



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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BLESSED
ARE

THE POOR IN SPIRIT
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

THOSE WHO MOURN
FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

ARE THE MEEK
FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH

THOSE WHO HUNGER
& THIRST ^{FOR} RIGHTEOUSNESS
FOR THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED

MATTHEW 5:3-6

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;
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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, February 4th

5:00pm Mass(Vigil): *Rev. Patrick Gilger, SJ*

Sunday, February 5th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Antonio Bird, John Bucki SJ, Philip Brassel, Alex Campbell,
Nicole and Jason Chauvin, Carol Davis, Charmaine Diehl,
Ellie DiLiberto, Margaret English, Joaquin Gager,
Victor Gaston, Harriett Gordon, Monsignor Neil Graham,
Marian Lizzio, Albert Longo, Greg Lugliani, Lou Mauro SJ,
Steven Mays, Kay Mazzo, John McCarthy, Nicole Minson,
Marisol Miro, Kathy Mulvaney, Leticia Mutuc,
Lorraine B. Nelson, Lillian May Reilly Palmer,
Campbell Phillips, Jim Reidy, Vivian Roth, Lorraine Szul,
Rocco Scura, Alice Sharkey, Amando Solero,
Loretta Tommasulo, Gregory Turner, Carl Wassmann*

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed
parishioners and friends, especially:

Eileen DeBernardis, Lino T. Macarag, Patricia Sullivan

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,

In my homily last week I referred to Jesus' inaugural speech, which in Matthew's Gospel is quite simple and stark. "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand". Beginning this Sunday we will be hearing Jesus' platform, plan, or program for those who want to follow him and align themselves with God's imagination for the world. The Sermon on the Mount begins this weekend with the Beatitudes. Everything about Jesus' preaching and teaching turns the tables on the established criteria for achievement and success. The "poor in spirit", the humble, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the peacemakers are "blessed" in God's kingdom. The Sermon on the Mount is an invitation to each of us to pray about our own priorities and how we align ourselves with God's vision for the world.

It is very clear that the Xavier Mission puts into practice what it means to live the Beatitudes. In its service to the homeless and those whose lives are compromised by the division between rich and poor, the Mission models for all of us how to respond humbly to the needs of our brothers and sisters and how to "hunger and thirst for righteousness" in very practical ways.

In a few weeks the Mission has its major fundraiser. I understand it's a fun-filled evening that goes a long way to supporting the critical work of the mission. I hope you will join us for this very special and important event!

Sincerely,

Fr. Bob



Hello Gorgeous Fellow 20 & 30-Somethings! The countdown begins... though we will not be holding our regular meeting in January, mark your calendars... you are ALL personally invited to participate in our much anticipated first meeting of the year! **Sunday, February 12th**, immediately following the 5pm mass in the West Room. Come join the engaging conversation with other fantastic, socially-conscious, and dynamic young adults. Meet fellow parishioners and make some new friends. ALL are welcome... single, married, gay or straight. sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On **February 11th**, the *World Day of the Sick*, the sacrament of Anointing will be offered **during the 5PM** Liturgy. For those unable to attend the 5PM liturgy, the sacrament will be available following the 9AM and 11:30 liturgies.

WOMEN OF XAVIER EVENING OF CONVERSATION

Join other women in the parish as we gather informally to talk, connect and support each other. In the days after the Women's Marches in DC and NYC, come share your story, hear from others, or raise issues important to you. Bring light refreshments to share.

**Thursday, February 2nd 6:30-8pm
in the West Room**

For further info:

TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com

It Was the Women Who Stayed and Catholic Lesbians

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION is "help given by one Christian to another which enables that person to pay attention to God's personal communication to him or her, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with this God, and to live out the consequences of the relationship."

(William A. Barry and William J. Connolly, The Practice of Spiritual Direction)

As part of the Spiritual Director Formation Program now beginning at Xavier, our 12 student-directors will be asked to offer spiritual direction throughout their training. Currently, we are looking for potential directees who would like to enter into spiritual direction with one of our student-directors on a monthly basis. Sessions will be free and would take place at the parish at a time convenient for both the director and directee. If you are interested in being a potential directee, please contact *Bob Choiniere* at 212-627-2100, ext. 225 or rchoiniere@sfxavier.org.

MOVEMENT/ DANCE PRAYER WORKSHOP

Fr. Bob will be offering another movement/ dance prayer workshop on Saturday morning **February 11th** from 10-12 in the Xavier High School Keenan Commons. All are welcome to come together to experience the beauty and power of movement prayer. Please let *Fr Bob* know if you would like to participate. rvereecke@sfxavier.org

**TRIAL OF THE CATONSVILLE NINE
SCHEDULED FOR FEB 3rd-4th
POSTPONED UNTIL
OCTOBER 2017**

TWO DREAMS

Fr George Drance's theater company Magis will be presenting two versions of Calderon's classic drama, *Life is a Dream* at the LaMama Theater from **February 9th - 26th**. Fr. Drance is well-known to the Xavier Parish community for his work with LaMama. For tickets, please go to the lamama.org website.

Zen Spirit/Christian Spirit at Xavier Saturday, February 4th 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 or calling 212-260-2486. A \$20 donation is suggested to cover lunch and refreshments.

"Old age has its own merits, its own magic, its own wisdom, its own sorrow."

