



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:32)

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit Latin America and Home Missions

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 7, 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 13<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Mass (Vigil): *Rev. John Replogle, SJ*

### **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Kevin Spinale, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

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

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

*Mario O. Arceo, Dana Berritto, Erlinda Samoy Cano,  
Joe Cepelak, John Cossen, Georg Dietz, Mary Mulkerin  
Donius, 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, Thomas Norton, 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.**



# XAVIER DRIVE FOR VENEZUELA

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 location in Venezuela where they will be distributed to the needy.

Contributions can be made via Faith Direct through 9/11/16 by indicating “Aid to Venezuela” on your online contribution. *See our website on how to donate through Faith Direct.*

Thank you for your generosity to the suffering people of Venezuela. Peace!



## 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.

### **Ignatian Spirituality at Xavier**

*“Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,  
my memory, my understanding,  
and my entire will,  
all I have and call my own .  
You have given all to me...*

*Would you like to know what this prayer means in your life?*

Join us for an Ignatian Spirituality Information Session to learn more about this prayer and what programs are being offered at Xavier in 2016-17.

- Spiritual Direction
- Spiritual Exercises
- Ignatian Prayer
- Lenten Home Retreat
- Stations of the Light

*... To you, Lord, I return it.  
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.  
Give me only your love and your grace,  
that is enough for me...”  
St. Ignatius of Loyola*

### **IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AT XAVIER 2016-17**

#### **INFORMATION SESSIONS**

**Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6:30pm  
Sunday, Sept. 11 at 1:30pm**

*Sponsored by ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)*

### **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)

## 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

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

### 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).

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

**FOR THOSE WHO REGISTERED:** There will be a bus at the West 15 Street entrance to Xavier at 1:00pm to take us to the nursing home.

**SUGGESTED DONATION:** \$20



## 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**

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

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

### MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. DOMINIC:

Ezek 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matt 17:22-27.

7:45AM PATTE KIERNAN (D)

12:05PM BARBARA C. DESAPIO (D)

### NINETEENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Ezek 2:8-3:4; Matt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14.

7:45AM THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION

12:05PM ANN HEALY (D)

### WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE:

2 Cor 9:6-10; John 12:24-26.

7:45AM PETER JAMES HAWKES (D)

12:05PM LUZ DIZON (D)

### THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. CLARE:

Ezek 12:1-12; Matt 18:21-19:1.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM ANN HEALY (D)

### NINETEENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Ezek 16:1-15, 60, 63; Matt 19:3-12.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM DENYSE ROBINSON (D)

### NINETEENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Ezek 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matt 19:13-15.

12:05PM CARMEN ROXAS (L)

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53.

**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 Larry Ruthv 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)