



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Art: "Zacchaeus," Joel Whitehead

"Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." (Luke 19:1-10)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit the Family Faith Program

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30, 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

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James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship and
Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205

Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201

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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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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, November 5th

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

Sunday, November 6th

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

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

5:00pm Mass: Rev. Samuel Sawyer, 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, Steven Mays,
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:

Matthew Clarke, Sr., Matilde and Jose Dado,
Rev. Robert Fruch, Jason N. Gallero, Laura Samoy,
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,

If you were at the Jesuit Alumni Mass last Sunday, you heard Fr. George Drance speaking about “Jesuit Jargon”. Those were not his exact words but they alliterate! ☺

Anyone who has had contact with Jesuits in parishes, schools or other ministries have most likely heard terms like “*Finding God in All Things*”, AMDG (For the Greater Glory of God), Men and Women for Others, Magis (More) etc. If you were at the 9am Mass you would have heard Fr. Sean preach about the Magis. So if you are steeped in Ignatian Spirituality you know that these terms are really a “short-hand” for speaking about the intimacy with God that is possible for each human person and how we are called to live this relationship in community with our brothers and sisters. If you are wondering what this “Jesuit Jargon” is all about, we hope that the more involved in the life of the parish you become, the clearer this will be for you.

At the heart of Ignatian Spirituality are the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius. This “manual” of prayer has been life changing for multitudes of people since St Ignatius of Loyola created it almost 500 years ago. I know that many of you have made the Exercises and others are curious about them. For that reason I'd like to invite you to a screening of “*For the Greater Glory of God*” on **November 16th at 7pm** in the Xavier High School Theater (Keenan Commons). I created this dance/theater piece inspired by the Exercises over 25 years ago and it has been performed in many different venues including Jesuit colleges, universities and parishes in the US and Canada. Two years ago I collaborated with Fr Jeremy Zipple, the head of America Media in filming AMDG. I was so pleased with the result that I wanted to share this with you “on the big screen”. (It's also available online). In AMDG I interpret the role of St Ignatius giving the Spiritual Exercises.

I do hope you can find time in your busy schedule to “see” the Exercises for yourself. My hope is that those of you who have made the Exercises will find many touchstones with your prayer experience and those of you who are “curious”, might be interested in making the Exercises in the future.

If you think you might be able to attend the screening on November 16th, I'd greatly appreciate if you let me know. (rverecke@sfxavier.org) so we can have some idea of numbers.

Gratefully,

Fr. Bob

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:

November 2nd : All Souls Need Mercy. On all-souls day, as we enter the final month of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy we will honor our year's experience of this grace by revisiting Bible passages that feature mercy, and sharing personal reflections.

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

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.

Ministry that will be leading the prayer are as follows: 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.

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. in Xavier HS Chapel. If you are interested in attending, please let Fr. Bob know at rverecke@sfxavier.org.

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.

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**

AN ADVENT RETREAT WALKING WITH MARY

Accompany Mary with the Advent scriptures of her journey: Annunciation, Visitation, Canticle of Mary, on an Ignatian Prayer retreat.

Pray with Lectio Divina, Ignatian contemplation and reflective prayer with journaling. Share your thoughts and prayers in small groups

**Tuesdays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13
from 6:30 to 8:00pm**

Please register by sending your name and contact info to Gerry Moss at gerrymoss@aol.com. Or, leave a message at 718-871-9677

Deadline: Wed. Nov. 22. Suggested Donation: \$10

ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)



As we have realized over the last months, Venezuela is currently facing a severe national crisis which has dramatically affected the ability of its citizens to access food and medicine, thereby increasing poverty, especially in rural and marginalized areas. Currently, only 31% of the poorest people in

Venezuela have completed high school, compared with 80% of individuals belonging to the highest social stratum. 86% of children surveyed admitted fear or concern regarding the lack of food in their homes.

Fe y Alegría, founded in Caracas, Venezuela, in 1955, advances the tradition of Jesuit education to the poorest sectors of society. Sadly, Fe y Alegría has itself suffered several direct effects of the Venezuelan situation, including an increase in school dropout rates and negative health effects among its students (children fainting, etc.). The situation is such that students, regardless of socioeconomic status, lack the food and nutrition necessary to access educational opportunities. Fe y Alegría has developed a nutrition project to ensure that 1,000 students in two schools in the eastern portion of the country have two meals a day. Over the course of the year, Fe y Alegría will track the impact of this program, documenting students' height and weight over the course of the year and analyzing attendance and academic performance.



Friends of Fe y Alegría in the United States seeks to contribute to social transformation through education, promoting the mission of Fe y Alegría in Latin America and Africa, as well as institutional relationships and solidarity with the international movement from the United States. Please join Nate Radomski, MSW, the Federation Liaison at Friends of Fe y Alegría in the United States and Father Txuo Rodriguez SJ for an informational event. We will show a video and have a short presentation on the current reality facing Venezuela and Fe y Alegría in Venezuela while learning how Xavier Parish can support this most worthwhile Jesuit endeavor.

WHAT: *Presentation on Fe Y Alegria Efforts in Venezuela*

WHEN: Monday, November 7th 7:00-9:00 pm

WHERE: Xavier High School/Fernandez-Duminuco Hall 31 West 15th Street, 3rd Floor

WE'RE SETTING THE TABLE FOR 4000!

