



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous. (Luke 14:13)

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. Robert VerEecke, S.J. (Pastor) — 204
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
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

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

**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, September 3rd

5:00pm Mass (Vigil): *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

Sunday, September 4th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*John Bucki SJ, Pia Brown, Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell,
Kyle Chepic, Thomas DeFranco, Margaret English,
Rev. Robert Fruch, David Fuentes, Francisco Fuentes,
Joaquin Gager, Harriett Gordon, Monsignor Neil Graham,
Richard Hogan, Phil Ingrassciotta, William Koss, James
Leung, James Lizzio, Marian Lizzio, John Marshall,
Lou Mauro SJ, Kay Mazzo, Betty & Ron Miller, Marisol Miro,
Lorraine B. Nelson, Campbell Phillips, Jim Reidy,
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, Sister Gloria Czarniewicz,
Georg Dietz, Mary Mulkerin Donius, Ted Flint,
Jean Fugett, Sr., Antoinette Gallitelli ICM, Peter Hawkes,
Anne Healey, Bob Herlihy, Camille Howe, James Martinez Sr.,
Father Michael Thomas Morris, O.P.,
Keith Nolop, Thomas Norton, Catherine Olnek, Jean Orza,
Raymond Peralta, Sister Grace Plimen FSP, Denyse Robinson,
James Sullivan, Joe Towle SJ, Marvin Williams*

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

August 27/28

Dear Parishioners,

This past weekend was my “first” as your new pastor. Thank you so much for your very warm welcome. The vibrancy of the community expressed in the liturgical celebrations and the outreach of the Welcome Table was not only evident to me but also to some of my “former” parishioners from St Ignatius at Boston College who now live in NY and had come to SFX for the first time. Everyone commented on the energy, enthusiasm and participation of the community in the liturgies as well as the remarkable ministry of the Xavier Mission.

I wanted to share with you one very moving experience I had on Sunday morning. At the end of the Mass in which I joined the music ministry playing the violin 😊, I was walking down the aisle and saw one of my former students from Boston College. Over 30 years ago I had directed Molly Delaney in *The Lion in Winter* in a one woman show based on the life of the English mystic, Julian of Norwich. Molly has continued to perform this piece off and on for all these years as a fundraiser for a hospital in Tanzania that she and her husband built. She did not know that I was now the pastor here and had come at the invitation of a SFX parishioner to see whether she could schedule a performance of Julian this coming year. Imagine her shock and surprise when she saw that I, the original director of the play was the new pastor! For me it was a graced moment that confirmed that I had come to the right place at the right time 😊 God's Spirit really works in wonderful ways!

So, thank you again for your gracious welcome. I will try my best to remember people's names but I ask your indulgence since my memory isn't what it used to be. I look forward to getting to know you and serve you as best I can in the years to come.

In the love of Christ,

Fr. Bob

Music Ministry

MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS



Now is the time when the music ministry especially seeks new members for the coming year. There are four ways in which you might want to participate: The Choir, The Bell Choir, The Instrumental Group. Please take a moment to read the descriptions below and if you're interested or called to service, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Director of Music Ministries: *John Uehlein* (juehlein@sfxavier.org or 646-573-0099). Ad majorem Dei gloriam ~ To the greater glory of God!

CHOIR MINISTRY: It's time to join up! Service is our password and having fun while preparing liturgy is our way. Faith is our fuel. The St. Francis Xavier Choir is looking for new members now. We have an exciting year planned with music for all the liturgies and major feasts. A pleasant voice, the ability to sing in harmony, and showing up regularly are the only requirements. Reading music is a plus, but not a necessity. Rehearsal are Thurs. nights from 7-9 and we sing at the 11:30 service on Sundays.

INSTRUMENTAL MINISTRY: Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be a part of the Music Ministry at St. Francis Xavier? We are looking for competent (intermediate to advanced) instrumentalists now. Woodwinds, strings, brass, guitar, bass are exciting additions to the musical prayer we present at our liturgies. The Sunday 5 liturgy is our instrumental mass and we rehearse at 4PM before the liturgy.

