



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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When the Lord established the heavens I was there. And when God marked out the vault over the face of the deep, made firm the skies above, and fixed fast the foundations of the earth, then was I beside God as a master craftsman. I was God's delight day by day, playing on the surface of the earth; and I found delight in the human race. (Proverbs 8: 21-23; 29-31)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit of Parish Maintenance

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 22, 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 mini-
mum of six months before qualifying for a
sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.**

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, May 28th

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

Sunday, May 29th

9:00am Mass: Peter Fink, 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, Alex Campbell,
Caitlin Campbell, Kyle Chepic, Sheila Creasy, Francisco
Domingo, Betty Donovan, Maryann Downing, Joaquin Gager,
Racquel Gager, Gary Gatza, Howard Skip Geiger III,
Maxine Gold, 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,
Lorraine B. Nelson, Eileen O'Keeffe, 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, 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, Cecilia Pelc,
Dr. Purificacion P. Prudente, Francis Schall,
Carmin Tolentino, Mary Torres, 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.**

“WHY WE MARCH”

by

Paula Acuti, Maria Formoso, Mary H., Michael Mattioli, Joan O’Brien,
Ed Poliandro, Stephanie Samoy, Roe Sauerzopf, and John Weber
(Parishioners of the Church of St. Francis Xavier)

[I recently invited members of the leadership of our LGBT ministry groups to offer their perspective on New York City’s annual Pride March and their rationale for wanting the parish to participate. The march is certainly not without its controversies. In fact, some aspects of it seem to impair the dignity of LGBT persons. But, as you will read below, our sisters and brothers have clearly articulated their support within the framework of the Gospel. Please give their words your careful attention and feel most welcome to let me know your thoughts. Thank you. —Fr. Marina]

“The Church of St. Francis Xavier—A Roman Catholic Parish.” Parishioners have carried a banner bearing these words after Rev. Ned Coughlin, SJ directed Catholic Lesbians and Gay Catholics to represent the entire parish, not just their specific ministries, in New York City’s Pride March. It’s been a tradition since the 1990s but not without controversy. Some parishioners think this event even damages the dignity of LGBT persons. And while we, the undersigned, may not like some people’s behavior during the March, we are not there to judge but to go out and meet people where they are.

Jesus entered Jerusalem to cheering throngs, spreading the good news. We hand out church bulletins to thousands of onlookers to invite them to our parish. That strategy works well, according to Mike Mattioli: “I came to Xavier after standing on the sidelines and seeing the church banner, with parishioners proclaiming, ‘All are welcome!’ I came to see if it was real. It was! I joined the march because I owe those still standing on the sidelines the same invitation I received for a spiritual journey in a respectful and loving Catholic community.”

Joan O’Brien recalls, “When I was in my teens, my Irish-Catholic parents discovered they had a daughter who was a lesbian. They confronted me with anger and confusion that their firstborn could be such an embarrassment to the family. So I participate, reaching out to all those, particularly the youth, who want to know they are not excluded but warmly welcomed by God.”

Maria Formoso wants “our sisters and brothers who stand on the sidewalk, viewing the march, who don’t feel acceptance and love, to know there is a place they can come to and be part of a religious tradition and community.”

For John Weber, “how can we reach ‘the other’ without going to them where they are? As Pope Francis said, ‘I want the church to go into the streets’ and ‘make a mess.’”

Ed Poliandro says, “When we welcome the marginalized, rejected, and shamed, we are God’s voice saying, ‘You belong here.’ Having known this kind of welcome and belonging from the Xavier community enables me to go out its doors, offering others the same because I know it to be true.”

Roe Sauerzopf and Paula Acuti declare, “We can still be fired from our jobs, not served in restaurants or rented apartments in twenty-nine states! We march because Xavier is our church, and we hope one day it will recognize us as equal participants, when truly ‘all are welcome.’”

Mary H. tells “how important it was for me walking into a congregation of people and being accepted for who I am. I cried, prayed, and laughed with joy. Xavier was—is—life-giving.”

Stephanie Castillo Samoy notes “Jesus had a ministry of presence to those on the margins, whose needs were great, helping them down from their crosses. Therefore, we march in the name of love, knowing that we belong to one another, that we are all children of God.

