



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” (John 6:51)

SPECIAL COLLECTION  
to benefit Xavier Mission

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 18, 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](http://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

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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](mailto: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, June 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

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, June Best, John Bucki SJ,  
Alex Campbell, Luceil Carroll, Eileen Cleary, Normita Crystal,  
Florence Demopoulos, John Duffman, Elizabeth Flynn,  
Monsignor Neil Graham, Joan Halpern, Patricia Joseph-Lyle,  
Fr. Thomas Kallumady, Patricia Anne Keenan,  
Robert Lapidés, 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,  
Philip Power, Jeff Roberts, Edminda Sanchez, Rocco Scura,  
Anthony Sellitti, Matt Simzik, Phyllis Sportelli,  
Richard Suttle, 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,

This past week the Pastoral Council hosted its second “discernment” for new members. It was a “first” for me and it was very edifying to see the wonderfully gifted people who turned out to offer their service to the Xavier community. It was also very encouraging to see the number of parishioners who came two weeks in a row to support the process. Listening to the 6 individuals who spoke about what brought them to Xavier and what continues to be life-giving for them was a very moving experience. I’m sure that most of you could echo the sentiments that were expressed about the spirit of welcome, acceptance, joy and concern for justice issues that one finds at Xavier. With the three new members chosen, I believe that this coming year’s Pastoral Council will serve the parish with creativity and commitment to the whole parish.

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. The second reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians reminds us :  
Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake in the one loaf. No, Paul is not calling us “loafers” But because we are one body in the Lord through our sharing in the “one” loaf, we must not “loaf” but rather be “busy” about our mission to love and serve our brothers and sisters. We are called to be Christ in the world and this is a very awesome challenge!

I’m also aware that this is the day when we honor “Fathers” for their care, love and concern for their families. Today we give thanks for our fathers and those who have “fathered” us in the many ways in which we come to know a father’s love.

I hope and pray that this summer season is one of rest and refreshment for you.

Sincerely,

**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 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AFTER THE 5:00PM MASS**

**WHERE: HURTADO HALL**

**Please RSVP before June 19<sup>th</sup> to  
Stephanie at [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org).**

If you are interested in bringing appetizers or to volunteer please register at [www.sfxavier.org](http://www.sfxavier.org) or contact our Front Desk receptionist at 212-627-2100. **The deadline to register is June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

***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



## Guac for Good!

Dine at Rosa Mexicano to benefit Xavier Mission!

On **Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**,

Rosa Mexicano (18<sup>th</sup> St. between 5<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> Street between Madison and Fifth avenues. For more information, contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com), [SFXGCGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SFXGCGroup@gmail.com), (917) 297-6804.

## *Catholic Lesbians*

**Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**

*“A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.” (Revelation 12:1)*

How’s that for a segue way to meet at a movie theater and enjoy Wonder Woman together? Afterward, we can break bread and discuss the literal message and subtext, exploring any spiritual undertones. Time and location will be determined and shared closer to the date. Contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

## JOSEPH WAS AN IMMIGRANT FATHER,



*fleeing his homeland, seeking safety for his young family. We don’t know how the Holy Family was treated in Egypt, but we do know that the US was once a refuge for immigrants who came to find safety and a better future for their families. Now undocumented immigrants – including many parents-- live in a climate of fear and uncertainty.*

## June 20 is World Refugee Day

We invite you to join us in this prayer – on World Refugee Day and everyday.

As we reflect on the Holy Family as refugees in Egypt, help us to remember the suffering of all migrant and immigrant families-- especially the parents who face uncertain futures.

Help us to be sources of welcome and comfort to all who come in search of a better life for themselves and their families.

Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as a sister or brother in Christ, and to speak boldly on behalf of those refugees and immigrants who have no voice. We ask this in the name of our Lord, who was once an immigrant himself.

Amen

*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 13<sup>th</sup> and 7:00pm.*



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

POPE FRANCIS

## BECOMING A CATECHIST

### REGISTRATION

All families coming for Religious Education for the first time need to be registered in the Parish before enrolling in the Religious Education Program.

Please bring the following required documents when coming to register:

- a) A copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.
- b) A statement (transcript) of all prior Religious Education if the student is beyond first grade.
- c) First Holy Communion, if the sacrament has already been received.
- d) Registration fees in a check payable to the Church of St. Francis Xavier.

Families currently attending our program need to be re-registered. Please bring the Registration fees in a check payable to the Church of St. Francis Xavier when coming to re-register.

