



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity, greedy, dishonest, adulterous or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:11-18)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Mission Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23, 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, October 29th

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

Sunday, October 30th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Patricia Ahearn, Jesus Andaluz, John Bucki SJ,
James Brassel, Pia Brown, Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell,
Kyle Chepic, Thomas DeFranco, Margaret English,
Susan Forbes, Francisco Fuentes, Joaquin Gager,
Juan Garcia, Harriett Gordon, Monsignor Neil Graham,
Tom Hannan, Richard Hogan, Phil Ingrassciotta, Loraine
Pavich, James Leung, Marian Lizzio, Manuel Lopez,
Greg Lugliani, John Marshall, Lou Mauro SJ, Kay Mazzo,
Betty & Ron Miller, Marisol Miro, Lorraine B. Nelson,
Campbell Phillips, Jim Reidy, Riederman Family,
Joshua Rota-Tebb, Valerie Sanchez, Larry Schwindt,
Rocco Scura, Alice Sharkey, Ray and Terri Sharpe,
Amando Solero, 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:

*Matilde and Jose Dado, Rev. Robert Fruch, Linda Martinez,
Rita Williamson*

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,

This past weekend I had the opportunity to go to the Jesuit Retreat House in Gloucester Ma for a brief visit. "Gonzaga" is located in a section of Gloucester called Eastern Point. The retreat house's newly renovated wing has rooms with breathtaking views of the Atlantic. It has been a "sanctuary" for me for more than 40 years. I made my 30-day retreat there in 1983 and since then I have either directed retreats or made my own 8 day retreat every year, save the last two. During that time when the retreat house was closed for renovations I felt myself in spiritual "exile". The power and immediacy of my encounter with God at Eastern Point over the years has nurtured my spiritual life and I was so grateful for this "homecoming". Even that brief overnight stay at Eastern Point, entering into the beauty and the silence of God's creation reminded me of the breathtaking beauty of God's love for all of us. My only regret is that this sacred place is not closer to NYC so that some of you could take advantage of this very special place of encounter with God.

Speaking of "silence", I was reminded that my life and yours is filled with so much "sound", and these days, deafening "noise" coming from all directions. We all need some time to shut out all the "noise", aural and visual and enter into the "silence". It is in the "sounds of silence" that it is easier to hear the voice of God speaking to our hearts. One of the most beautiful things I have witnessed here at Xavier does not take place on Sundays when there is so much energy and joy in celebrating Eucharist together but during the week when the doors of the church are open and the church is a sanctuary for those who enter into the silence to pray and be alone with God. So wherever you are, I hope and pray that each of you can find some time and a quiet place just to be and share your thoughts and feelings with God. As St. Ignatius says, "speak to God, to Jesus, to Mary as one friend speaks to another".

My visit to Gonzaga, Eastern Point reminded me again that God wants nothing more than to love us and speak to our hearts each day.

Thanks for listening!

Fr. Bob

Music Ministry

CABARET:

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 4TH & 5TH AT 7:30pm**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH 2:30pm

Songs of yesteryear, spoofs on what life used to be like, nostalgia, humour and old time favorites, with a few surprises at just the right moments, populate this celebration of our parish and of humanity at large. New singers and former singers coming from all walks of the parish will delight our senses with song, grace and humor. Parishioners from Pastoral Council to rear of the church Catholics will be performing. And our surprise sing along at the end is sure to send you into the joy this cabaret has become known for. Joined by our consummate professional director Paul Michael and musical director Brad Ross, this year's show looks to be a winner. Seating is limited for the cabaret, so be sure to buy your ticket ahead of time!

***TO PURCHASE TICKETS SEE OUR FRONT DESK.
SUGGESTED DONATION \$20***

NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES

It is with great pleasure that I announce the hiring of a new Assistant Director of Music: Jacqueline C. Perez. Jackie, as we call her, has been a member of the congregation for 23+ years and has been active in the music ministry most of that time. We are happy to introduce her as the Director of the Family Faith Choir and as a substitute for me when I am away. She brings with her a wealth of talent and an enlivening spirit. At the same time we bid a fond farewell to our previous Assistant Director, Anne Holland. Anne will still be present with us in the parish through her singing. Please help me welcome Jackie into this new phase of her ministry as we go forward through our year and into the upcoming new liturgical year starting with the first Sunday of Advent. Her first full family mass will be at the 9AM family mass.

