



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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I Corinthians 2:9-16

⁹However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" –

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

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;

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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, February 18th

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

Sunday, February 19th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

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

5:00pm Mass:

Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ

Rev. Patrick Gilger, 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:

*Joan Argiro, Eileen DeBernardis, Anne Legano,
Lino T. Macaraeg, Leonard Perroots, 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,

This past Saturday 60 members of our parish met to speak and listen to one another as we try to discern how to live the mission with which we have been entrusted. The passion and dedication to “servant leadership” was very palpable as people articulated their hopes for the parish and volunteered the best ways in which this could happen. Underlying the discussions was the realization that there are many different “voices” in the parish community that should be heard. We don’t all see “eye to eye” on issues that our world, our country, our church faces. The challenge today may be hearing “ear to ear”; i.e. creating a context for listening to one another in “good faith”.

As I was reflecting on this challenge of listening to different voices with often divergent opinions, I happened to be listening to Bach’s Well-Tempered Clavier. For a time I was enraptured by the different voices in the music, each with its own unique line, moving independently but also at times melding into a harmonic moment before going on its way. The overall effect was mesmerizing and quite beautiful. I wondered if “polyphonic” music; “many voices” could serve as a model of holding together in creative tension the individual voices that need to be heard at this time in our parish community. As we begin another Lenten journey together in a few weeks, I’m thinking that a theme for our prayer might be “Lent – a Time of Listening – to the voice of God, the voice of Jesus, the voice of the spirit, the voice of the Other. These are just “my” thoughts. I’m always open to hearing “yours”.

Yours truly ☺

Fr. Bob



Attention ALL Fellow 20 & 30-Somethings! The countdown continues... Yes, our first monthly meeting of the year is fast approaching! We invite you and your friends to join us: **Sunday, Feb. 12th**, immediately following the 5pm mass in the West Room. Our member Tanya S. will lead a discussion on excerpts from Vatican II’s “church in the modern world *gaudium et spes*” document. Come join the lively discourse with other gorgeous, socially-conscious, and dynamic individuals. We welcome ALL... single, married, gay or straight. sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

Xavier Adult Group

XAVIER ADULT GROUP MEETING
Thursday, February 23rd
1:00 p.m. ~West Room

Join us for an informative and fun discussion about food. Jane Sprague MS, RD, CDN a Nutritionist / Registered Dietitian will help us understand why eating well has gotten so complicated. Bring your questions about good nutrition, reading food labels, and what about that food pyramid. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

“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 D’Agostino* at **212-732-3091**.

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal 2017

If you have not already, you will be receiving a letter from Cardinal Dolan, along with materials that illustrate the depp importance of the *Cardinal's Appeal* to our community. Part of being a steward means living with trust in God's generosity and responsibly tending that which God has entrusted to us. Cardinal Dolan is asking you to participate by making a gift to this important annual initiative.

Your Gift to the *Appeal*:

- Supports offices, ministries, and programs throughout the archdiocese that nurture and encourage our journey in faith.
- Helps educate our children in our Catholic schools and religious education programs.
- Provides for retired priests and religious by giving them the retirement care they deserve after decades of service.
- Helps to educate our future clergy and prepare them for a life of service.
- Helps fund Catholic Charities, which provides loving care to millions of people in our archdiocese.

The archdiocesan goal for the *2017 Appeal* is \$20 million. Our individual parish goal is **\$100,500.00**. You can pledge online at www.cardinalsappeal.org. If you need time to think about your gift, you will be given an opportunity to make your pledge during Mass on Commitment Weekend on March 18/19. Thank you so much for your support of the Appeal and please pray for its success at our parish.

THE LITURGICAL MINISTRY

The Church of St. Francis Xavier offers different opportunities for adults, young adults, adolescents, and children to participate actively in our parish life. One of these opportunities is as liturgical minister at each Mass. At the moment we need women willing to serve as Eucharist ministers. We also need men and women ministers of hospitality at every Mass.

