



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

*A JESUIT APOSTOLATE*

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*Confirmation Class of 2015*

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit of Xavier Mission

**Pentecost Sunday**

**May 15, 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, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00am Mass: Sean Toole, SJ

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

5:00pm Mass: Rev. Peter Fink, 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, Betty Donovan, Maryann Downing, Joaquin Gager,  
Racquel Gager, Gary Gatza, Howard Skip Geiger III,  
Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham,  
Liz Guerin, Terri Harrington, Florence Demopoulis Inno, Dee  
Kelly, James Leung, John Marshall,  
Kay Mazzo, Betty & Ron Miller, Lou Mauro SJ,  
Mary Montemurro, Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keefe,  
Anne Passini, Sister Grace Plimen FSP, Ruth Rivera,  
Riederman Family, Denyse Robinson,  
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, Carmin Tolentino, Daniel Zoltowski

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 Pastor's Desk*

Dear Friends in Christ,

I offer you my prayers and very best wishes as we celebrate *Pentecost*, widely considered the birthday of the Church. The word pentecost is derived from the Greek word *pentekostos*, which means "50." Fifty days have passed since we celebrated Easter, with overflowing crowds once again. And within those days, so much has happened that points to a new descent of the Holy Spirit upon us: the annual celebration of service and ministry fair, the visit of our new pastor Fr. Robert VerEecke, a wonderful interfaith prayer service of mercy, the funeral of Fr. Daniel Berrigan, and now the Confirmation of five cherished young people of our parish who have worked so hard over the course of the past year to be prepared for this next major step in their journey of faith. Our good friend, Auxiliary Bishop Gerald Walsh, will be with us on Sunday as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at our 9am mass. These are just a few examples of how the Spirit is moving among us and all of them fill me with gratitude.

But I would like to get a bit more personal in my thankfulness if that's okay with you. First, thank you for your tremendous outpouring of love and support as I said farewell to my beloved mother last month. As you probably know from my homilies and other remarks, she and I were very close. I enjoyed a similar relationship with my father and found it so consoling when Mom went to the Lord on the same day as Dad (April 2) but fifteen years apart. I had the great privilege of spending two out of the last three weeks of her life with her. As that sacred time unfolded, our wonderful parish staff kept everything running back here at Xavier while you flooded my mailbox and email account with hundreds of messages and the promises of prayer. Because of the sheer number of cards and messages received, I don't think I'll be able to respond to each of you personally. But please don't doubt for a moment how very grateful I am. Thank you, a thousand times over!

Secondly, last week we welcomed our next pastor Bob VerEecke in typical Xavier fashion --with warmth, style, and great enthusiasm. Bob was most impressed by his visit with us and is looking forward to beginning later this summer. Unlike yours truly, he is coming to Xavier with almost 30 years of experience in parish ministry. I know Bob will be a wonderful pastoral presence for all of you. Thank you for welcoming him so sincerely!

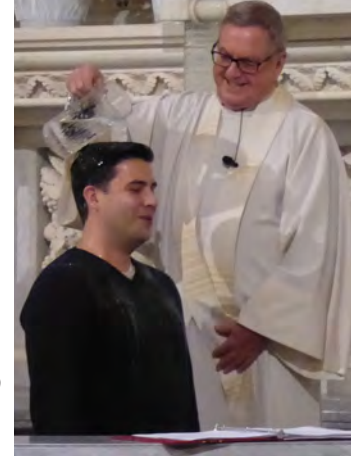
Finally, I am very grateful to our ministry leaders for all that they and their ministries accomplished this past year and for what they are planning to do in the year ahead with the help of God's grace. Last Monday night, as we do every year, the ministries gathered in the Mary Chapel and each group took a turn presenting their reports. I've experienced this night three times now yet it never gets old. To the contrary, I find myself so energized by listening to the many ways that you keep Xavier moving forward, in mission, as a parishioner-driven parish!

And so, thank you once again for all that you are and do for Xavier. After three short years, I am leaving with a lifetime of good memories. I will always be grateful for the unmistakable movements of the Spirit among us and for the countless ways you manifest Christ in the world. Happy Pentecost, dear sisters and brothers!

