



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument. (1 TIM 2:7-8)

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

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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
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John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Jack Schmitt (Chair); Adel O'Regan (Vice-Chair);
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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 24th

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

Sunday, September 25th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, 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, Loraine 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, 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 Desk of John Uehlein

What is the PAX series? Some parishioners are in the know, and some of you may not be. PAX is a clever little acronym for *Performing Arts at Xavier*. The acronym was the brain child of our former Music Director, Laurence Rosania, but didn't come into fruition until the early 2000's under my direction. Our first offering was "An Afternoon at the Opera," presented by the music ministry and the Jesuit community featuring our best classically trained singers as well as the choir and a complete one act spoof on "The Marriage of Figaro." Since then, we have produced many wonderful offerings for the parish including our annual Cabaret, Lessons and Carols, the Fauré Requiem and many more. Styles have included sacred, classical, jazz, folk and musical theater.

This year we have ten offerings starting tonight with the award winning choir from Estonia, **Vox Clamantis**. This event is in conjunction with the United Nations Week and will be an event of International good will. It is also the release event for their new CD produced by ECM records. Our next event is the following Sunday afternoon and is in sync with the core feelings of our parish: **The Concert to End Gun Violence**. Parishioners will offer their spiritual poetry on this topic and will include the choir and the bell choir. In October, we host **Gail Archer** in an organ concert of music by Max Reger. The first weekend in November we delight our parish community with this year's **Cabaret: *Those Were the Days***. This is one of the most fun filled parish community building events of the year. Tickets must be purchased in advance as it sells out. In December, we offer our annual **Lessons and Carols** which is a wonderful way to kick off the Christmas celebrations. Offering this prayer/concert is the music ministry, the dance ministry and the lector ministry. And don't don't forget! It is followed by our home made Christmas cookie reception! The first weekend in February, we offer a staged reading of the late **Dan Berrigan's play: The Trial of the Catonsville Nine** telling the story of this historic act of civil disobedience during the Vietnam war. At the end of February we offer an afternoon at the **Xavier Salon: A recital of classical art song** performed by members of the SFX choir. During Lent, we host one of the world's greatest organists, **Daniel Roth**. Believe me, this concert is **not to be missed**. We have the opportunity to hear the full beauty and majesty of our very own Peragallo organ. The first weekend in May we host the **St. Agnes' Cathedral Music Ministry** from Rockville, LI. And we end the year out in June with a concert by **Anne Holland**, singer and her husband Jim Hynes, trumpet accompanied by some of the best instrumentalists from around the city.

These concerts/events are offered to you as a way of building community, inspiring the parish, and creating beauty as a means of prayer. They are free with the exception of our Cabaret which is the ministry's annual fund raising event. We hope you'll look through the brochure inserted into your bulletin today for all the details choosing those concerts you wish to attend, marking them in your calendars and then enjoying them fully when they happen. For more information, please contact *John Uehlein*, Director of Music Ministries at juehlein@sfxavier.org.

John Uehlein
Director of Music Ministries

UPCOMING EVENTS

VOX CLAMANTIS
TONIGHT
6:30pm



CONCERT TO END GUN VIOLENCE
Sunday, September 25th
2:30pm – 3:30pm



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.



ANIMAL BLESSING

We will have a ceremony celebrating and blessing on animal companions on **Saturday, October 1st at 10:30 a.m.** Come! Celebrate the joy and blessing your animal companion has been for you. It's a "howl" and "the

cat's meow". All creatures, great and small and their human companions are invited. Feel free to pass the word about this event to people in the neighborhood: put a notice in your building's newsletter or post a flyer on your building's bulletin board.

If anyone would like to help with the Blessing, please contact *Sr. Nadine* 212-673-2078

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, October 14, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
West Room

In every generation there are people who reach out beyond the cultural and religious boundaries of their time, searching for answers to life's deepest mysteries. We call these seekers "mystics." In the past we have discussed our Western Christian mystics. At this meeting we will continue the journey with a discussion of the Eastern mystics.

