



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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JULY 1ST-2ND
SPECIAL COLLECTION
to benefit Pastoral Solidarity

JULY 8TH-9TH
SPECIAL COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Mission

Weekends July 1st-2nd & July 8th-9th, 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

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Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship and

Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205

Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201

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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);

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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, July 8th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

Sunday, July 9th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

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

Saturday, July 15th

4:45pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Michael Davidson, SJ*

Sunday, July 16th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Sean Adcroft, June Best, John Bucki SJ, Alex Campbell, Caitlyn Campbell, John Duffman, Jane Dunn, Monsignor Neil Graham, Fr. Thomas Kallumady, Marian Lizzio, Lou Mauro SJ, Kathy Mulvaney, Philip Power, Edminda Sanchez, Rocco Scura, Anthony Sellitti, Phyllis Sportelli, Richard Suttile, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers

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

Pong Ching, Temna Casinsinan Ching, Juan Delgadillo, Francis J. Dwyer, Jeff Roberts, 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,

Last week we had the opportunity to celebrate and thank Fr. Sean Toole for his generous service to Xavier during these past two years. This weekend we welcome Fr. Dan Corrou who was recently ordained. I've known Dan since before he entered the Jesuits when he worked in Campus Ministry at Holy Cross College and was thinking of applying to the Jesuits. I knew Dan then as a person committed to issues of social justice, especially a concern for those on the margins. That concern in concert with a gift for languages led him to spend time in Lebanon in a refugee camp from 2011 to 2014 when he began his theology studies at Boston College. It was there that I reconnected with Dan, this time as his professor of Preaching and Rites.

So if you have questions about his preaching or his celebration of the sacraments, feel free to see me 😊

I wanted to share with you some of Dan's own words from an article he wrote for the Jesuit Magazine:

"The center of my life must be on the margins. Wherever people are forgotten and pushed to the periphery, I must find my home. As a Jesuit, and as a person inspired by Ignatian spirituality, I am called to center myself on the periphery, a spiritual exercise of always being off-balance, always being a little outside my depth.

In Dec. 2010, when I was assigned to study the Arabic language for three years with the Jesuits in the Middle East Province, Syria was a stable nation; no one had ever heard of the "Arab Spring," and we considered the military dictators in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya to be secure for life. Then things changed.

Amidst transition, I was very grateful for my Jesuit brothers. There are about 120 Jesuits in the Middle East Province, and most of them are from Lebanon, Syria and Egypt. Just like Jesuits in the U.S., they run schools, parishes, formation centers, and University St. Joseph in Beirut. These Jesuits from the Middle East became tremendous friends and taught me so much. Not only was I called to learn Arabic and improve my French, but also I yearned to learn about the diversity of Eastern Christianity and its profound insights into prayer and liturgy. I also needed to learn to be a Christian in a Muslim-majority environment. So much that had been peripheral to my life needed to become the center of my vocation."

I'm sure you can glean from Dan's words that he is a very talented and interesting Jesuit! As Sean said so eloquently last week, he learned his priesthood through the parishioners of SFX. I trust that Dan, too, will be enriched by his service to this community.

Happy July!

Fr. Bob



ELEVEN YEARS! HOLY LONG TIME BATMAN!

I can honestly say that when I started working at Xavier exactly 11 years ago today (it was a Sunday, July 2nd, as well as my 24th birthday. I'll let you do the math...), I never expected I would still be here 11 years later! But here I am, celebrating my "Steel" anniversary in this amazing community that is always churning and NEVER boring! I am so blessed to be surrounded by fabulous staff, parishioners, volunteers, and guests who enrich my life every day.

THANK YOU for your enduring support of me personally and the work of Xavier Mission. Please join me in celebrating this "steel" anniversary with a little "copper" and make a gift to Xavier Mission! Consider the following in honor of my elevensies (also what my little sister calls the meal between breakfast and lunch ☺):

\$11 – 1 day's worth of groceries from our Food Pantry for a family of 4

\$55 – 55 hot meals for our neighbors at the Welcome Table

\$110 – 1 month's worth of supplies for guests at the Coughlin Shelter

\$1100 – 1 month of rent arrears for a family to avoid eviction

I've kicked off the celebration with a \$110 gift. Won't you join me?

Xoxo,
Cassandra

Slow time, summer in the city...

Enjoying the local beauty of New York this summer? Consider joining us at the Welcome Table, Clothing Room, Food Pantry or Shelter!

During the summer, volunteers dry up faster than you can say "global warming." Students are out of school, regulars are away on vacation, and yet we're still here feeding, clothing, and sheltering our neighbors, who unfortunately don't get a break from hunger and homelessness or the peace of a vacation.

So please check out the available shifts at www.xaviermission.org/volunteer and join us for a day! You'll be glad you did!

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 you need to do is bring the invitation below or one of the postcards located at the front of the church and by the reception desk, and Rosa Mexicano will donate 15% of your 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 bring the invitation! See you there!

**Reservations are preferred by the restaurant*



Rosa Mexicano
DESDE 1984



CHIP IN FOR THE CAUSE!

Xavier Mission Inc. and Rosa Mexicano invite you to a dine for dollars fundraising event!

