



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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He proposed another parable to them. “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the ‘birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.”
(Matt 13:25)

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 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

Rev. Daniel Corrou, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206

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

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 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 29th

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

Sunday, July 30th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Ronald Amiot, 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, Alesh DuCarmo,
John Duffman, Jane Dunn, John Flynn,
Monsignor Neil Graham, Fr. Thomas Kallumady,
Marian Lizzio, Lou Mauro SJ, Nicole Minsen,
Kathy Mulvaney, Philip Power, Edminda Sanchez,
Rocco Scura, Anthony Sellitti, Phyllis Sportelli,
Richard Suttle, 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, Miosotis Familia, Olivia and Micah Gee,
Jeff Roberts, Denyse Robinson, 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.**



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.



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 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).



TACOS! TORTAS! TEQUILAS! OH MY!

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 “Guac for Good” to benefit Xavier Mission!

Come by anytime for lunch, dinner or drinks that day* and 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 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 James Martinez

3rd Quarter Stewardship News

Thank you to all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support Xavier throughout the year. It is only through your gifts can we make a difference in the lives of those we serve. There are many ways to support and participate in our many ministries. Our Bulletin and Welcome Brochure on the parish website contain information on these ministries. Perhaps you might consider sharing your unique skills and talents so that your special strengths will make a difference in this world.

I'm pleased to report that we are currently operating at a \$409,334 surplus compared to a budgeted deficit of \$41,718 for the first nine months of this fiscal year ending May 31, 2017. The favorable results are due primarily to donations & bequests exceeding our budget by \$355,000. We also had increased Sunday Collections and wedding & rental income, together with decreased insurance, maintenance and repair and other office expenses. Please note that without the donations and bequests our surplus would be only \$54,000. It's important that we continue the pace of our giving as recent facilities condition assessment reports on the church and our 17th Street rental property recommended capital repairs over the next ten years totaling \$1,071,000. We need your continued support to help fund these repairs and on-going operations.

First Nine Months Revenues and Expenses Ending May 31, 2017

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Support	\$2,040,183	\$1,653,126	\$387,057
Expenses	\$1,630,849	\$1,694,844	\$(63,995)
Net Support Over (Under) Expenses	\$409,334	\$(41,718)	

Remember Xavier in Your Estate Planning

Over the years, it has been the gifts left to the Church of St. Francis Xavier in wills, bequests, and memorials that have helped us to continue to operate as a welcoming community and place of worship where injustice is challenged, where the poor, the alienated and the marginalized find a home, and where people are refreshed, reconciled and renewed. **If you would like information about planned giving, please contact me.**

Donate Now Using Faith Direct

Our *Faith Direct* e-giving option provides a convenient, no cost and secure way to support the parish via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card. You can support Xavier even if you are absent from Mass on vacation or for other reasons. It also helps us bring consistency to our cash flow and reduces the time it takes our staff to count and report cash. Did you know it takes four people up to four hours each week to count and process the Sunday collection and another person up to four hours to record the donations in the collection system? You can enroll online by clicking the [Donate Now](#) button on the upper-right hand corner of our parish homepage, scanning the QR code below or mailing in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office. In the last 12 months 51 families have enrolled in *Faith Direct* to make their Sunday offertory. Please consider joining the 383 families who use *Faith Direct* to support Xavier.





**THE XAVIER
IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE
INVITES YOU TO STAND
WITH IMMIGRANTS**

Over 34,000 immigrants are being detained in public and for-profit facilities around our country. These detainees find themselves caught up in a system and process they had never imagined when they left their countries in search of security and a better way of life.

First Friends of NJ and NY offers dignity and compassion to immigrants in detention centers in our area through visits, resettlement assistance and advocacy. First Friends' volunteers offer their friendship through visitation -- a simple smile and listening ear go a long way to ease the sadness and isolation experienced in detention.

On July 8th over 60 members of St. Francis Xavier and St. Francis of Assisi met with First Friends of NJ and NY for an orientation and training to become volunteers. Stay tuned for the next orientation to learn about becoming a visitation volunteer.

In addition to in-person visits, First Friends has a Pen Pal program. Anyone interested in becoming a pen pal to a detained immigrant or learning more about ways to stand with immigrants should contact the Xavier Immigration Initiative at sanxnyc@gmail.com

On **Sunday, August 6th**, Pax Christi Metro New York will hold its annual *Hiroshima/Nagasaki Memorial* dedicated to the abolition of nuclear weapons. This year we are privileged to have Jonathan Granoff as our speaker. Mr. Granoff is president of the Global Security Institute, an attorney, author, and international advocate emphasizing the legal, ethical and spiritual dimensions of human development and security, with a specific focus on advancing the rule of law to address the threats posed by nuclear weapons. Mr. Granoff was also a 2014 Nobel Peace Prize Nominee. In addition to Mr. Granoff's presentation, we'll pray and vigil in commemoration of the 72nd anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. All will take place beginning at 2:30 PM at **20 Washington Square North, Manhattan**. Please join us.

Gay Catholics

HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING YOUR SUMMER.

**AS A REMINDER WE ARE ALSO ON VACATION
IN JULY AND AUGUST. OUR FIRST SCHEDULED
MEETING IN THE FALL WILL BE ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH.**

SEE YOU THEN.

Catholic Lesbians

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 6:00 PM—9:00 PM
WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK**

"A child who gathers in summertime is using good judgment" (Proverbs 10:5).

Because the parish is closed on the second-Friday-of-the-month meeting date/time, we will meet at Washington Square Park (the lawn area west of the fountain, north of the bathrooms) for a picnic! The meal (Eucharist) has its own power to unite, if we let it. Eucharist as a symbol of unity. Eucharist as a promise of unity. Eucharist and the challenge of unity. Eucharist and unity, of course, require people. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804.

HEALING MASS

**Friday, July 28th
7:30 pm Main Church
Presider: Fr. George Drance, SJ**

A healing mass offers an invitation to join with the community in a Eucharistic liturgy and pray for our own needs and the needs of our loved ones. Whatever your burdens might be, please come and place them in the hands of our loving God. Each person will have the opportunity for an individual healing prayer that includes anointing with blessed oil and laying-on of hands. It is a time of peaceful prayer, a time of resting in God's presence and a time of spiritual renewal. Please come and join in our prayer for healing.

All are welcome!

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Matt 13:24-30.

SIXTEENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Exod 14:5-18; Matt 12:38-42.

12:05PM PETER J. HAWKES (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. JAMES: 2 Cor 4:7-

15; Matt 20:20-28.

12:05PM JOHN GORRA AND JAMES SPINALE (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF STS. JOACHIM

AND ANNE: Exod 16:1-5, 9-15; Matt 13:1-9.

12:05PM TRIXIE CLEARY (D)

SIXTEENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Exod 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matt 13:10-17.

12:05PM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

SIXTEENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Exod 20:1-17; Matt 13:18-23.

7:45AM RICHARD GRIFFIN (D)
12:05PM KATHLEEN MOHAN (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. MARTHA:

Exod 24:3-8; Luke 10:38-42.

12:05PM ANA ESCOBEDO PINEDO (D)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Matt 13:44-52.

**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