

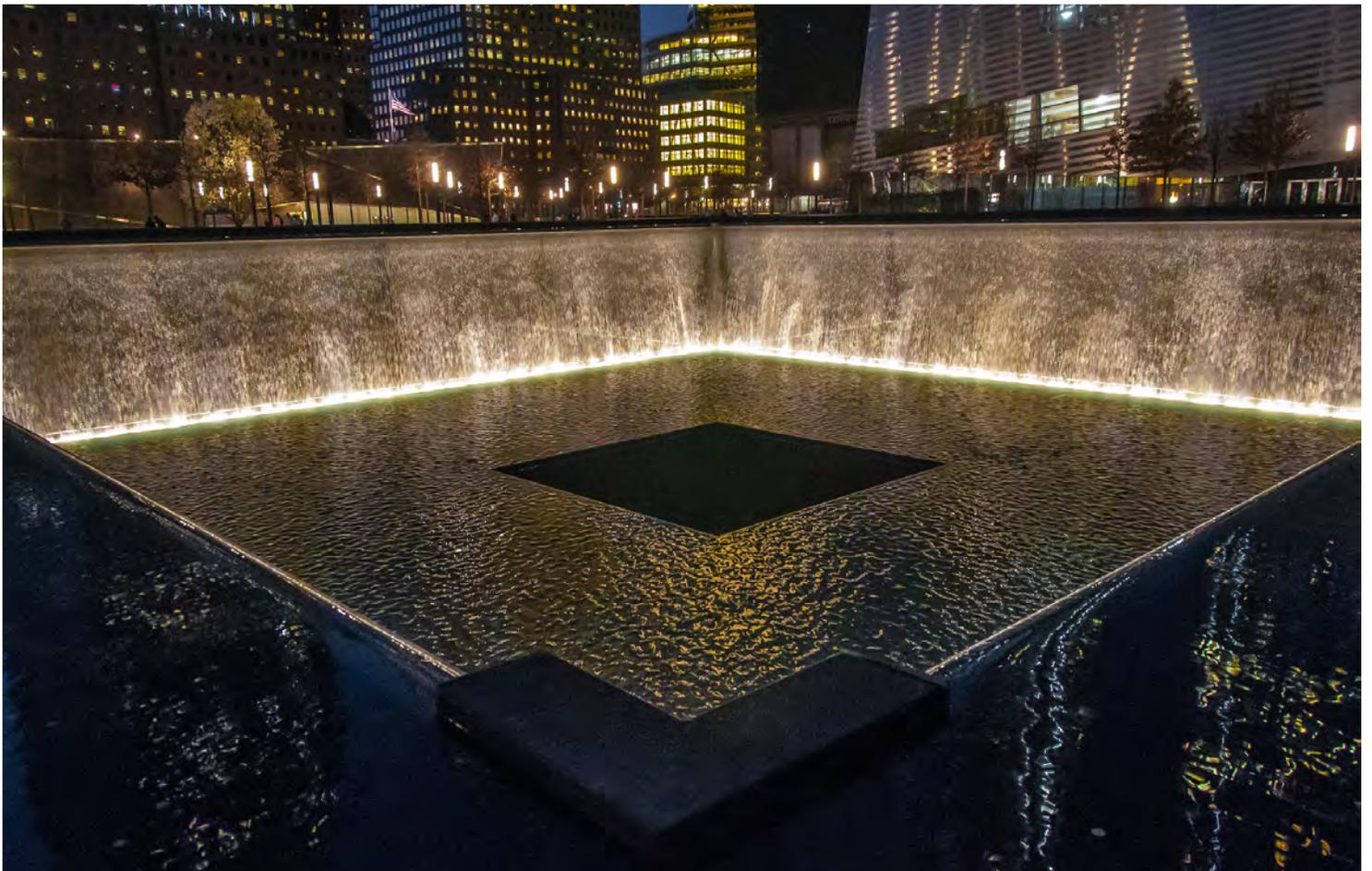


CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Memorial's South Pool at night - National September 11 Memorial & Museum. Photo by John St John

WE REMEMBER

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 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. Robert VerEecke, S.J. (Pastor) — 204

Email: RVerееcke@sfxavier.org

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.



OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 7:30 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 17th

5:00pm Mass (Vigil): *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

Sunday, September 18th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Angelina Alejandria, Toti Alejandria, 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, Lorraine Pavich,
James Leung, Marian Lizzio, John Marshall, Linda Martinez,
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:

*Jane Benz, Sister Gloria Czarniewicz,
Antoinette Gallitelli ICM, James Lizzio, Josephine Minervini,
Father Michael Thomas Morris, O.P., Danilo Nicolas,
Catherine Olnek, Sister Grace Plimen FSP, William Reid,
James Sullivan, Celestino Tomines Jr., 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

September 10/11

Dear Parishioners,

I'm writing to you on Labor day (yes I am laboring!) but my thoughts are about this coming weekend. Since I have not been in NY for very long I have not had the opportunity to visit the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. By the time you read this I will have gone there to join the countless numbers of visitors who have gone to the site of the World Trade Center to remember the day and pray for all those who lost their lives on that terrible day 15 years ago. I can't begin to imagine what the experience of 9/11 was like for those of you who live and work so near to the place where this happened. I'm sure you join me in praying for an end to terror and a world of mutual understanding where all are able to live in peace and harmony.

I recently wrote to Fr Joe Costantino, your former pastor to thank him for all of the work that he did to enable the renovation of the Church to take place. As I told him, I'm in awe of the scope of the work and the extraordinary beauty of the finished "product". He did tell me that there were a few things that he had hoped to do but was unable because of time and finances. He was thrilled when I told him that we would see whether those projects might be "resurrected" 😊

What I really want to express, however, is my gratitude to you the parishioners of SFX who love the parish so much that you made the financial sacrifices to support the renovation project. I'm always amazed at the extraordinary generosity of people like yourselves who not only contributed to the "normal" operations of the parish but also responded to the call to give "extra" to make the parish's dream of a restoration of this beautiful church become a reality. So thanks again and again! I for one as the new pastor am a beneficiary of your generosity!

This weekend begins the RCIA program as well as some informational sessions on the Spiritual Exercises. These are two of my great passions so perhaps I will have the opportunity to see some of you as participants in these two important areas of spiritual growth and parish life. As you know another great passion of mine as a choreographer is the integration of dance and religious expression. I invite you to take a look at my website blde.org to view some of my work. I'm hoping that I may be able to continue a 35 year tradition of presenting some of this choreography for Christmas this December. Will see! More to come!

In the love of Christ,

Fr Bob

Why We Need Your Support

Thank you for your generous support this past fiscal year that ended on August 31st. You might question, "Does the parish need my gift? Does my weekly financial contribution make a difference? What expenses go into the parish's budget?" Without your support we simply would not be the vibrant parish community that we are today. Our operating expense budget for the fiscal year that started on September 1st is \$2.22 million. Below is a breakdown of our budget and the ways your support is needed and does make a difference. Our planned deficit for this year is \$50,000 and therefore we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your donations this year, if you can. We need your increased support in the coming year through your Sunday offertory, maintenance 2nd collection, Christmas and Easter gifts to help cover these costs.



Clergy and Lay Administrative/Maintenance Salary & Benefits: The budget of \$449,681 includes the salary and benefits costs of our two priests and four full time and five part-time lay administrative and maintenance employees, and stipends for visiting priests. Benefits include healthcare and retirement costs and payroll related taxes. Living expenses plus travel and retreat allowances are also included for our priests.

Restoration Loan: The parish borrowed \$6 million in 2009 to fund part of the restoration expenses for the interior portion of the church. We will make principal and interest payments of \$556,000 annually until the loan is paid off in March of 2021.



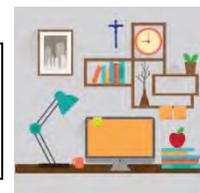
Archdiocesan Assessments: The Diocese funds its pastoral and administrative functions through an assessment on all Parishes equal to 8% of revenues. Our assessment for this year is \$161,700. We also contribute \$244,000 annually to support elementary schools within the Global Regional School System of the Archdiocese.

Music Ministry: Our budget of \$167,500 funds the salaries and benefits of the Director and Assistant Director of Music, stipends for Cantors, musicians for special liturgies, upkeep of our organ, pianos & hand bells, special musical events, and the purchase of music related supplies and equipment.