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

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, June 10th
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
West Room**

“You are to be the Messiah’s witness to all humankind, bearing testimony about all you have seen and heard. . . . Go . . . and call on the name of Jesus.” (Acts 22:15–16, The Inclusive Bible)

Community activist Anne Duquette will update us on an outreach project for the ministry in Pride month. Please bring a snack and/or beverage. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804.

READY FOR YOUR SUMMER GETAWAY?

Are you starting to plan your summer vacation? What is the best way to ensure that Xavier receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the summer months? Go Green and enroll in Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. Enroll today by visiting our parish homepage and clicking the Donate Now button, scanning the QR code below, or mailing in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office. We want to thank the 15 families who enrolled in Faith Direct during our increased awareness campaign. Please consider joining the 296 families who now use Faith Direct to contribute to the Sunday offertory. If you want to stop receiving envelopes please contact *Stephanie Fuentes* at sfuentes@sfxavier.com or (212) 627-2100 ext. 222. Thank you for your continued support of Xavier with your time and talents as well as treasure.



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.



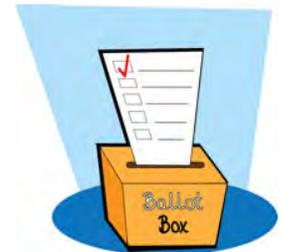
Phil Guterrez



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 the Fall (This year's retreat is scheduled for September 30-October 2, 2016);
- 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) beginning at 6:30pm.** 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.



SUMMER LIVING, SUMMER GIVING!

As the weather turns nice and you begin thinking about getting away for some fun in the sun this summer, please remember Xavier Mission before you go!

Summer is a tough time, as our volunteer and donation pools dry up faster than a snowman on a July day. Please consider signing up for direct monthly payments via FAITH DIRECT or making a special SUMMER GIFT to help fill the gap through the end of this fiscal year and into the beginning of the next.

Have fun, stay safe, wear sunscreen, and donate to Xavier Mission! Happy summer!!

ARE YOU BORED? COME BE ON OUR BOARD!!

If you're searching for something to bring that extra level of OOMPH to your life, that sense of purpose and meaning, that inner peace knowing you can sleep well because you've done good for the world, then you're in luck!

Xavier Mission is looking for passionate, engaged, skilled individuals to be on our brand-new Board of Directors! We seek champions with the following characteristics:

- Vision and passion for the mission of Xavier Mission!
- Time and energy to commit to the ongoing development of a young organization!
- Willingness to work as a team to meet challenges, find creative solutions, and advance the goals & objectives of the organization!
- Expertise/Experience in one of the following or similar areas!
 - Academic
 - Administration
 - Business
 - Finance/Accounting
 - Fundraising/Development
 - Government/Politics
 - HR/Talent Management
 - Law
 - Communications/Marketing
 - Non-profit Governance
 - Non-profit work re: homelessness, hunger, poverty, housing, etc.
 - Strategic Planning

If this sounds like you or someone you know, email Cassandra to have a conversation about next steps at cagredo@xaviermission.org.

Also, please feel free to post this on your Facebook and LinkedIn profiles as well!

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~ SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY: Prov 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

EIGHTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Pet 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27.

7:45AM GIULIO ANDINO (D)
12:05PM RUBY GALLOWAY (D)

EIGHTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Pet 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM JOHN DOWLING (D)

EIGHTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Pet 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45.

7:45AM RACHEL MONTELEONE (D)
12:05PM MARGARET LEAVITT (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. PHILIP NERI:
1 Pet 2:2-5, 9-12; Mark 10:46-52.

7:45AM JUAN RODRIGUEZ (D)
12:05PM DAVID SCHAEFER (D)

EIGHTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Pet 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26.

7:45AM HELENE KEDZIORA (L)
12:05PM GERALD LEPISKO (D)

EIGHTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Jude 17, 20b-25; Mark 11:27-33.

12:05PM LISA WALLACE (D)

SUNDAY~ FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:
Gen 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Mark 12:1-12.

YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE



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, SEXWomen@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 sfxgsgroup@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 John Karle at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Rose Alloca, allocarose@gmail.com or Marie Bannister, 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

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