John Uehlein, Director of Music Ministries

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 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.

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 or SFXGCCGroup@gmail.com with any questions.

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 26th~ *Immigrant Experience and the Shaping of the Old Testament.* The topic of immigration may seem like a "hot topic" ripped from the headlines of today's news, but it was also the foundational experience that birthed our scriptural tradition.

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 visit sfxavier.org/bible-study

HEALING MASS

Friday, October 28th

6:30pm

Main Church

A healing mass provides the opportunity to join together with our community and pray for healing of body, mind and spirit. The mass concludes with exposition of the blessed sacrament and an opportunity for anointing, laying on of hands and individual prayer for healing. All are welcome!

Fr. George Drance, SJ will preside.

LITURGICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

If you are interested in reflecting on the scriptures of the Advent Season in preparation for our liturgical celebrations, Fr Bob will be facilitating a liturgical planning session on Tuesday evening **November 1st** from 7:15 - 9PM. (venue to TBD). If you are interested in attending, please let Fr. Bob know at rvereecke@sfxavier.org.

From the Desk of Luz Marina Diaz

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

We are having a 2nd collection on **October 29th** and **October 30th**, benefiting the Family Faith program. Consider supporting this important ministry with prayer, sharing about our ministry, and giving a financial gift. Partnering together, you can help share the gospel at Xavier. This is not the only opportunity to help. You can make a donation through Faith Direct. To make a cash donation: Please leave cash in an envelope with the receptionist at 55 West 15th St. Indicate “*Family Faith Program*” on the front of the envelope. If you wish to receive an acknowledgment, please leave a note with your name and address in the envelope. To make a donation by check: Please make the check out to “*Church of St. Francis Xavier*”. Indicate “*Family Faith Program*” in the memo line. Checks can be left at the reception desk at 55 West 15th St. or mailed to:

*Family Faith Program
Attn: Luz Marina Díaz
55 West 15th St.
New York, NY 10011*

WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO HELP THIS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM?

Congregations that effectively educate their members:

- impart a clear focus of the Christian mission;
- cultivate a shared vision of what the Church is called to be;
- appreciate and involve all members, affirm, celebrate, and use their diversity: racial, cultural and linguistically;
- make possible a deep sense of community centered on God;
- balance the formation with the ministry in the larger community in which they live, and the world; and
- encourage inclusion and interreligious dialogue and activities.

In such congregations, every individual is a student formed through education, worship, liturgy and action. Members become knowledgeable about the Christian faith and receive spiritual guidance and a firm theological basis through participation in the sacraments, Bible study, reflection, prayer, and action. Congregations developing a clear and sensible sense of mission, are places for refueling and spiritual growth, and centers for planning and social change.

They help members integrate Scripture in its interpretation of contemporary events and base their actions on the insights they gain. Members have a strong sense of relationship and service to all people. For them, the Church is beyond the boundaries of four walls and covers all their life.

With these ideas in mind, it is important to focus our attention on the total life of the congregation as a context for learning. The shared life of Christian people in our parishes teach –or fails to teach—the values and orientation of the Gospel. The way we receive the foreign, take care of the child and elder, take care of creation, manage our differences, and make decisions is part of a Religious Education program. The Family Faith program is the religious education program at Xavier that embraces all these notions.

The program includes:

- active participation at Mass on Sundays at 9 am (Children Liturgy of the Word; Liturgical Ministers—lectors, Eucharist ministers, hospitality ministers; Family Faith Choir.)
 - Sessions for students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade (a spiral curriculum of religious education, preparation to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation)
 - Sessions for all adults in the community.
 - Youth ministry for teenagers who have already received the sacraments of initiation.
- 5) Family Faith Choir (intergenerational choir led by Jacqueline Perez open to all parishioners.)