Maintenance, Repairs, and Utilities: Our utilities budget of \$48,000 pays for the electricity used for lighting, powering office equipment and air conditioning, the steam used for heating and telephones. Maintenance and repair expenses are budgeted at \$81,750

Support Expenses (Non-salary): Our Support Expenses budget of \$118,500 covers a wide range of expenditures in support of the operations of the church and back-office. These expenses include copier, printing, computer, postage, office supplies, liturgical & sacristy supplies, and fees paid to our parish accountant and FaithDirect.



Religious Education: Our Religious Education budget includes both our Family Faith and RCIA programs. The budget of \$113,500 includes the salary and benefits of our Director of Religious Education, stipends for catechists and guest speakers, books & supplies, and other program costs.

Insurance: To minimize the financial loss associated with various risks such as a fire or a slip and fall we purchase a wide variety of insurance policies. Our budget of \$102,000 includes the costs of our property, flood, earthquake, liability, employee dishonesty & crime, and equipment breakdown policies in addition to the retainer paid to our insurance consultant.



Spiritual Director Formation, Stewardship and other Programs: The budget of \$170,260 includes the salary and benefits costs of two-part time employees and program costs for our new Spiritual Director Formation Program. It also includes the salary and benefits costs of our Director of Stewardship and other costs associated with our Stewardship efforts. In addition, we cover the expenses of programs not included above such as food & beverages, stipends for guest speakers, and charitable contributions to other organizations.

Music Ministry

MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

CHOIR MINISTRY: If you are interested in joining the choir, it's time to join up! Please get in touch with John Uehlein (juehlein@sfxavier.org or 646-573-0099)

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.

VOX CLAMANTIS

Sunday, September 18th
6:30pm



Vox Clamantis comprises musicians with different background—singers, composers, instrumentalists and conductors—who share a common interest in the Gregorian chant, early polyphony and contemporary music. Many Estonian composers — among them Arvo Pärt, Helena Tulve and Erkki-Sven Tüür—have written for Vox Clamantis. The artistic director and conductor of Vox Clamantis Jann-Eik Tulve graduated from Tallinn Conservatory in 1991. Many of the recordings he has made with the choir have received great critical acclaim (Diapason d'Or). Jaan-Eik Tulve has been awarded the Order of the White Star of the Republic of Estonia, the Order of Léopold of the Kingdom of Belgium and the Order of Arts and Letters of the French Republic.

“Directed by Jaan-Eik Tulve, who sees precise blending as the foundation for purposeful singing, Vox Clamantis adds subtlest gold leafing to the program’s Marian repertoire. Remarkable in this regard is the use of overtone singing, an unlikely technique begotten through the spirit of improvisation during rehearsal.”

CONCERT TO END GUN VIOLENCE

Sunday, September 25th
2:30pm – 3:30pm



FEATURING XAVIER MUSICIANS, READERS AND FRIENDS

Co-hosted by the Xavier Music Ministry, the Interfaith Committee, the Peace and Justice Committee and Xavier Parishioners, we will participate in the Concert Across America, a series of live events from coast to coast in honor of the victims of gun violence in America. Performers include John Uehlein, the SFX Choir, Ralph Martin, Diane Lisanti, Elda Luisi, Tom Flood, Luz Marina Diaz, the Xavier Players, Jim Fox and others.

REMEMBER REFLECT RESPOND

An Ignatian Reflection Session on the
Philippine Events

Then and Now

September 21, 2016

5:30–7:30pm

MaryChapel

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

A ROAD TO HOME - DOCUMENTARY

The Parish, jointly with the combined LGBT ministries, invites you to the screening of "A Road to Home" which tracks the lives of six homeless LGBTQ young people over 18 months. Their lives typify the experience of the 500,000 homeless youth on American streets every night, 40% of them LGBTQ.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
6:30PM HURTADO/LARKIN HALL**

Talkback with Producer Cal Skaggs and Ali Forney Center Director Carl Siciliano after the screening. All Are Welcome.

GREETINGS AND WELCOME:

If Labor Day is the unofficial end of summer, then it must be "Autumn in New York", and we, the Pastoral Council, invite you to our **FALL COFFEE HOUR** on Sunday, September 25th, in the Mary Chapel, following the 11:30 Mass. It will be an opportunity to meet the new members of the Council, speak with our new pastor, and start the fall off in a good way.



