



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. (2 Cor 13)

SPECIAL COLLECTION
to benefit the Propagation of Faith

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

June 11, 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

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Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205

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Rev. Sean Toole, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206

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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 minimum of six months before qualifying for a sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, June 17th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

Sunday, June 18th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, 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

Sean Adcroft, Maria Antonia Araujo, John Bucki SJ, Alex Campbell, Luceil Carroll, Eileen Cleary, Normita Crystal, Florence Demopoulis, John Duffman, Elizabeth Flynn, Monsignor Neil Graham, Joan Halpern, Patricia Joseph-Lyle, Fr. Thomas Kallumady, Patricia Anne Keenan, Robert Lapidis, Molly Mae LeBlanc, June LeBell, Molly Mae LeBlanc, Michael Leahy, Marian Lizzio, Lou Mauro SJ, Nicole Minson, Marisol Miro, Sailani Morales, Kathy Mulvaney, Lillian May, Campbell Grant Phillips, Jeff Roberts, Edminda Sanchez, Rocco Scura, Anthony Sellitti, Matt Simzik, Sal Talarico, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers, Benjamin Yabut

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

Pong Ching, Temna Casinsinan Ching, Juan Delgadillo, Francis J. Dwyer, Mary Pat O'Connor, Amy Phillips, Ana Maria Rodriguez-Andaluz, Ismael and Ena Rodriguez, Michael Santors, Ric Swezey

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,

I wanted to thank those of you who were at the 11:30 liturgy on Pentecost and felt the freedom to “let loose” and participate in the WAVE during the song, Celebration by Kool and the Gang. As I said afterward, the Holy Spirit is Cool! And we are the Gang! I realize that there are not many parishes where this kind of spontaneous participation would work and I'm very grateful for your willingness to enter into the “Joy” of Pentecost. You were the ones who created the “wind” and the “waves” of Pentecost 😊

I also realize that there are very few Catholic parishes whose welcome and support for the LGBT community would be acknowledged with a significant financial contribution as the parish received last year. Some of that grant was to be dedicated to the Victims and families of the Pulse Nightclub massacre. Given some time restrictions, we were not able to make the donation directly but have found some creative ways of supporting the ongoing efforts for understanding and tolerance. These include support for Equality Florida and its Commemoration Events on the one-year anniversary this coming week. You may want to check out the website honorthemwithaction.org. A donation has also been made to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force to support National Faith Leadership. In addition we have set up the Good Shepard Fund “building bridges between the Catholic and LGBT communities” through OUR FUND/CONTIGO Florida. In partnership with the Contigo Fund we will be funding efforts to support the communities that were targeted- in addition to sexual orientation and gender identity, communities of Latinx, undocumented, rural, youth and other underserved groups are still in need of healing, support and prayers. Driven by a Catholic perspective of seeking to reach those at the margins we will also be looking to ongoing efforts to encourage bridge building between Catholic and LGBTQ communities both to address the needs in Orlando, and also the larger systemic ways homophobia and discrimination hold us back from the full Calling of the Church we can be together.

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity, which means we are celebrating the essence of Love itself. I hope and pray that we can continue to find ways to love one another as God has loved us.

Peace!

Fr. Bob

Join us as we celebrate and say farewell to Fr. Sean Toole, SJ, Associate Pastor

WHAT:

FR. SEAN'S FAREWELL PARTY

POTLUCK OF APPETIZERS & DESSERTS

**WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH
AFTER THE 5:00PM MASS**

WHERE: HURTADO HALL

**Please RSVP before June 19th to
Stephanie at sfuentes@sfxavier.org.**

If you are interested in bringing appetizers or to volunteer please register at www.sfxavier.org or contact our Front Desk receptionist at 212-627-2100. **The deadline to register is June 19th.**

To help defray the cost you may make a donation for the party through

Online

To make a one-time donation please visit <http://sfxavier.org/donate-now> and state in the notes section for Fr. Sean's Farewell Party.

