



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Saints Ignatius Loyola, Francis Xavier, and Peter Favre: "The Three Companions of Jesus" by Rev. George Drance, SJ

Every one of you who does not renounce all your possessions cannot be my disciple.  
(Luke 14:33)

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit the people of Venezuela

**Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola**

**July 31, 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. Robert VerEecke, S.J. (Pastor)

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207

Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to the Pastor) — 222

Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship and  
Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205

Rev. Kevin Spinale, S.J. (Visiting Priest) - 204

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);  
Deborah Olley Murphy (Secretary); Stephen Alfieri;

Kathleen Cagnina; John Karle;

Bob Lepisko; Charles Mileski;

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe; 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.



## ***SUMMER OFFICE HOURS***

**Weekdays:** 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Saturday:** 11:30 am to 6:00 pm

**Sunday:** 8:30 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, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Mass (Vigil): Rev. Kevin Spinale, SJ

### **Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mass: Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ

11:30am Mass: Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ

5:00pm Mass: Rev. Kevin Spinale, SJ

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

John Bucki SJ, Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell, Kyle Chepic,  
Margaret English, Joaquin Gager, Monsignor Neil Graham,  
Phil Ingrassciotta, William Koss, James Leung, James Lizzio,  
Marian Lizzio, John Marshall, Kay Mazzo,  
Betty & Ron Miller, Lou Mauro SJ, Marisol Miro, Mary  
Mulkerin Donius, Lorraine B. Nelson, Campbell Phillips,  
Sister Grace Plimen FSP, Riederman Family, Valerie Sanchez,  
Joshua Rota-Tebb, Laura Samoy, Alice Sharkey, Rocco Scura,  
Ray and Terri Sharpe, Amando Solero, Danny Stevens,  
Vincent Sullivan, Joe Toll SJ, Loretta Tommasulo,  
Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend,  
Carl Wassmann

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

Dana Berritto, Expedit Codo, Erlinda Samoy Cano,  
Joe Cepelak, John Cossen, Georg Dietz, Ted Flint,  
Jean Fugett, Sr., Avalynn Marie Gerber, Maxine Gold,  
Peter Hawkes, Anne Healey, Bob Herlihy, Camille Howe,  
James Martinez Sr., Ruth Nazareno, Keith Nolop, Jean Orza,  
Cecilia Pelc, Raymond Peralta, Marta N. Peri, Pamela  
Richards, Ruth Rivera, Denyse Robinson, John Valentino

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.**



## VENEZUELANS NEED HELP NOW!!!

We believe Venezuela needs help now – they cannot wait for international powers to decide how to intervene or not! In order to avoid goods ending up on the black market, we will be collecting funds to purchase and send the most critically needed items to a secure location in Venezuela and they will be distributed to the needy. Our drive will begin on July 30th. Contributions may be made as follows:

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection at all Masses **July 30<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>** will be for aid to Venezuela;
- Contributions can be made to Faith Direct through 9/11/16 by indicating “Aid to Venezuela” on your online contribution;
- We will have tables in the church at all Masses on 9/10/16 and 9/11/16 for contributions;

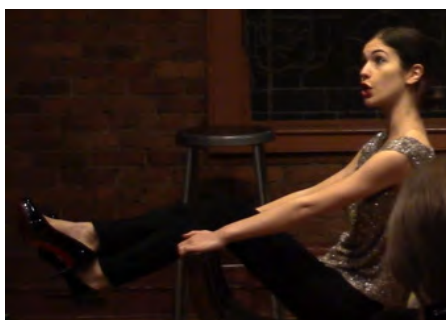
Thank you for your generosity for the suffering people of Venezuela. If you would like to help with our tabling the weekend of **9/10-9/11/16**, please send us an email at [xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com). Peace.

## Music Ministry

### CABARET~THOSE WERE THE DAYS MORE SAVE THE DATES:

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM  
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM  
Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30PM

#### AUDITIONS BY EMAIL



Songs of yesteryear, spoofs on what life used to be like, nostalgia, humour and old time favorites, with a few surprises at just the right moments. Seeking new singers and former singers coming from all walks of the parish who will delight our senses with song, grace and humor. Joined by our consummate professional director Paul Michael. If you are interested in becoming a part of this cabaret, please contact *John Uehlein* at [juehlein@sfxavier.org](mailto:juehlein@sfxavier.org).

VOX CLAMANTIS  
Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm

This is the fragment from our rehearsal for this concert:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCB0y8O61nI6MtWAVs48llg>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VoxClamantisee/>

CONCERT TO END GUN VIOLENCE  
Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 2:30 – 3:30  
*Featuring Xavier Musicians, Readers and Friends*



### COME CELEBRATE MARGE ZWANZINGER'S 96<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

**DATE:** Sunday, August 14, 2016 from 2pm to 4pm

**PLACE:** Cusack Care Center, 537 Pavonia Ave.  
Jersey City, NJ 07306

There will be a bus at the West 15 Street entrance to Xavier at 1:00pm to take us to the nursing home. Reservations are necessary and space is limited. If you would like to attend this surprise birthday celebration of Xavier's oldest registered parishoner, please reply before **July 31**.

**SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20**

**RSVP: [bowcol@hotmail.com](mailto:bowcol@hotmail.com)**



## A DECADE OF LOVE!

I have been so privileged to spend the last ten years here at Xavier, in this wonderful community that I have come to regard as family. It is certainly a unique experience to work in a place where I also feel at home among friends, and where hundreds of people show so much support and love, both for me and for our work here at Xavier Mission.