Please join us. If you RSVP at (646) 377-9889 by **September 21st**, you will help us in planning for the event. We look forward to meeting/seeing you after Mass.

THE GAY CATHOLICS

first meeting of the new season will take place on
**Friday, September 16th
at 6:45pm in the Mary Chapel.**

Taking our lead from Jesuits East Magazine we will be using the theme of "Accompaniment" for our meetings 2016/2017.

FRIDAY'S DISCUSSION TOPIC: Welcome home - A spirituality of accompaniment Community occurs were Jesuit ministry is: "Wherever there is need or greater utility for our ministries, there is our house." "... not houses but in journeying's." Jerome Nadal, SJ

Please join us and welcome a new season.



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!

SIGN THE POSTCARD: RAISE YOUR VOICE FOR REFUGEES



Now is the time to help refugees!

On **September 19**, world leaders will meet at the U.N. Summit for Refugees and Migrants. And the next day, President Obama will host a Leaders' Summit on the Global Refugee Crisis.

We have worked with more than 40 organizations to develop a postcard to be delivered to Congress and President Obama before the summits, which urges the United States to lead by example.

Sign the postcard
To sign the postcard online,
go to <http://bit.ly/refugeepostcard>.

All signatures and postcards are due by September 12!

FORCED FROM HOME

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) works around the world to provide refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs) with everything they need from psychological care to lifesaving nutrition. MSF sets up hospitals in refugee camps, helps women give birth safely, vaccinates children to prevent epidemics, and provides access to safe drinking water. Forced From Home is designed to raise public awareness about the experience of refugees and internally displaced people, and provides MSF an opportunity to speak out on behalf of our many beneficiaries around the world who may not have a way to speak for themselves.

Forced From Home that will be at Battery Park City Esplanade September 23-27. People can book a guided tour by calling 212 400 3424 or going online to forcedfromhome.com to get more information.

AWE, THANKSGIVING, AND MERCY: AN AUTUMN BIBLE STUDY



In this extraordinary year of Mercy and this time of societal turmoil, the parish extends a special offering: a fall Bible Study. Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 we will gather after sunset in the Mary Chapel for scriptural reflection, faith sharing, and prayer. Participants will also have the opportunity to develop their own written reflections on Scripture in a supportive environment.

Topics include:

October 5th and October 12th *The Days of Awe*. This phrase is used by our Jewish sisters and brothers to describe the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur -- just when our Bible Study begins! In solidarity, during these first two sessions we will tap into our own awe through Scripture study and faith sharing.

October 19th *Jesus: His Relationship to Fame and Controversy*.

October 26th *Immigrant Experience and the Shaping of the Old Testament*.

November 2nd *All Souls Need Mercy*.

November 9th *The Prophet Miriam*.

November 16th *Finding the Author in Authority: A Bounty of Thanksgiving*.

Suggested donation: \$40 for the 7-class series or \$10 per class.

To register please email xavierbiblestudy@gmail.com For more details on this Bible study, and on the teacher, Dr. Lizzie Berne DeGear BCC, please see the parish website under "Faith Formation": sfxavier.org/bible-study

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Exod 32:7-11, 13-14;
1 Tim 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32.

TWENTY-FOURTH MONDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME:

1 Cor 11:17-26,33; Luke 7:1-10.

7:45AM AYNELSA DELEON (D)
12:05PM STANLEY LEPISKO (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN

CHRYSOSTOM: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke
6:12-19.

7:45AM ANTOINETE & LEO BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM TERESA PALAMAR (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS:

Num 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11.

7:45AM PETER JAMES HAWKES (D)
12:05PM HELEN MANOS (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS: 1 Cor 15:1-11; John 19:25-27.

7:45AM LEONARD DIMATTEO (D)
12:05PM MICHAEL TAYLOR (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF SS. CRONELIUS & CYPRIAN: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Luke 8: 1-3.

7:45AM PETER JAMES HAWKES (D)
12:05PM JOHN VALENTINO (D)

SATURDAY~ FEAST OF ST. ROBERT

BELLARMINE: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15.

12:05PM CHRIS BOES (D)

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13.

**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 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 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