GUAC FOR GOOD

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Visit Rosa Mexicano for lunch or dinner and 15% of your sales will be donated to the cause.

Just present this invitation to your server with your check.

ROSA MEXICANO UNION SQUARE

9 East 18th Street, New York, NY 10003

Contact Cassandra Agredo at cagredo@xaviermission.org

From the Desk of Fr. Sean

I have felt very much at home here at Xavier since arriving just two years ago. For one thing, I grew up on Sixth Avenue in my small Pennsylvania hometown, so it felt familiar to be so close to Sixth Avenue here in Manhattan! Here at Xavier, we're also nearby La Salle Academy, a sister school to my own alma mater of La Salle College High School in Philadelphia. When I was a student there learning about religion, a teacher once told us of a Christian Brother who would regularly travel two hours each way just to attend mass on Sundays in New York City. That dedication made an impression on me then, and it still does. Of course, the brother's community was the Church of St. Francis Xavier.

It was my tremendous good fortune to spend the first years of ordained ministry here at Xavier, a diverse congregation of hopeful and intentional disciples from far and wide. I've met people who live in Brazil and Australia who consider Xavier their home parish and who worship here whenever they're in town. Such commitment from all corners makes ministry here very enjoyable.

Words won't suffice, but please know of my sincere gratitude for everyone in our parish and mission community who have expressed such generosity to me, particularly during the farewell gathering last weekend. **Thank you** to all who planned, prepared, cooked, cleaned, spoke, sang, and together shaped such a fun celebration. A special thank you to all of the wonderful staff members of Xavier, who serve with much cheer and little rest to coordinate not just last week's party, but so many meaningful parish events. It has been a privilege to be on a team of such thoughtful, caring people. I'm particularly grateful to Fr. Bob for his creative stewardship of our community.

As I return to teaching at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Baltimore, I would be deeply grateful for any prayers you could send my way. Please know of my continued blessings for you and your loved ones.

Peace always,
Sean Toole, SJ

XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE

I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me...in prison and you visited me. (Mt.25 35-36)

"In many regions of the world today, people [who] live in tragic situations of instability and uncertainty....make plans to escape, to seek a new land that can offer them bread, dignity and peace. This is the migration of the desperate."

-Pope John Paul II

Some of those desperate refugees come to the US seeking asylum, but end up in detention centers, with little or no contact with the outside world.

**Saturday, July 8th at
2:00pm in the Mary Chapel**

The Immigration Initiative will host an orientation workshop on visits to asylum seekers and ICE detainees in the Elizabeth Detention Center. Parishioners who have participated can attest that these visits are a moving way to assure detainees that their dignity are respected and to offer them simple friendship.

To sign up for the workshop or for more information, contact sanxnyc@gmail.com

We are looking for additional people to join our care community to provide support and assistance for Mary Rentas, a longtime parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Church and volunteer of Xavier Mission. Mary needs some assistance managing daily tasks and we as her Xavier family are here to take care of her, a small way to return the favor for all she has done for us! If you are interested in assisting, please visit <https://my.lotsahelpinghands.com/community/maryrentas> to sign up for updates and volunteer for tasks or email Cassandra Agredo at cagredo@xaviermission.org.

WHO IS MARY OF MAGDALA?

Sponsored by It Was the Women Who Stayed

Join us on
Wednesday, July 19th
in the Main Church
6:30-8:30pm



*For a Xavier Liturgy leading
to the Feast of Mary Magdalene*

For further info: thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, July 14th

“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 or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

Music Ministry

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 10th, 11th, & 12th

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

SUMMER LITURGY SCHEDULE

During the months of July and August, the parish will be going to a summer weekday schedule. There will be a 12:05 Mass Monday through Friday. There will be a 7:45 Mass on Fridays and liturgy of the word/communion service Monday-Thursday.

Please note that because of the 4th of July weekend/holiday there will be one Mass on July 3rd at 9AM and one on July 4th also at 9AM. Mass will take place in the Mary Chapel.

FINAL VOW CELEBRATION FOR FR. MICHAEL DAVIDSON S.J. SATURDAY JULY 15TH

Fr. Michael Davidson, a Jesuit from Kingston Jamaica who works at Boston College has asked to make his final vow profession at Xavier Parish on Saturday July 15th. Since we have two weddings that day Fr. Davidson, family and friends will join our Saturday evening liturgy which will begin at 4:45pm that day. Jamaican musicians and friends of Fr. Davidson will be participating in the liturgy.

Announced Masses

MONDAY, JULY 3RD

9:00AM: ALFRED & JOSEPHINE TARALLO (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH

12:05PM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 6TH

12:05PM: ENA MALONEY & ROSE GORRA (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 7TH

12:05PM: ANGELO GRECH (D)

SATURDAY, JULY 8TH

12:05PM: ANNA COLONNA CANNONE (D)

MONDAY, JULY 10TH

12:05PM: JAMES MARTINEZ (D)

TUESDAY, JULY 11TH

12:05PM: HOWARD GRIFFITH (D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12TH

12:05PM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

THURSDAY, JULY 13TH

12:05PM: DECLAN TONER (D)

FRIDAY, JULY 14TH

12:05PM: ETHEL LABISSIERE

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH

12:05PM: MARIA ANTONIETTA CARINO (D)

**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 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