Donate to the **Thanksgiving Meal Fund** and be part of providing:

- 250 sit-down meals for seniors and disabled individuals on Thanksgiving Day!
- 200 meals delivered to homebound individuals on Thanksgiving Day!
- 250 full Thanksgiving baskets (including turkeys!), totaling 2250 meals, to guests of our food pantry!
- 1500+ meals at our special Holiday Welcome Table the Sunday after Thanksgiving!
- Ongoing support of the Welcome Table and Food Pantry!

We are hoping to repeat last year's goal of \$25,000.

PLUS our new Board of Directors has pledged to MATCH that amount for a total of \$50,000!!

AND we have a NEW online giving system with real time progress updates!

So join the Xavier Mission Board of Directors, our staff, volunteers, and—of course—Tom the Turkey Baster as we kick off the biggest Thanksgiving Meal Fund ever!

Visit www.xaviermission.org/Thanksgiving to donate!

TURKEY UP!!



Church of Saint Francis Xavier Ministry Opportunities

Xavier has a wealth of various ministries that individuals are invited to participate in. At this time we invite you to consider joining one or more of the many ministries that are available to participate at Xavier. The following are a listing of the various ministries.

ABILITY XAVIER: Advocates for persons with disabilities and sponsors events about disability.

Contact: abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

ADULT ACTIVITIES: Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 1pm for socializing, talks, art lessons, movies, and to plan activities such as boat rides, museum outings, theater trips, luncheons and short trips. 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: Provide a safe space for gay women to come together to discuss issues related to spirituality, identity and community. Catholic Lesbians meets on the second Friday of each month. We have been meeting since 1993. SFXWomen@aol.com (917) 297-6804

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Helps those seeking work. Contact: *Katherine Cleary*: krcoff5th@netzero.com

FAMILY FAITH: Catechetical ministry for parents/guardians and children pre-K through 12th grade. Meets Sundays 10:00am.

Contact *Luz*: LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

GAY CATHOLICS: Is a men's group that meets on the first and third Fridays at 7pm in a welcoming and affirming environment to address gay Catholic life and how to best live authentically our commitment to the Gospel. Contact: sfxgcgroup@gmail.com

HONDURAN COMPANION COMMUNITIES PROJECT: We partner with several local community groups in Honduras, providing some financial support for local projects and more general support for meeting the challenges of living in this difficult environment. Contact: *Brian* at bhtraveler@aol.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 MINISTRIES: Help to enhance the experience of liturgical prayer for the parish. If you would like to serve as a Eucharistic minister, lector or minister of hospitality contact: *Luz* at: 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

MUSIC MINISTRY: Please contact *John Uehlein* at: JUehlein@sfxavier.org

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE: Seeks to proclaim the living Gospel, examining root causes of injustice and working for a more just and sustainable world through education (raising awareness), advocacy (petitions, contacting local officials, writing letters) and action. (boots-on-the-ground volunteering). If interested in joining or for more information, please email xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact *Rose Alloca*, allocarose@gmail.com or *Marie Bannister*, mariebannister1@gmail.com.

XAVIER MISSION: Strives for a future where all people, regardless of economic status, are treated with dignity and respect and are given the opportunity to realize their goals. We welcome those who are economically disadvantaged into a supportive community. We serve our guests with dignity, empower them to achieve self-sufficiency, and advocate for social justice. Xavier Mission is a FOR IMPACT community outreach organization. We prefer this to "Not-For-Profit" because we would rather be identified by what we DO, rather than what we DON'T do. Opportunities include: All Saints Clothing Room, Food Pantry, L-Step, Men's Shelter, Welcome Table. Contact: xmFoodPrograms@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. Contact sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact *Peggy & Paul* 212-260-2486, schubertnyc@gmail.com

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.

Adult Activities

Join us for a tour of this beautiful historic house built in 1799 and located in a park on the banks of the East River. On this tour we will learn the history of the house, view many of the rooms, and see the art installation titled "Windows on the City: Looking Out at Gracie's New York." We will meet at the 15th street entrance to Xavier at 12:30. Government issued Photo ID is required and space is limited. If you wish to take this free tour please RSVP at bowcol@hotmail.com or call Nancy and Tom at 212-929-3157 no later than Nov. 9th.

Brief Notices from Other Places

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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

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

MONDAY~ FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSUS

RODRIGUEZ: Phil 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14.

7:45AM BRIAN YOUNG (D)
12:05PM CARMEN PINEDA (D)

TUESDAY~ FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12a.

WEDNESDAY~ THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Matt 5:1-12a.

7:45AM FRANCES DETORE (D)
12:05PM RAMONITA MERCED (D)

THIRTY-FIRST THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Phil 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM EUGENE PITARO (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. CHARLES BORROMEO:

Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8.

7:45AM SUSAN J. KOENIGSBERG (D)
12:05PM ENA BRUMMEL (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ALL SAINTS OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS:

Deut 30:11-14;

John 12:23-26.

12:05PM CHARLES SMYLEY (D)

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: 2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38.

YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.