For more information on these ministries, please visit our website <https://sfxavier.org/liturgical-ministries>. If you are interested, please fill out the form found on the webpage and you will be contacted immediately for an informational meeting.

XAVIER BIBLE STUDY

WOMEN'S POWER IN THE BIBLE

Where is it?

What is it?

How is it co-opted?

And how can we grow in our connection to it? Wednesday evenings throughout the Lent and Easter Seasons, **beginning March 8th**, join us for lecture, discussion and faith-sharing as we encounter women's power in the Bible and see where it takes us. All women and men of the parish are welcome to attend.

To register contact XavierBibleStudy@gmail.com, call Parish Offices at 212-627-2100, or see the parish website under "Faith Formation" and "Bible Study".

This class is taught by Dr. Elizabeth Berne DeGear, BCC. A parishioner at Xavier since 1995, Lizzie has her doctorate in theology from Union Theological Seminary where she studied the Hebrew Bible and psychoanalytic theory. Her masters thesis at Fordham's Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education focused on the Sunday Lectionary and the Gospels. Recent publications include For She Has Heard: The Standing Stone in Joshua 24, and "The Bible as Transformational Object." Dr. DeGear is also a board-certified chaplain with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

**Annual Contribution
Statements have been mailed.
Please expect them shortly.**

BOSTON COLLEGE LITURGY ARTS GROUP TO SING AT XAVIER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH AT 5PM

Students from Boston College who sing at the various campus Masses will be on tour in NYC the weekend of February 18th/19th. They will be singing at the 5PM Mass on Saturday. There will be a reception afterward for the students and any BC alumni who are here for the mass. If you are a BC alum and would like to attend the reception you can register on the NY Chapter website or identify yourself to Fr. Bob.



CALLING ALL MADONNAS AND MICHAEL JACKSONS!

Join us for the 1980s Prom Night!
www.xaviermission.org/dinnerdance

Join us on **Saturday, February 18th** as we go Back to the Future with Xavier Mission's 1980s Prom Night Dinner Dance!

This fundraiser is a crucial part of the Mission's ability to serve more than 50,000 people each year with meals, clothing, shelter, life-skills and mentoring, and rental assistance.

This year's party will include dinner, dancing, karaoke, a silent auction, and 50/50 raffle! We encourage you to channel your inner Madonna or Michael Jackson and dress like you did in 1980s!

Visit www.xaviermission.org/dinnerdance to buy individual tickets or to sponsor a table. We look forward to seeing you on this most radical night!

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:

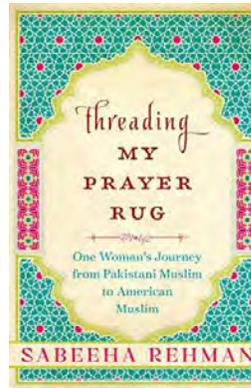
Star Wars- \$5000 (8 tickets, 8 drink tickets, full page ad in program, top billing on website)

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)

BOOK READING, DISCUSSION AND Q&A

Followed by book signing



Tuesday, February 28th

6:00 pm

Fernandez-Duminuco Hall

Keenan Commons

31 West 15th Street~3rd Floor

One of Booklist's Top Ten Religion and Spirituality Books of 2016. Books will be available for purchase.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We are grateful to all those who use their offertory envelopes to support our parish. We currently mail envelopes to 1,384 families. A recent review of our envelope giving found that only 421 families used an envelope at least once over the last two years. Therefore we have decided to stop mailing envelopes to the 963 families who did not use their envelopes. This change will start with the mailing of the March envelopes. Not only will this save us approximately \$5,000 annually in printing and postage costs but it will ease our impact on the environment by using less paper. If you have any questions please contact *Stephanie Fuentes* in the parish office.