I never would have imagined when I took this job—a young, scared, pregnant, unwed woman—that I would receive the welcome that I did, and experience the love and the joy that has been ongoing throughout the years. I certainly didn't think I would be here ten years later! But it has truly flown by and each day I am grateful to have found this community; or, more accurately, that this community found me and took me in, like the innkeeper who provided a warm, safe place for a young, scared, pregnant, unwed woman two thousand years ago.

I thank each of you for making this past decade a decade of love. I am humbled, and blessed, to be a part of Xavier.

In honor of the last ten years of our work together, I invite you to join me in making a gift to continue the work of Xavier Mission.

The traditional gift for the “tin” anniversary (according to Wikipedia) is diamond jewelry. But I'm not traditional so instead of diamonds, please consider making a gift to Xavier Mission for the following:

- \$10 – 1 day's worth of groceries from our Food Pantry for a family of 4
- \$50 – 50 hot meals for our neighbors at the Welcome Table
- \$100 – 1 month's worth of supplies for guests at the Coughlin Shelter
- \$1000 – 1 month of rent arrears for a family to avoid eviction

I've kicked off the celebration with a \$100 gift. Please join me in making the next ten years as wonderful as the last!

With unending love,  
Cassandra



## CATECHISTS NEEDED!

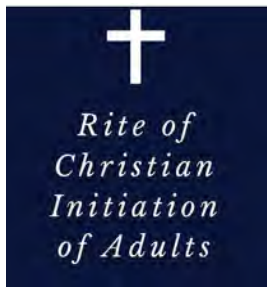
Are you looking for a way to share your faith, time and talents with others? The Family Faith Program needs you!!

All volunteers must be cleared through our safe environment program. We will provide training and support along the way.

We need volunteers to teach pre-kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

We encourage all adults to learn about our Family Faith Program at [sfxavier.org](http://sfxavier.org) and prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you!

**Family Faith Program**  
**Lmdiaz@sfxavier.org**  
**212-627-2100 Ext. 207**



## HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING AN RCIA SPONSOR?

Come to learn the requirements and many benefits of sponsoring an unbaptized adult (catechumen) or a baptized adult (candidate) in the RCIA process.

**Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>  
6pm-8pm~Mary Chapel**

Sponsoring is an amazing learning experience, a wonderful way of walking the path with Jesus and inviting those interested in coming along, and a source of spiritual growth and renewal. To attend one of the meetings, register at 212-627-2100 ext. 207 or [imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:imdiaz@sfxavier.org)

### *Catholic Lesbians*

**Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm—9:00 pm  
Venue to be determined**

*“A child who gathers in summertime is using good judgment” (Proverbs 10:5).*

Because the parish is closed on our second-Friday-of-the-month meeting date and time, we will meet elsewhere for time together. For more information, contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804.

### *Brief Notices from Other Places*

Pilgrimage to Rome for Pope Francis' Jubilee of Mercy **Oct. 5th to 15th, 2016** Marian Days of the Jubilee, Prayer Vigil and Mass with Pope Francis. Recollection in Assisi with *Fr. Thomas Carroll, SJ*.

Visit shrines and historic sites. Provide service of mercy **\$3,399.00**, (including airfare)

SPACE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED

To register and for more information, please contact *Angie Cruz* (917) 607-0937 or [angiecruzphd@gmail.com](mailto:angiecruzphd@gmail.com)

*“There is urgent need to work for a world free of nuclear weapons, in full application of the non-proliferation Treaty, in letter and spirit, with the goal of a complete prohibition of these weapons.”*  
~Pope Francis in his September 2015 address to the U.S. Congress

Please join *Pax Christi Metro New York* for our annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki Memorial at which we heed Pope Francis's call. We will sing, pray, listen, and act for a nuclear-weapons-free world. *Emilie McGlone*, International Coordinator of Peace Boat, will speak to us about Peace Boat's Global Voyages for a nuclear-free world and the Hibakusha Project. Then we will hold a public silent vigil. The afternoon begins on **Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30pm in Casserly Hall, St. Joseph's Greenwich Village Church, Sixth Avenue and Washington Place**, and concludes at **4:30pm** in nearby Fr. Demo Square. For further details visit [www.nypaxchristi.org](http://www.nypaxchristi.org) or contact [info@nypaxchristi.org](mailto:info@nypaxchristi.org) or 212-420-0250.



## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**SUNDAY~ FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA:** Jer 20:7-9; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Luke 14:25-33.

**MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI:** Jer 28:1-17; Matt 14:13-21.

7:45AM ROBERT TUGGLE (D)  
12:05PM CHARLES JONES (D)

**EIGHTEENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matt 14:22-36.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM ARMANDO ORTIZ (L)

**EIGHTEENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY** **TIME:** Jer 31:1-7; Matt 15:21-28.

7:45AM PETER JAMES HAWKES (D)  
12:05PM BERNARD (ANDY) E. ANDERSON (D)

**THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY:** Jer 31:31-34; Matt 16:13-23.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM ALFIE McCOURT (D)

**EIGHTEENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Nah 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matt 16:24-28.

7:45AM PETER JAMES HAWKES (D)  
12:05PM JIM MARTINEZ SR. (D)

**SATURDAY~ FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD:** Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36.

12:05PM FR. JOSEPH MARINA, SJ (L)

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-38.

**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, [suniko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto:sunikol20@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)