Family Faith needs your financial help to :

- Buy books, choir materials, office supplies;
- Provide stipends for catechists, Family Faith choir director, and lecturers of adult sessions;
- Catechists’ spiritual retreats and Sacraments workshops of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation, the educational formation of director and catechists, choir books, office supplies, etc.

Thanks for your generosity!



'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever

you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25)

The Community of St. Egidio is a Christian community that is officially recognized by the Catholic Church as a 'Church public lay association'. It claims 50,000 members in more than 70 countries. Founded in Rome in 1968 by a group of Roman high-school students led by Andrea Riccardi, it is named after the Roman Church of Sant'Egidio -Italian for Saint Giles- in Trastevere, its first permanent meeting place. Since 1968, the community has gathered each night to pray and read from the Bible, reflecting on the Gospel, eventually spreading throughout the world with a mission of helping those in need. Their activities include setting up refuges for the old, hospices for AIDS patients, and printing a handbook titled "Where to Eat, Sleep, and Wash in Rome" as gifts to the homeless and advocating passionately that everyone deserves the best care. They started in New York City in 1993.

They have **2 volunteer opportunities in Manhattan:**

1. Every Saturday and Sunday morning from 8:30am to 11:00am. The volunteers will pick up food donations from a designated store and will bring the non- perishable food to our facility. They will then distribute all fresh food and sandwiches to our friends in nearby locations. Volunteers can select the morning that works best for them and the frequency, however they do require a commitment to the selected times. Please let *Francesca* at 917-916-2808 know if you would like to donate your time.

2. Preparing food on Saturday or Sunday at the kitchen on east 19th street and/or distributing food to homeless men and women and visiting a nursing home on the upper east side. If you are interested, please call *Paola* at 646-765 3899 or email santegidiousa@gmail.com

Thank you and may God continue to bless us!

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, November 4th

6:00 pm–9:00 pm

West Room

Let's socialize and settle in from six to six thirty, and then Lorraine Nelson and Roe Sauerzopf will lead the discussion based on this Scripture: "God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3).

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

Brief Notices from Other Places

WE ARE ALL GOD'S DELIGHT: ROOM AT THE TABLE

A Weekend Retreat for Our

LGBT Brothers and Sisters, Family and Friends

All Are Welcome!

Beginning with Supper

Friday, October 28, 2016 7:00 p.m.

Concluding with Liturgy

Sunday, October 30, 2016

Bishop Molloy Retreat House

8645 Edgerton Blvd, Jamaica, New York 11432

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$210.00

CALL: 718.739.1229

Nightfever NYC is coming back to **St. Patrick's Cathedral** on **November 19, 2016**. On the last night of the Year of Mercy, Nightfever NYC will be hosting this night of praise, worship and reconciliation at Saint Patrick's Cathedral (50th Street and 5th Avenue). We will have the opportunity to pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as well as light candles to honor Our Lord. The evening of music and prayer will start at 7pm and end at 9pm. Confessions will be heard throughout the night. Come and be a part of this night, where the Cathedral will be have its doors open to all New Yorkers so they can come, pray, and love the Lord. For more information, email us at nightfevernyc@gmail.com.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.

THIRTIETH MONDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Eph 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM THOMAS KOHLER (D)

THIRTIETH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Eph 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21.

7:45AM RACHEL MONTELEONE (D)
12:05PM JASON N. GALLERO (D)

THIRTIETH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Eph 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM ALICE GONZALEZ (D)

THIRTIETH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Eph 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35.

7:45AM MARGARET CASEY (D)
12:05PM TOM HEANING (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE

TIME: Eph 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16.

7:45AM FRED & KATE CARNEY & FAMILY (L)
12:05PM DR. MICHAEL DEMPSEY (D)

THIRTIETH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Phil 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11.

12:05PM ANN HEALY (D)

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thess 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10.

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

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