



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21: 1-2)

## ***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 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

11:30am Mass: Rev. Peter Fink, 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, 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, Dee Kelly, John Marshall,  
Kay Mazzo, Betty & Ron Miller, Lou Mauro SJ,  
Mary Montemurro, Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keeffe,  
Anne Passini, Sister Grace Plimen FSP, 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,  
Francis Schall

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 Desks of Fr. Marina and Jim Martinez*

Support for Xavier is crucial. As a welcoming community in the Jesuit tradition, our day to day activities, pointing to the inclusive witness of the presence of Christ Jesus in our midst, require that we as a community do what we can to support the costs associated with these efforts. We are writing to you and prayerfully requesting that you join the other 296 parishioners who use Faith Direct to fulfill their generous stewardship commitments to Xavier and the wider church. To those of you who are already using Faith Direct to make your donations to our parish, Thank you! Your support has made this program a cost-effective and efficient way for our parish to receive your gifts.

Our Faith Direct eGiving option provides a convenient and secure way for you to support the parish via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card. There is no cost to you for using this option. Faith Direct enables this in a consistent and easy way:

- Simplicity: Imagine not having to write a check each Sunday morning – and no more searching around for your offertory envelopes. People are finding that Sundays are simpler with Faith Direct – so there's more time to focus on Mass, prayers, and God's message that day.
- Consistency: Many who have switched to Faith Direct appreciate the fact that they can support our ministries even when they are out of town or unable to attend Mass – and they're happy that this consistency helps Xavier more effectively plan our programs and services.
- Savings: People are telling us that they like eGiving because it helps Xavier conserve resources. Faith Direct is more cost-effective than printing and mailing envelopes, and the money we save can help us further expand our ministries. Plus, eGiving uses less paper... so it's a great way for us to ease our impact on the environment!

What will you like most about Faith Direct? Whether it's the simplicity, points on your credit card, or your offerings making a greater impact, you can enjoy the benefits that matter most to you by signing up now.

We hope you will set aside a few minutes today to enroll in Faith Direct. You can enroll online by clicking the Donate Now button on the upper-right hand corner of our parish homepage or by scanning the QR code below. Or mail in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office. With online enrollment, you will be able to access your account any time to view and make changes to your account information and gifts.



Thank you for giving Faith Direct your prayerful consideration – and thank you especially for being part of Xavier and our ministries. Prayers and best wishes for a joyful Easter season.

Your servants,

***Joseph G. Marina, SJ***  
Pastor

***Jim Martinez***  
Director of Stewardship





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## 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.*

### *Adult Activities*

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 pm  
A Visit to Little Italy

We start with a visit to the *Italian American Museum*. At this wonderful small museum we learn about the contributions made by the people of Italy and their descendants to American society. **Admission is \$7.00.**

Next we will take a short walk to *The Shrine Church of the Most Precious Blood*. On display in the nave of the church is the "Nativity of Mercy." An arrangement of figurines depicting the Birth of Christ surrounded by figures of ordinary people performing tasks of everyday life. This beautiful display will only be at the church during the Year of Mercy. Following we will share a meal at a local restaurant.

Meet at the 15<sup>th</sup> street entrance to Xavier at 12:00 pm. Bring your Metro Card.

## 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)

Our next pastor,  
**Fr. Robert VerEecke, SJ,**  
will visit Xavier from  
**May 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** and will speak at  
all four Masses that weekend.  
Please come to meet him!

### 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

# Interfaith Service of Mercy



“Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope. I trust that this Jubilee year celebrating the mercy of God—December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016—will foster an encounter with noble religious traditions. May it open us to even more fervent dialogue so that we might know and understand one another better; may it eliminate every form of closed-mindedness and disrespect, and drive out every form of violence and discrimination” Pope Francis

**BARBARA  
SENECAL-DAVIS**

**AVRAM MLOTEK**

**SABEEHA  
REHMAN**

**CHANDRASHEKAR  
VELLU**

**MARIE  
BANNISTER**

**THE XAVIER  
PLAYERS**

**THE XAVIER  
DANCERS**

One of highest ideals of all religions is mercy. The Hebrew Bible institutes the Jubilee in Leviticus and extols the mercy of the Lord in the Psalms. Islam opens each of the 114 suras of the Koran with "In the name of God the merciful and compassionate." Buddhism preaches mercy with the doctrine of the four divine abodes: kindness, compassion, joy and equanimity. That is, religions, correctly interpreted, place mercy at the center of their credo. Even for nonbelievers, mercy is part of Kant's categorical imperative, "Always treat others as ends and not as a means."

This is an Interfaith Service of Mercy to reiterate that religion can help in bringing peace to the world.

Mercy is an essential part of the solution.

**Sunday, May 1st at 6:30 PM**

**Church of St. Francis Xavier  
16th Street between 5th and 6th Avenue  
Wheel Chair Accessible 55 West 15th Street**



# WEST VILLAGE CSA AT XAVIER MISSION

## JOIN US FOR THE 2016 SEASON!

Join the West Village CSA for the most reasonably priced locally-grown organic vegetables and locally-sourced fruit around! Help our partner farmers at Stoneledge Farms in the New York Catskills have enough start-up funding to make it through an entire season, and in return you'll receive the freshest vegetables and fruits you can imagine!

### SHARES AVAILABLE:

*Standard Vegetable Share:* \$535

*Discount Vegetable Share:* \$425 (available to income-qualified members. Please contact the West Village CSA site coordinator for details)

*Sponsor Vegetable Share:* \$605 (the Sponsor share helps offset the discounted share price for the Discount Share)

*Donation Vegetable Share:* \$535 – Purchase a share to be donated to Xavier Mission who will in turn distribute the produce for free to the families of our Food Pantry!

### OPTIONAL SHARES THAT CAN BE ADDED TO THE VEGETABLE SHARE:

*Standard Fruit Share:* \$240

*Coffee Share:* \$126

*Mushroom Share:* \$120.

Please go to the farm website for complete information on shares! [www.Stoneledge.farm](http://www.Stoneledge.farm)

**Pickup Address:** St. Francis Xavier Church, 46 West 16th St.

**Operating Hours:** Tuesdays, 4:00-7:00pm, June 7 through November 15, 2016.

We are an all-volunteer organization and part of purchasing a membership includes the requirement to volunteer on one Tuesday during the season, either from 3:30—5:30 pm for setup or from 5:30—7:30 pm for clean up.

Contact [info@westvillagecsa.org](mailto:info@westvillagecsa.org) for more information.

Standard Shares can be paid for in 3 payments. This is a great value for organic vegetables of \$22.30 per week!

## 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!

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER :

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

### MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. MARK:

1 Pet 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20.

7:45AM CATHERINE ELAINE EMERSON (D)  
12:05PM ANNAMAY ROYEK (D)

### FIFTH TUESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a.

7:45AM BRIAN DOWLING (D)  
12:05PM EILEEN MARINA (D)

### WEDNESDAY~ FEAST OF ST. PETER

#### CANISIUS:

Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8.

7:45AM ROSS & MARY MITTIGA (D)  
12:05PM RAFAEL MARTINEZ (L)

### FIFTH THURSDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11.

7:45AM NANCY BECIGNEUL (D)  
12:05PM CLAUDINA BARQUET (D)

### FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA:

Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17.

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

### FIFTH SATURDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21.

12:05PM CATHERINE O'REGAN (D)

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER :

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29.

**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 [sfxgcggroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgcggroup@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)