



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham.  
(Luke 16:22-27)

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit Parish Maintenance

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 25, 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) — 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);  
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Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe; David Pais

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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](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, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, 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, Jesus Andaluz,  
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,  
Tom Hannan, 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,  
Larry Schwindt, 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 Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I've only been here for more than a month but in that short period of time I have had a wealth of experiences that have inspired me with the commitment and vitality of the SFX community. This past Sunday I had the opportunity to meet with the Family Faith Community after the 9:00 Liturgy. It was truly "edifying" meeting these parents who travel great distances because they want their children not just to learn "about" the Catholic faith but to learn to "live" the faith in a vibrant and diverse community. After the 11:30 liturgy I participated in the RCIA program with Luz and a parish team of sponsors. Again I was so impressed to see the number of parishioners who volunteer so that they can share their faith with inquirers. And of course, Luz is a dynamo! Que energía! And then in the evening was the stunning concert of Vox Clamantis that many of you were able to attend. A special thanks goes to John Uehlein and Moraima Hernandez, for going above and beyond their daily responsibilities to make this happen.

Speaking of things that are on the horizon, I know that some of you were able to see the film "Ignacio" when it screened here a few weeks ago. This film about the early life of St Ignatius of Loyola, directed by Filipino director, Paolo Dy will be screened at the Xavier Theater on Wednesday evening October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. If you did not get to see the film, I strongly recommend that you do. It's quite powerful and beautifully directed. In fact, we are expecting that the director will be there to answer questions following the screening. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to cover the rental cost. If you are interested in attending, please contact Stephanie Fuentes in the parish office.

Finally, I wanted to thank many of you who responded to my first "constant contact" communication. For me it's a direct and easy way to let you know what I'm thinking and what's going on in the parish. If you didn't get the email I sent, please let Stephanie at [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org) know so we can add you to our mailing list.

I hope and pray that the coming week is filled with grace and blessing.

Sincerely

Fr. Bob

## 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](mailto: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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

### CONCERT TO END GUN VIOLENCE



TODAY

2:30pm – 3:30pm

### GAIL ARCHER

*Max Reger: The Last Romantic (1873-1916)*



Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>  
2:30pm

The Church of St. Francis Xavier,  
the Xavier Jesuit Community, and  
Xavier High School invite you to the  
screening of



Followed by Q & A with film writer  
and director Paul Dy

**When:** Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Xavier High School's  
Fernandez-Duminuco Hall

**Address:** 31 West 15th Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Cost:** Suggested Donation \$10.00

## 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 27<sup>th</sup>:** Catholic Lesbians

**October 4<sup>th</sup>:** Gay Catholics

**October 11<sup>th</sup>:** Lay Spirits Program

**October 18<sup>th</sup>:** Peace and Justice Committee

**October 25<sup>th</sup>:** ISEL

**November 1<sup>st</sup>:** 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.



### ANIMAL BLESSING

We will have a ceremony celebrating and blessing our animal companions on **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 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



Hello Gorgeous Twenty & Thirty- Somethings!  
You are ALL personally invited to attend our next meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 5pm mass in the West Room. Come join us as we kick off our exciting Autumn season. It's a most wonderful opportunity to meet other dynamic, socially-conscious, and fantastic individuals. Make some new friends and join in the engaging conversation. ALL are welcome...single, married, gay or straight.  
[sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)



## FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

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-Chairs

Peace & Justice Committee

### **“AWAKENING THE HEART, MENDING THE WORLD: MERTON’S PATH TO MERCY”**

**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> Season Opening**

Thomas Merton NYC invites you to join Dr. Christine Bochen as she draws on a broad range of Thomas Merton's writings to explore his view of Mercy and how it may lead us to share that Mercy & discover new ways of living together as a human community.

For more information on this and other events, and to reserve your place, please visit

<http://www.thomasmertonnyc.org/events>.

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup> *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 19<sup>th</sup> *Jesus: His Relationship to Fame and Controversy*.

October 26<sup>th</sup> *Immigrant Experience and the Shaping of the Old Testament*.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> *All Souls Need Mercy*.

November 9<sup>th</sup> *The Prophet Miriam*.

November 16<sup>th</sup> *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](mailto: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](http://sfxavier.org/bible-study)



## 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](mailto:rjohnson@xaviermission.org) or 212-870-6876. Thanks!

## 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 28<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30PM HURTADO/LARKIN HALL**

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

## Young Xavier Catholics!

If you have recently celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, or are just interested in learning more about your faith, and you would like to get together with other young people from our Church community then this is for you!

Starting on the 2nd of October, we will gather after the 9:00 a.m. Mass to talk about God and life, ask questions, share experiences, and have some fun! Please join us - you can even invite a friend. This is NOT Sunday school!!!! But it is a chance to get together and be yourself in our Church community.

## EMMAUS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA:

A six-session support group for those who have experienced the death of a loved one will begin on **Tuesday evening, October 4th, in the Parish Lounge at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue (between 83rd Street and 84th Street), from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.**

The sessions, both educational and supportive, are run by experienced facilitators.

For information and/or to register, please email [EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com](mailto:EmmausBereavementGroup@gmail.com) or call the Parish House at 212-288-3588 and leave your name and phone number.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

## 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](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31.

**TWENTY-SIXTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50.

7:45AM RACHEL MONTELEONE (D)  
12:05PM LINDA CORNELIA (D)

**TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM JANE BENZ (D)

**TWENTY-SIXTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62.

7:45AM BLANCA ALBA (D)  
12:05PM PAULINE SAULLO & JOSEPH ELWOOD (D)

**THURSDAY~FEAST OF SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL:** Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51.

7:45AM KATY MARGIOTA (D)  
12:05PM CATHERINE GERARD (D)

**FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. JEROME:** Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM ADAM ELIK (D)

**SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS:** Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24.

12:05PM MARY BROGAN (D)

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10.

**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, [suniko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto:sunik120@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)