**Registration/Re-registration will take place on Sunday August 13, 20 and 27 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in the West Room.**

Tuition for the 2017-2018 school year is \$100 per student, which includes the textbook, supplies, additional instructional materials, catechists' and catechist assistants' stipend. There is also a \$50 Sacramental Fee for children preparing for First Holy Communion (2nd grade) and Confirmation (7th grade) to contribute to Bishop's stipend and Pottery retreat cost. Snacks fee is \$80 per family.

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 prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you. 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 [lmdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:lm Diaz@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).

## READY FOR YOUR SUMMER GETAWAY?

Are you starting to plan your summer vacation? What is the best way to ensure that Xavier receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the summer months? Go Green and enroll in Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. 465 families now use Faith Direct to support Xavier. Enroll today by visiting our parish homepage and clicking the Donate Now button, scanning the QR code below, or mailing in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office.

If you are using envelopes we encourage you to make the switch to Faith Direct. Envelopes are expensive: printing, mailing, handling, donation processing and tax letters. In fact, at least 5 sets of hands handle the envelopes on the parish side, not to mention printing and mailing. If you want to stop receiving envelopes please contact *Stephanie Fuentes* at [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org) or (212) 627-2100 ext. 222.

Please consider joining the 45 other families who signed up for Faith Direct during the last year. Thank you for your continued support of Xavier with your time and talents as well as treasure.



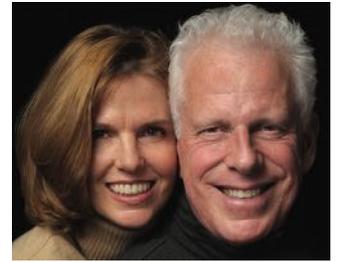
## Parish Communications Survey

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>

## Music Ministry

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> ~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!*

### OPEN AUDITIONS FOR THE XAVIER CABARET: ANYTHING GOES

Auditions on

Thursday and Friday July 13th and 14th at 7:00pm

Performances on

Friday, Saturday & Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup>

*Please note that audition material will NOT necessarily be your performance material which will be chosen in consult with the Director. And please arrive with the sheet music of your audition material laid out in a binder. Thanks.*

Director - Paul Michael

Music Director - TBD

Please contact *John Uehlein* for an appointment email: [juehlein@sfxavier.org](mailto:juehlein@sfxavier.org)

The choir will be celebrating Fr. Sean's final weekend as well as Pride weekend by singing at the Saturday 5:00pm liturgy. They will not be singing at the 11:30 liturgy on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### 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.

### ELEVENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Matt 5:38-42.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM MARY ANNE LADOUCEUR (D)

### ELEVENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Matt 5:43-48.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM ANTHONY LABISSIERE (D)

### WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. ALOYSIUS:

2 Cor 9:6-11; Matt 6:1-6,16-18.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM ANGELO GRECH (D)

### ELEVENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Matt 6:7-15.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05PM SHEILA AUSTIN (D)

### FRIDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS:

Deut 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16; Matt 11:25-30.

7:45AM MIA & MEGAN NAZARENO (L)

12:05PM ROSEMARY PAVONE (D)

### SATURDAY~FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST:

Isa 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66,80.

12:05PM JOSEPH A. CHINNICI (D)

### TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Matt 10:26-33.

**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](mailto:abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com)

**XAVIER ADULT GROUP:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [xavieradultgroup@gmail.com](mailto:xavieradultgroup@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS:** Ministry since 1993, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room, [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com), (917) 297-6804.

### EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sfxgcgroup@gmail.com)

**INTERFAITH COMMITTEE:** works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact Jose Ramon, [joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com)

**LITURGICAL COMMITTEES:** See website or Contact Luz, [LMDiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:LMDiaz@sfxavier.org)

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact James Fox, [sumiko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

**SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES:** Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Rose Alloca, [allocarose@gmail.com](mailto:allocarose@gmail.com) or Marie Bannister, [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

**ZEN MEDITATION GROUP:** Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com)

### XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**CLOTHING ROOM:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, contact Ann Mary: [xmClothingRoom@gmail.com](mailto:xmClothingRoom@gmail.com)

**FOOD PROGRAMS:** Every Sunday soup kitchen and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday food pantry, contact Christine: [xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com](mailto:xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com)

**L-STEP:** Spring and Fall semesters, contact J: [xmLSTEP@gmail.com](mailto:xmLSTEP@gmail.com)

**SHELTER:** Every night, contact Jim: [xmShelter@gmail.com](mailto:xmShelter@gmail.com)