Hermann Hesse, *The Seasons of the Soul*

CONSCIOUS AGING/AGING WITH MEANING, a once-per-week group discussion for older adults, will meet for seven weeks.

It is an opportunity to develop an awareness of one's later years as a time of special consciousness and spiritual opportunity.

If interested, call *Dolores* at 212-732-3091.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR
MINISTRY TO
PARISHIONERS
WITH
DISABILITIES**

Can you help out once a month before and after the 11:30 Liturgy?

For further information or to volunteer, please contact *Lynn Corwin* at lccjs@aol.com or call 917 716 1265.



1980s PROM TICKETS ON SALE!

Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser:

Saturday February 18, 2017

www.xaviermission.org/dinnerdance

It's Prom Night!

Throw off those post-holiday winter blues and enjoy appetizers and cocktails, a buffet dinner, bar, dancing, and the added bonus of supporting your favorite community organization!

By supporting this event, you will help the Mission to feed, clothe and give hope to thousands of men and women in our community. Please purchase your tickets today!

Rock your best side ponytail and acid wash -- 1980s-themed attire encouraged!
(Prom dress not required but more than welcome!)

Cocktails, dinner and dancing.
Music by Michael Jackson, Madonna and YOU (hint: Karaoke!)

Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle and more!

TICKETS:

Indiana Jones- \$110 (1 event ticket, 1 drink ticket)

Blues Brothers Patron- \$250 (2 event tickets, 2 drink tickets, listing in program & website)

TABLE SPONSORSHIPS:

Star Wars- \$5000 (8 tickets, 8 drink tickets, full page ad in program, top billing on website)

Ghostbusters- \$2500 (8 tickets, 8 drink tickets, ½ page ad in program, second tier billing on website)

Breakfast Club- \$1000 (8 tickets, 8 drink tickets, ¼ page ad in program, third tier billing on website)

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, February 7th**, in the Parish House 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. Registration is required.



JANUARY IS NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN-TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH!

*Peace And Justice will present startling
general facts on this subject weekly during
January.*

WEEK 4 GENERAL FACTS ON FAIR TRADE

1. Fair Trade is a trading partnership, based on dialogue, transparency and respect that seeks greater equity in international trade, contributes to sustainable development by offering better trading conditions, securing the rights of marginalized producers and workers.
2. The Fair Trade Certified Apparel and Home Goods program is the first of its kind enabling consumers to consider the social, economic and environmental bottom line when shopping and positively impact lives, improve communities and protect the environment.
3. Fair Trade proves that greater justice in world trade is possible.
4. Fair Trade highlights the need for change in rules and practices and shows how a successful business can also put people first.
5. Fair Trade is a tangible contribution to the fight against poverty, climate change and economic crisis.
6. Coffee and Chocolate can be found with a Fair-Trade symbol (Equal Exchange).
7. 6 Clothing Companies offer Fair Trade products: Maggie's Organics; Raven + Lily; Nau; Holstee; Patagonia and Autonomie project
8. Download STOP TRAFFICKING NEWSLETTER monthly for more information.
9. Please contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline Number 1 888 3737 888, (Text 233733) if someone or someplace raises a question for you.
10. Call Congressperson Schumer (202 224-6542) for support of HR 3226 Business Supply Chain Transparency Act.

Gay Catholics

Friday, February 3rd at 6:45 pm
in the Mary Chapel

How men "father" varies in different cultures and times in our histories. Behavioral specialists suggest that as men, our father/son relationship may influence how we see the world and act in it. Of course drama, literature, movies, etc have also explored this intriguing situation.

Do we still hear our father's voice, even in his absence ... see him when we stand in front of a mirror...search for him in others...feel his pride in our achievements... and so on and so on...

So let us take a look, and share with each other, some of our father/son experience. And let us share some of our general thinking about the impact of this important relationship on living.

WALKING RETREAT PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

May 1st to 12th

Spiritual guide: Fr. Joseph Weiss, SJ

For more information please contact
angiecruzphd@gmail.com or
call 917-607-0937.

Community~Spiritual Sing

Saturday, February 11th~2:00pm
St. George's Church
7 Rutherford Place on Stuyvesant Park
East of Third Avenue between 16th & 17th Streets

*Commemorating Black History Month and the 150th
birthday of late composer, arranger, baritone Harry
Thacker Burleigh. All backgrounds & singing levels
welcome*

Information:

646-723-4178 or info@calstg.org

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Matt 5:1-12a.

FOURTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 211:32-40; Mark 5:1-20.

7:45AM ROSE SCHULTZ (D)
12:05PM AGNES FRANKLIN (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN BOSCO:
Heb 12:1-4; Mark 5:21-43.

7:45AM JACK BRENNAN (D)
12:05PM JOSEPH ABBOT (D)

FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mark 6:1-6.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM EVELYN LENZ (D)

THURSDAY~ FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40.

7:45AM NORMA & REYNALDO DE LEON (D)
12:05PM JIM HANLON (D)

FOURTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 13:1-8; Mark 6:14-29.

7:45AM JULIUS ANDREWS (D)
12:05PM ANTONIO LOPEZ (D)

FOURTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mark 6:30-34.

12:05PM EGON BRANDEL (D)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Isa 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Matt 5:13-16.

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

XAVIER ADULT GROUP: 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 Ruth at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Rose Alloca, alloccarose@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