Or

By Check

Pay to: Church of St. Francis Xavier
Memo: Fr. Sean's Farewell Party

PICTURES NEEDED!

If you have any pictures/images of Fr. Sean (celebrating a sacrament or at an event) that you are willing to share, please forward to

Stephanie no later than

June 10th at sfuentes@sfxavier.org.

And Jesus Wept

A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE PULSE NIGHT CLUB TRAGEDY ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY



All are invited to join in song, prayer, and procession
with reflection by



FR. JAMES MARTIN S.J.

Friday, June 16, 2017 7:00pm

The Church of St Francis Xavier

46 W. 16th Street, Manhattan



Guac for Good!

Dine at Rosa Mexicano to benefit Xavier Mission!

On **Tuesday, July 25th**, Rosa Mexicano (18th St. between 5th Ave and Union Square) will host a fundraiser to benefit Xavier Mission. To participate in Guac for Good, all patrons need to do is say “We are here for Xavier Mission” and Rosa Mexicano will donate 10% of that bill to Xavier Mission! There is no additional cost to the customers. Just enjoy your fajitas and margaritas, even more than usual because you know that you’re eating for a good cause!

So join us anytime for lunch or dinner (or drinks) at Rosa Mexicano on July 25th and support your favorite organization! Remember to say “We’re here for Xavier Mission!” See you there!

Join the Church of St. Francis Xavier as we outreach to those on the sidelines of the New York City Pride March. We will hand out church bulletins and information about this place we call home, letting everyone know that all are welcome. We are one of the first groups to kick off the festivities, so join us on **Sunday, June 25, 2017**, at noon, Section 1, Group 6, on 40th Street between Madison and Fifth avenues. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com, SFXGCGroup@gmail.com, (917) 297-6804.

Reminder... The UpStander Training and Basic Self-Defense workshop will take place this Sunday, 6/11, 6pm - 8pm (immediately following the 5pm Mass), in the Mary Chapel.

“Upstander workshops are designed to equip those facing hate and violence with de-escalation skills and basic self-defense techniques. Additionally, this training empowers bystanders with the tools they need to help those facing harassment by choosing intentionally from a continuum of tactics. These two approaches combined offer New Yorkers unique and critical options for keeping our communities as safe as possible and mitigating violence.” (The Center for Anti-Violence Education, www.caeny.org).

Please join us even if you did not RSVP in advance. This is an open invitation to ALL in our Xavier community: single, married, LGBTQ, and straight!



THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU. YOUR ENTHUSIASM. YOUR CREATIVITY AND THE JOY THAT IS SO CHARACTERISTIC OF YOU.

POPE FRANCIS

BECOMING A CATECHIST

Are you looking for a way to share your faith, time and talents with others? The Family Faith Program needs you!!

Volunteers are needed as catechists (teachers) and catechist aides. You don’t have to have a child in our program to volunteer. We encourage all adults to consider whether this ministry is right for you prayerfully! All volunteers must be cleared through our Safe Environment program. We will provide training and support along the way. If interested, please contact our Director of Religious Education, *Luz Marina Díaz* at (212) 627-2100 ext. 207 or Imdiaz@sfxavier.org.

TOP REASONS TO BECOME A CATECHIST

1. You will grow in your own faith and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
2. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus’ ministry.
3. Children, teens, and adults in today’s world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of the Gospel.
4. Children, teens, and adults in today’s world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
5. You have much to share with those you’ll teach, and you’ll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
6. Today’s catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.
7. You’ll be challenged, you’ll have fun, and you’ll make new friends.
8. You’ll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus.
9. You’ll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
10. It’s our job: Jesus sent us to “go and teach all nations.”

Top Reasons to Become a Catechist - Catechist’s Journey, <http://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2007/06/top-reasons-to-become-a-catechi> (accessed May 28, 2017).



Have you seen the banner declaring that the community of St. Francis Xavier welcomes immigrants and refugees?