As part of the new **Spiritual Director Formation Program**, we are currently looking for individuals who are interested in spiritual direction with one of our student-directors on a monthly basis. If you are interested or even just curious, you are encouraged to attend a brief Information Session on **Sunday, February 12th at 10:30am in the Mary Chapel**. We will discuss the basics of spiritual direction and provide details on being directee in the program. For more info contact *Bob Choiniere* at 212-627-2100, ext 225 or rchoiniere@sfxavier.org.

"Out of darkness the light shall shine."
A Lenten Retreat at Xavier



Opening: Sunday, March 5, 1:30pm
Closing: Saturday April 8, 10:00am

This Lent, find peace in your life in a personal retreat.

Spend time each day with suggested Lenten scripture and seasonal readings.
Meet one-on-one with a Spiritual Director for 5 weeks to explore and deepen your Lenten experience.

Spiritual Direction will be offered on Wednesday evenings or other times scheduled with your director.

Suggested donation is \$50.

Please apply by Ash Wednesday, March 1.
Space is limited.

Applications are available by email and at reception or church entrance.

Please return to reception at 55 West 15th St. or by email. mariebannister1@gmail.com. Questions? Call 917.301. 2426

Save the date for a *Social Hour*
on **February 25th**
after the **Saturday 5pm Mass**

sponsored by the *Pastoral Council*.
Come for refreshments and conversation
with your fellow parishioners.

All are welcome.

**AN AFTERNOON AT
THE XAVIER SALON**

Sunday February 26th at 2:30pm in the Church
Open dress rehearsal 2/24 at 7:30pm

**Refreshments and conversation
to follow in the Mary Chapel**

A salon is a gathering of people under the roof of an inspiring host, held partly to amuse one another and partly to refine the taste and increase the knowledge of the participants and audience through conversation and music. These gatherings often consciously followed Horace's definition of the aims of poetry, "either to please or to educate" ("aut delectare aut prodesse"). Salons, commonly associated with French literary and philosophical movements of the 17th and 18th centuries, were carried on until as recently as the 1940s in urban settings. Musical Salons were a staple of 19th Century Sunday afternoon leisure activities. In fact, there is in this day and age a flourishing salon movement in Philadelphia amongst musicians.

What is a Xavier Salon? It is an afternoon where seven of our best singers will serenade our community with the poetry and music of the great art song literature of all time from the early 19th century through the 20th century. It is an intimate affair and we will transform the music ministry area into a warm "Salon Space." Featured composers include Schubert, Shumann, Faure, Wolf, Strauss, Quilter, Villa-Lobos and more. Come and enjoy the recreation of a 19th Century Salon Repast. Juilliard Master Clinician, Arlene Shrut, directs the project. Afterwards, we will share conversation and refreshment in the Mary Chapel.

FEATURED SINGERS INCLUDE:



**Ladd Boris, Alexander Grant, Marti Holmes,
Joe Palarca, HaQuyen Pham, John Uehlein,
Anna Zhukovskaya**

*With the incomparable
Sidney Marquez Boquiren at the piano.*

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Matt 5:17-37.

SIXTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Gen 4:1-15, 25; Mark 8:11-13.

7:45AM LISA JANSSON TREACY (D)
12:05PM WILLIAM MOONEY (D)

**TUESDAY~FEAST OF STS. CYRIL AND
METHODIUS:** Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5; Mark 8:14-21.

7:45AM EVELYN RAINONE (D)
12:05PM GEORGE SCHWARTZ (D)

**WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. CLAUDE LA
COLOMBIERE:** Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Mark 8:22-26.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM JAMES BRASSEL (L)

SIXTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Gen 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33.

7:45AM NORMAN FORKLE (D)
12:05PM CHRISTOPHER ANDREWS (D)

SIXTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Gen 11:1-9; Mark 8:34-9:1.

7:45AM BARBARA ANN MAURO (D)
12:05PM DAVID HALLAHAN (D)

SIXTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13.

12:05PM ANGEL MADRID (D)

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Matt 5:38-48.

**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, [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 Ruth 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