Your servant,

*Fr. Marina*

**FAREWELL CELEBRATION  
FOR  
FR. MARINA & FR. PETER**



**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
following the 5:00pm Mass**

*Monetary free will donations are needed to  
make this celebration possible and will be  
greatly appreciated.*

*Please RSVP to Stephanie at [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org) no later than May 17<sup>th</sup>.*

**THE NEW COSMOLOGY  
AND THE GOD OF LOVE**

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**After 9:00am Mass**

**Xavier High School Library**

*Presenter: Father Ramon A. Salomone, S.J.*

*"Yes is my answer to God's invitation"*

**23<sup>RD</sup> LGBT ANNIVERSARY MASS AT XAVIER  
Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM**

All are welcome. With great joy you are invited to share our celebration of the Eucharist, as we are all the Body of Christ for each other. There will be a coffee and cake reception in the Mary Chapel immediately following the Mass.

**VISIT OF  
ALEJANDRO OLAYO MENDEZ, SJ**

Alejandro Olayo Mendez, SJ, will visit Xavier and preach at the **11:30am and 5:00pm Masses on Sunday, May 29**. Fr. Olayo Mendez is currently reading for a Doctor of Philosophy degree at Oxford in International Development. His research explores the interaction between migrants and humanitarian aid organizations along the Mexican migration corridor. In 2012 and 2015, he led 6 other Jesuits on a five-week, 3000-mile journey through the corridor to better understand the circumstances of migration. The group often slept on the concrete floors of shelters along with the migrants.

After the 11:30am Mass, the *Honduras Project and Peace and Justice* will host a meeting for discussion with Fr. Olayo Mendez in the East Transept of the church. It is a holiday weekend, but if you are in town, we hope to see you.

**SHORT-TERM  
APARTMENTS NEEDED**

Several reliable members of our parish community are currently searching for affordable studio or 1-bedroom apartments to lease on a short-term basis. They prefer Manhattan but are open to commuting. If you know of an available home, please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience. Thank you for helping our sisters and brothers.

**Fr. Marina**

# PASTORAL COUNCIL

## *Discernment and Election 2016*

Have you ever considered being part of the Pastoral Council? If not, now is the perfect time! Three seats will open soon as Phil Guterrez and Patricia Dahl complete six years of extremely valuable service and one seat is currently vacant. We are immensely grateful for their efforts and welcome new candidates to prayerfully consider serving in their place.



**Phil Guterrez**



**Patricia Dahl**

To be considered for election, you must be:

- a baptized Catholic;
- a registered member of the parish for at least two years;
- a participant in the ongoing life of the parish, especially at the Eucharist;
- willing to participate in two evenings of discernment (June 6 and 13);
- a person with a capacity to listen that outweighs the need to speak;
- able to attend a monthly Monday meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.;
- able to attend a three day business meeting/retreat on a weekend in February;
- available for periodic ad hoc committee assignments;
- willing to discontinue or not assume a leadership role in any parish ministry during your tenure on the pastoral council so as to avoid a potential conflict of interest.



All members of the parish are invited to participate in the discernment process for the selection of new council members and all registered parishioners are eligible to vote. **However, in order to vote for new council members, parishioners must attend both meetings (June 6 and 13).** Membership on the Pastoral Council is a great opportunity to use your gifts in a vitally important role. Please consider whether this is a good time and a proper way for you to serve.



## 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!

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#### 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

## L-STEP STEPPING STONES & GRADUATION

Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:00PM

*Let us celebrate the accomplishment of the  
Spring 2016 L-STEP graduates.*

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

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23b-26.

### SEVENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29.

7:45AM TERESITA CHING (D)  
12:05PM GEORGE SPLAIN (D)

### SEVENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37.

7:45AM FRANCO COMPAINO (D)  
12:05PM ROBERT JOEDICKE (D)

### SEVENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40.

7:45AM JULIE ABRAMITIS (D)  
12:05PM SALLY & NICK D'ANGELO (L)

### SEVENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50.

7:45AM HELEN FATIZZO (D)  
12:05PM PIKE CONWAY (D)

### SEVENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12.

7:45AM BARBARA BEHARRY (D)  
12:05PM STEPHEN FITZGERALD (D)

### SEVENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16.

12:05PM MARY & ANTHONY PORTELLI (D)

### SUNDAY~ FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY

**TRINITY:** Prov 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

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