



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

*A JESUIT APOSTOLATE*

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Mulberry Tree, 1889 (oil on canvas), Gogh, Vincent van (1853-90)

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” The Lord replied, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. (Luke 17:5-7)

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit St. Joseph Seminary

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 2, 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);  
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.



## ***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 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, 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, Jesus Andaluz,  
John Bucki SJ, Pia Brown, Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell,  
Kyle Chepic, Thomas DeFranco, Margaret English,  
Susan Forbes, Rev. Mauro Fruch, David Fuentes,  
Francisco Fuentes, Joaquin Gager, Harriett Gordon,  
Monsignor Neil Graham, Tom Hanman, Richard Hogan,  
Phil Ingrassciotta, William Koss, Lorraine Pavich,  
James Leung, Marian Lizzio, Greg Lugliani, 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, Josephine Minervini, William Reid,  
Celestino Tomines Jr.*

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,

There is a good chance that you won't see me this weekend since I'll be with the Parish Pastoral Council on the annual retreat. I've already had one meeting with the Council and am looking forward to spending a weekend in prayer and planning with them. The parish is very graced with gifted and committed leaders like those on the council. Please be assured of our prayers for all of you while we are away. (I am planning to be present for the 5PM Sunday liturgy)

One of the PPC initiatives has been outreach to new parishioners. That was evidenced this past Sunday with a welcome social after the 11:30 Liturgy. I was happy to meet many new parishioners, especially young adults who had moved here recently and found SFX as their destination parish. I'm hoping we can do as much as we can to connect these new parishioners to the community and the activities of the parish. (If you are one of the folks I'm speaking about, please let me, Father Sean or any of the committee leaders know of your interest)

As many of you know, one of my areas of "expertise" is the integration of dance and religious expression. I have been exploring the ways in which we express our religious feelings through movement and dance for more than 40 years. I'm planning on offering a movement/prayer workshop on Saturday October 8th from 9:30-11:00 in the Keenan Commons in the new building of Xavier High School. If you are a dancer or just love to move, you are welcome to attend. Please let me know if you'd like to participate. My email is [rvereecke@sfxavier.org](mailto:rvereecke@sfxavier.org).

Again, I would encourage you if you haven't already, please take the opportunity to register in the parish so that we can communicate with you in a timely manner.

Sincerely

**Fr. Bob**

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

## *Catholic Lesbians*

**Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

## 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:

**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.

### SFX LGBTQ ANNUAL RETREAT

*"You are the Image of God"*

*Taken from the meditation by Richard Rohr.*

**Dates:** Friday, November 18, 3:00 pm. through Sunday, November 20, 1:30 pm.

**Place:** Linwood Spiritual Center, Rhinebeck, New York.

**Total cost** \$240.00 - \$225.00 per person. (Payable to Linwood Spiritual Center), \$15.00 cash for additional costs paid upon arrival to Retreat Team

Space is limited to 34 people, first come, first serve. Registration forms are available in the parish office on 15th Street.

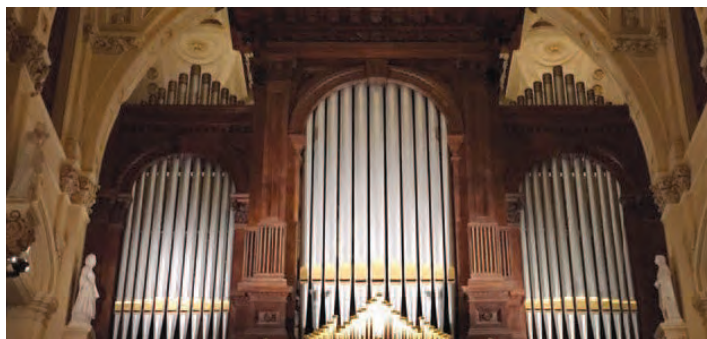
***Deposit is due on or before November 1, directly to Linwood.***

Contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or [SFXGCGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SFXGCGroup@gmail.com) with any questions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GAIL ARCHER

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



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

Gail Archer will be performing on our 62 rank Peragallo Organ, Opus 700 built in 2010. The program is music of Max Reger. Reger was a Roman Catholic, but his powerful organ literature embraces both Gregorian Chant melodies and chorale tunes from the Lutheran tradition.

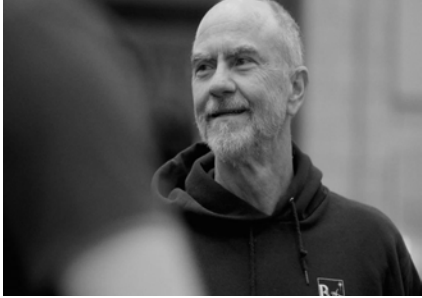
### CABARET:

### THOSE WERE THE DAYS



**FRIDAY & SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30pm  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2:30pm**

## MOVEMENT PRAYER WORKSHOP WITH FATHER BOB VEREecke, SJ



**Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30AM- 11:00AM**  
**Xavier High School's Theater**  
**Use 30 W.16<sup>th</sup> St Entrance**

**Suggested donation:** \$10

*No Experience Necessary*

Movers of all ages and experience levels are invited to participate in this workshop led by choreographer and dancer Father Bob VerEecke, SJ.

Bring comfortable stretch clothing, ballet/jazz shoes, socks or barefoot.

RVSP at [rvereecke@sfxavier.org](mailto:rvereecke@sfxavier.org) or  
212-627-2100 ext. 204

### **Zen Spirit/Christian Spirit at Xavier** **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** **9:30 am - 4pm West Room**

*Exploring Silence and Deepening Awareness*  
*A day of teaching, reflection, and meditation*

Many Christians have discovered in Zen a profound connection to life. Through the practice of stillness and awareness, we wake to a world of wonder and gratitude for life in all its aspects. This day of meditation and discussion provides an excellent opportunity for both the curious and committed.

Space is limited, please make a reservation by emailing *Peggy and Paul Schubert* at [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com) or calling 212-260-2486. A \$20 donation is suggested to cover lunch and refreshments.

## 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!*

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, we will gather after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Parlor 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.

### AMORIS LAETITIA~THE JOY OF LOVE

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saint Francis Preparatory High School

6100 Francis Lewis Blvd, Queens, New York, 11365

Space is limited. For more information visit

<http://meetmein.church/event/fourth-annual-evangelization-congress/>

### 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.**

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.**



## Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

### MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

**BORGIA:** Gal 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37.

7:45AM BILL & SILVIA SAHWELL (L)  
12:05PM SUSAN HOLLANDER (D)

### TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF

**ASSISI:** Gal 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM EDWARD BLOCK (D)

### TWENTY-SEVENTH WEDNESDAY IN

**ORDINARY TIME:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14;  
Luke 11:1-4.

7:45AM FELISA ANDURELL (D)  
12:05PM PAT YOCOM (D)

### TWENTY-SEVENTH THURSDAY IN

**ORDINARY TIME:** Gal 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM ISMAEL MILAN (D)

### FRIDAY~FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY:

Gal 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26.  
7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM JOHN SULLIVAN (D)

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SATURDAY IN

**ORDINARY TIME:** Gal 3:22-29;  
Luke 11:27-28.

12:05PM NANCY RAFTERY (D)

### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN

**ORDINARY TIME:** 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13;  
Luke 17:11-19.

**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 [sfxgcsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgcsgroup@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)