



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough, in as much as you are unleavened.
(1 Cor 5:7)

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, April 17th

*One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.
Please use 15th Street entrance.*

Easter Sunday

April 16, 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;

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, April 22nd

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

Sunday, April 23rd

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

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Maria Antonia Araujo, John Bucki SJ, Alex Campbell,
Luceil Carroll, Normita Crystal, Florence Demopoulos,
Monsignor Neil Graham, Fr. Thomas Kallumady,
Robert Lapidés, June LeBell, Molly Mae LeBlanc,
Marian Lizzio, Lou Mauro SJ, Nicole Minson, Marisol Miro,
Kathy Mulvaney, Lillian May, Edminda Sanchez,
Rocco Scura, Sal Talarico, Diane Weyers*

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

*Nicholas Antamos Sellas, Amelia Blanquera,
Fr. Neil Connolly, Brian Danis, Jim Donohue, Pablo Forte
and Gloria Maldonado*

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

Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough?

Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough,

In as much as you are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with the old yeast but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

I think that this scripture for Easter morning which speaks of the yeast that leavens all the “dough” is very appropriate for our Easter Appeal ☺ And it’s not just the obvious connection between our request for financial contributions and the equation of “dough” with “money”. What’s really important is the “leaven” you are for the life of the parish. Because of your generosity so many people are nourished with the “bread of life”. I’m speaking not only of the Eucharist but also of the many ways in which people are nourished and grow in faith, hope and love through the parish and its ministries. This happens because you are willing to say “yes” to the invitation to be “yeast” so that we have enough “dough” to meet the spiritual and temporal needs of our parish.

This has been my first Holy Week and Easter at Xavier. I’m so grateful to the many parishioner who are the “leaven” for all these beautiful celebrations. The church environment, the music, the dance all contribute to making this a celebration of “new life”. Christ is Risen and we have reason to rejoice with him and with each other.

So, thank you again and again for being the “yeast” that helps to “raise the dough” ☺ I pray that you may experience the fullness of life and life that is the Risen Lord’s promise to all of you!

In the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bob

Robert VerEecke S.J.

**MUSIC AND ART
WITH THE XAVIER ADULT GROUP
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH AT 1:00 PM**

Join the adult group for a concert at Lincoln Center’s Alice Tully Hall. The talented students from the Juilliard Lab Orchestra will perform an hour long musical event. Doors open at 12:30. We will meet in the lobby following the concert for a late lunch. Next, we will visit the American Folk Art Museum, just across the street, featuring the art of two amazing self taught artist.

Admission to both is free.

**THE CARDINAL’S ANNUAL
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2017**

Thank you for all of your pledges. You can still pledge online at www.cardinalsappeal.org towards our parish goal of **\$100,500**. Please consider making a pledge. Thank you so much for your support of the Appeal and please pray for its success at our parish.

***You are invited to join
THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE...***



For all women interested in “feeding their spirit” and deepening their spiritual journey by sharing their lived wisdom.

Our next monthly gathering is on
Friday, April 21st 7pm-9pm
In the Arrupe Library at Xavier High School
the 4th floor at 30 West 16th Street

Any questions, please contact
Gloria at gperopat@gmail.com

**WANTED:
A FEW GOOD WOMEN OR MEN**

We have an urgent need for persons who would be willing/able to bring Communion to some of our 300+ Catholic patients at Mount Sinai Hospital. The commitment would involve between 1 ½ and 2 hours one day a week on a day of your choice. We are also in need of persons who might be available to “sub” over the summer when our “regulas” are away. If you are not currently a Eucharistic Minister, we will provide training.

If you are interested or for more information, please contact Sr. Nadine at nadine.koza@mountsinai.org.

Interested in growing closer to God?

“Open the eyes of your heart and see.”-Isaiah 60:3

***THE LAY SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM
OF THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
OFFERS YOU A WAY.***

For 30 years, Lay Spirits has sponsored a spiritual formation program. Through presentations from guest speakers, personal reflection and spiritual conversation, participants seek a closer connection to God and accompany each other on the journey.

Consider joining the next Lay Spirits group scheduled to begin in September 2017.

Join us for an information meeting.

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH AT 1:30 PM
IN THE MARY CHAPEL

THURSDAY, MAY 25TH AT 6:30 PM
IN THE WEST ROOM

Questions?

Claudette Pulido – claudettepulido@gmail.com or
Pat Galligan – patg48@hotmail.com

Call or email Lay Spirits:
(212) 627-2100, ext. 216 layspiritsnyc@gmail.com

Visit our website at www.layspiritsnyc.org.

**AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2017
XAVIER TEAM**

As a parish, we encourage as many individuals as possible to JOIN OUR TEAM and/or contribute whatever is comfortable. There are three convenient ways to register to walk or donate: Visit the parish Facebook page and follow the link, on-line at www.aidswalk.net/newyork or call 212-807-9255.