In response to the current political climate, a group of parishioners has come together to support immigrants, migrants and refugees. The banner is just the beginning!

We invite you to join us as we pledge:

To Educate ourselves and others about the realities of immigration, its causes and implications for our society and for those seeking a home here in the US.

To stand in Solidarity, as individuals and as a parish, with those entangled in the US immigration system.

To Advocate -- for our neighbors, as they make their way through formal immigration proceedings.

To Pray. Especially to pray. For those in the US immigration system: our neighbors, their advocates, the system administrators, and to pray for our nation and leaders to find a more just and compassionate approach to these issues.

Watch the bulletin for ways that you can educate yourself and become involved.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE ABOUT TO BE BANNED AND WE NEED YOUR VOICE!

In one of its final acts of 2016, the United Nations General Assembly adopted with overwhelming support a landmark resolution to begin negotiations on a treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons. This historic decision heralds an end to two decades of paralysis in multilateral nuclear disarmament efforts. Throughout June and July of 2017, governments will negotiate a ban on nuclear weapons at the United Nations. WILPF and our coalition are hitting the streets to celebrate and also demand a good treaty that prohibits these weapons of mass destruction once and for all!

The Women's March to Ban the Bomb is a women-led initiative building on the momentum of movements at the forefront of the resistance, including the Women's March on Washington. It will bring together people of all genders, sexual orientations, ages, races, abilities, nationalities, cultures, faiths, political affiliations and backgrounds to march and rally at **12 PM – 4PM Saturday, June 17th 2017 in New York City!**

Visit our website at www.sfxavier.org for more information.

**SINGING US HOME:
ANNE HOLLAND,
ORIGINAL AND SACRED SONGS**

featuring original songs by Anne Holland accompanied by some of New York City's top musicians including trumpet, woodwinds, bass, drums and piano.

**Monday, June 19th ~ 7:30pm
Main Church**

Anne Holland performs original and sacred songs with her husband and trumpet player, Jim Hynes. Please join us for an evening of rich and inspiring music by some of the city's best musicians.

This is sure to be a spectacular concert!

*You are invited
Saint Francis Xavier, will welcome
Fr. James Martin, S.J., for a presentation and
book-signing of his new book*

**“BUILDING A BRIDGE”
TOWARDS GREATER INCLUSION IN THE
CHURCH FOR LGBT CATHOLICS**

**Wednesday, June 28,
7:00pm in the Main Church**

Fr. James Martin, SJ will also be presenting at Church of St. Ignatius Loyola on Tuesday, June 13th and 7:00pm.

Parish Communications Survey

As I've said before, I don't want to overwhelm with you with too many of these communications but do want to make sure that you know how important it is to me that you feel "connected" to all that is going on in the Xavier Community. In order to better serve you, a group of parishioners have put together a Communications Survey that we hope you will take the time to fill out when you get a chance. I think this will help us to know how best to serve you.

To begin the survey visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stfrancisxavierNYC>

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY: Exod 34:4b-6,8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; John 3:16-18.

TENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
2 Cor 1:1-7; Matt 5:1-12.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM MARY ANNE LADOUCEUR (D)

TUESDAY~ FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Matt 5:13-16.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM ANTHONY LABISSIERE (D)

TENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Matt 5:17-19.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM ANGELO GRECH (D)

TENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Matt 5:20-26.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM SHEILA AUSTIN (D)

TENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
2 Cor 4:7-15; Matt 5:27-32.

7:45AM MIA & MEGAN NAZARENO (L)
12:05PM ROSEMARY PAVONE (D)

TENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
2 Cor 5:14-21; Matt 5:33-37.

12:05PM JOSEPH A. CHINNICI (D)

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:
Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; John 6:51-58.

YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE



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 xavieradultgroup@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 sfxgcgroup@gmail.com

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact Jose Ramon, joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com

IT WAS THE WOMEN WHO STAYED: 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 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