIRE DERBY (D)

### FRIDAY~FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS:

Rev 21:1-5a; John 19:25-27.

7:45AM EILEEN MARINA (D)  
12:05PM JULIE ROBINSON (L)

### FOURTH SATURDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14.

12:05PM LEONA LEPISKO (D)

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER :

Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35.

**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 Alloca, [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)