**BE SURE TO USE THE
CHURCH OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER TEAM'S
NUMBER, #1250**



The Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement
invites you to join us on our bus for the

**PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH
IN WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH**

If you share our concern for *the climate *the environment *global warming *the food we eat *the air we breathe *the water we drink and that sustains life on the planet *how vulnerable low-income communities are dealing with climate change already *the future of our children and grandchildren

If you share Pope Francis' concern for care of the earth and care of the poor.....

Come on board!! Get on the bus!!

We will leave from 9th Ave. between 59th and 60th St. in front of St. Paul the Apostle Church near Columbus Circle. Departure time 5:45 am, and we will leave D.C. at 4 pm to be back in the city at 8:30 pm. We will form a Catholic section within the People of Faith contingent of the march.

Cost of a ticket is \$45. Discounted tickets for low-income individuals are available on a limited basis contingent on donations. Please contact *Nancy Lorence* at n.lorence2013@gmail.com if you would like to reserve a seat on the bus.

*The Pastoral Council invites
you to join us for a*

PARISH-WIDE COFFEE HOUR

as we welcome
parishoners
New to SFX on
**Sunday,
April 23rd**
in the
Mary Chapel
(following the
11:30 Mass)



All are welcome.

**VIA LUCIS
STATIONS OF LIGHT:
AN EASTER RETREAT**



*The Ignatian Way of
Praying the
Post-Resurrection Life
of Christ on Earth*

The Official Vatican prayer book for the Jubilee Year 2000, Pilgrim Prayers, includes a Via Lucis along with the traditional Via Crucis.

Similar to the Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) and the four passion narratives, the Via Lucis (Stations of Light) reflects upon the final chapters of each of the four gospels, which narrate the appearances of the Risen Lord from Easter to Pentecost.

We hope that the 14 "Stations of Light" will help Xavier community and friends walk boldly into the light with the Risen Christ!

**Tuesdays 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16 and 5/23
from 6:30-8:30pm
Xavier High School Chapel (2nd floor)**

For information or registration contact *Marie Bannister* at mariebannister1@gmail.com or call 917 301 2426.

Organized by ISEL
(Ignatian Spirituality in Every Day Life)

COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

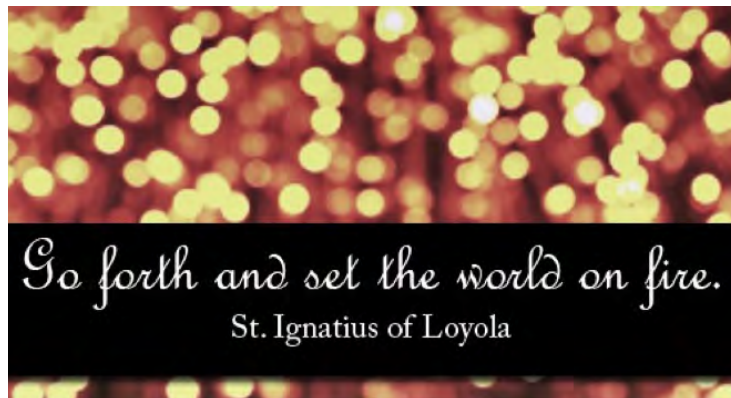
The parish is looking for people who work with social media, websites and other areas of communication to come together and look at our use of media and help us to improve communications with our parishioners and others. If you have the skill and the interest, please contact *Stephanie Fuentes* at sfuentes@sfxavier.org



HAPPY EASTER FROM XAVIER MISSION!

Sometimes the events happening in our world make us doubt the very essence of humanity, and we question whether or not love and peace are strong enough to drive out hate and conflict.

During this Easter season, may we all be filled with the strength and love of the Holy Spirit, so that we can heed St. Ignatius's simple but powerful directive:



Have a blessed and rejuvenating Easter!

Sincerely,

Cassandra, Rachel, Christina, Beverly, Adrian, Mary & Shari



AMERICAN PREMIERE

Resurrectional Divine Liturgy and selected Ukrainian sacred masterpieces

Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 7:30PM

Main Church

Tickets \$35 available at www.resurrectionalliturgy.com

Scriptures & Announced Masses

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD:

Acts 10:3a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9.

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 2:14, 22-23; Matt 28:8-15.

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM ELEANOR BIBBO (D)

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35.

7:45AM ROCCO TOTINO (D)
12:05PM ROSA ZELAYA HERRERA (D)

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48.

7:45AM ARIEL HALLARE (D)
12:05PM ANGEL PANDAY (D)

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14.

7:45AM GLORIA MALDONADO (D)
12:05PM SISTER MARGARET BEAUDETTE (D)

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:

Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15.

12:05PM LEONA LEPISKO (D)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

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

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>.

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 of each month, 6 p.m., West Room, SFXWomen@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 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