Social time from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; program to start at 6:30 p.m. Bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

PARISH ELECTION INITIATIVE

The Pastoral Council, working with various ministries in the parish has developed an Election Initiative to pray for our country during this time of national elections. Each week beginning Tuesday September 27th various ministries of the parish will lead us in prayer. We are praying for peace, for our country, for our world, for our leadership and for our future. The prayer will be non-partisan in nature and give us the opportunity to tap into the power of prayer and community as we face the coming election. The prayer will be from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Mary Chapel.

Ministries that will be leading the prayer are as follows:

September 27th: Catholic Lesbians

October 4th: Gay Catholics

October 11th: Lay Spirits Program

October 18th: Peace and Justice Committee

October 25th: ISEL

November 1st: It Was the Women Who Stayed (Women's Ministry)

All are invited to attend any and all of the sessions. On November 9th (the Wednesday evening following the election) the Bible Study ministry will lead us in prayer to pray for our country and those who have been elected.

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.

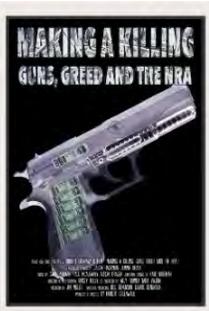


AWE, THANKSGIVING, AND MERCY: AN AUTUMN BIBLE STUDY

FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

Thursday, September 29th

6:30pm in Hurtado Hall (Doors will open at 6 PM)



Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA

This powerful film tells stories of how guns, and the billions of dollars made off of them, affect the lives of everyday Americans. It features personal stories from people across the country who have been affected

by gun violence, including survivors and victims' families. The film exposes how the powerful gun companies and the NRA are resisting responsible legislation for the sake of profit - and thereby putting people in danger.

The film will be followed by discussion of the various gun issues with which Americans are dealing and of ways to become active in the areas of personal interest to those who attend.

We hope to see and hear from you, your families, and your friends at this event.

Peace and Love.

Tracey Tynan and Larry Ruth

Co-Chairman

Peace & Justice Committee

*The Conference of Major Superiors of Men, of which the Jesuits are an upstanding member, is collaborating with interfaith groups to organize a Global Day of Action/Prayer for Syria. The date is **Wed. September 21** and there is an interfaith prayer service being organized at **5:00pm** at the **Community Church of New York** (40 E. 35th Street). *Beverley Johnstone* of the Peace and Justice Committee will be coordinating Xavier participation in this event - please email her with a cc to the P&J Committee if you will be attending (beverleyjean48@yahoo.com). Thanks very much. Peace.*



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



WELCOME CHRISTINA!

We are thrilled to introduce our new Director of Outreach, Christina Cataldo! Christina will be taking over the direction of our four outreach programs—the Welcome Table, Food Pantry (including the Fresh Food Project), Coughlin Men’s Shelter, and All Saints Clothing Room.

Christina received her Master of Divinity from McAfee School of Theology in 2013. From there she headed to the bright lights of NYC where she worked as the Food Justice and Volunteer Coordinator for Rauschenbuch Metro Ministries and then as the Community Events Coordinator at Clinton Housing Development Company. Christina is a self proclaimed foodie and book worm. About joining the staff of Xavier Mission, Christina says, “I’m so excited to be a part of an organization and community where the care for others is the main priority. “



Welcome to the team Christina! We’re so happy to have you on board.

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!

REMEMBER REFLECT RESPOND

An Ignatian Reflection Session on the
Philippine Events

Then and Now

September 21st
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.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

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

TWENTY-FIFTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Prov 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18.

7:45AM JAMES & MARY BRUSSEL (D)
12:05PM ROBERT DINAN (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF SS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON & PAUL HA-SANG:

Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21.

7:45AM PETER JAMES HAWKES (D)
12:05PM THOMAS V. PALAZZOLO (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Matt 9:9-13.

7:45AM THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION
12:05PM STANLEY PHILLIPS (D)

TWENTY-FIFTH THURSDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Eccles 1:2-1; Luke 9:7-9.

7:45AM LEONARD DIMATTEO (D)
12:05PM MARY MULKERIN DONIUS (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. PIUS OF

PIETRELCINA: Eccles 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22.

7:45AM JOHN & PATRICIA MELILLO (L)
12:05PM MEGHAN ABELL (D)

TWENTY-FIFTH SATURDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Eccles 11:9-12:8;

Luke 9:43b-45.

12:05PM FR. JOHN BUCKI, SJ (L)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31.

**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