THE BELL CHOIR: Although we at present don't have any openings, this group of 10 ringers continues to grow by leaps and bounds. We rehearse on Monday evenings from 6:15 to 8:15. We play at all major Holy Days (Christmas and Easter), we play during Advent and Christmas and we play every Sunday of Easter time through Pentecost. The ability to read a little music, especially rhythms is necessary. But any number of our members have joined without that ability and have quickly learned. So if you don't read rhythms, but are willing to learn with a little extra help, that's OK.

SAVE THE DATES

VOX CLAMANTIS
Sunday, September 18th
6:30pm

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

This is the fragment from our rehearsal for this concert:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCB0y8O61nI6MtWAVs48llg>

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



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

IGNATIUS 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)

A Memorial Mass to celebrate the life of Parishioner and former receptionist

Denyse Robinson

Who died on July 23, 2016

Will be held
Saturday, September 10th
at 10:00 am
in the **Main Church.**



CHANGE A LIFE!

Do you want to fall asleep tonight knowing that you helped to change someone's life today? If the answer is yes, please consider sponsoring an L-STEP Participant! Our Fall 2015 semester will soon begin with 8-10 participants. The program is free to our participants and so we request your assistance in underwriting the cost. The breakdown for one participant is as follows:

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!

GOT LIFE?

If you've got life-experience, then you're just who we're looking for! We are looking for caring, compassionate mentors for the Fall semester of L-STEP. L-STEP assists homeless individuals with moving forward with their lives.

- **L-STEP MENTORS** commit to eight Wednesday evening sessions, plus the Stepping Stones & Graduation Ceremony, to assist individuals with goal-setting, story presentation, and successfully completing the program. Mentors must attend a training on **September 24th** at 9:30am.

Please contact *Rachel Johnson* at rjohnson@xaviermission.org or 212-870-6876.
Thanks!



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, 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades.

We encourage all adults to learn about our Family Faith Program at sfxavier.org and prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you!

Contact: Lmdiaz@sfxavier.org; 212-627-2100 Ext. 207

- The Xavier Company presents: *Whom Shall I Send?* a musical drama that tells the story of faith, love and friendship. The play follows the spiritual journey of Peter, John, Mary Magdalene, Paul and Lydia as they respond to God's call. The play was written by JS Pecorella and contains musical selections by Dan Schutte SJ, Laurence Rosania, Michael Ward and others. *Whom Shall I Send?* will be presented on **Saturday, September 10th at 7:30 pm** in the **Mary Chapel**. Reservations are not required. A free will offering will be collected.



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



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!

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, September 9th

6:00 pm–9:00 pm

West Room

Jesus replied, “Stand up! Pick up your mat and walk.” (John 5:8, The Inclusive Bible) “And this prayer offered in faith will make them well, and Christ will raise them up.” (James 5:15) “The sick upon whom they lay their hands will recover.” (Mark 16:18)

We are in need of healing—bodily, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, psychically. As summer turns to autumn, let's be together and share the gift of presence, which heals many things. Lorraine B. Nelson will lead our evening of discussion and reflection.

Bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Sir 3:17-18, 20,28-29;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

MONDAY~FEAST OF THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST:

1 Cor 2:1-5; Mark 6:17-29.

7:45AM JAMES F. SHEEHY (D)
12:05PM GIUSEPPINA MANISCALCA (D)

TWENTY-SECOND TUESDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37.

7:45AM GERARD BENARES (L)
12:05PM MAURINE MCKENZIE (D)

TWENTY-SECOND WEDNESDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44.

7:45AM PETER JAMES HAWKES (D)
12:05PM FR. JESUS DIAZ, S.J. (D)

TWENTY-SECOND THURSDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11.

7:45AM ESTRELLA FIGUEROA (D)
12:05PM ARMAND PACCIONE (D)

TWENTY-SECOND FRIDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM DENNIS MAURO (D)

SATURDAY~ FEAST OF ST. GREGORY

THE GREAT: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5.

12:05PM RICHARD KORONKWICZ (D)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Wis 9:13-18b; Philem 9:10, 12-17;
Luke 14:25-33.

**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

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 sfxggroup@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 Larry Ruthv 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