



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*Pearl-Vladimir Kush*

*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. (Mt 13:45-46)*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 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

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;

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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.

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

## ***Next Weekend Presider Schedule***

### **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Ronald Amiot, SJ*

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Eric Sundrup, 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, Ann Grant, 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,  
Albert Mullings, Jeff Roberts, Denyse Robinson, John A.  
Shepherd, 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 or through Faith Direct. To pay through Faith Direct please visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/946>.

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.

## FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

*Did you know that Cremation is  
an acceptable form of Christian burial?*

*Did you know that Cremated remains must be cared for  
reverently and properly interred in a sacred place?*

*Did you know that there is only one  
Catholic Cemetery in Manhattan?*

It is "The Basilica of Saint Patrick's " Old Cathedral at 263 Mulberry St New York N.Y. . Over a century ago due to lack of space the practice of interring on Basilica grounds was suspended and limited to the interment of former Catholic Pastors. The Basilica revised the tradition with the introduction of a Columbarium. Due to the overwhelming demand for the niches in the first outdoor Columbarium, more will be added to the Basilica's historical cemetery, as well as adding many more in the indoor catacombs. Each Columbarium will be hand built by stone artisans and contain niches for the internment of cremated remains. They will fit impeccably into the historic design of the Basilica creating a solemn refuge for the faithful departed and a sanctuary for the bereaved. The urns will be reverently placed inside a secured niche and memorialized with a granite stone face plate on which the names will be meticulously engraved.

For over 200 years the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral has been preparing Catholics for eternity. With the introduction of the Columbaria, they are preparing a sacred and historical place in which to spend it.

If we the Church of St Francis Xavier have the wish to be interred together we will have the opportunity to create our own section in the catacombs.

If you are interested in attending a meeting in the near future please contact Peter Ranello directly at [peterranello@hotmail.com](mailto:peterranello@hotmail.com)

We will meet with a representative from the Columbarium most likely after an 11:30am mass on Sunday. We will discuss pricing and options.



**THE XAVIER  
IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE  
INVITES YOU TO SPEAK UP  
FOR IMMIGRANTS -  
SHARE REAL FACTS -  
NOT ALTERNATIVE FACTS**

**Myth:** Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) confers legal status on some undocumented immigrants.

**Facts:** DACA provides temporary relief from deportation – not legal status -- for more than 700,000 young people brought to the U.S. as children. DACA recipients are also granted work authorization, which leads to positive economic, social, and educational outcomes, and ultimately benefits families, communities and the nation. The Center for American Progress estimates that ending DACA would eliminate \$433.4 billion in GDP over a decade.

From: <https://dornsife.usc.edu/news/stories/2520/7-facts-on-immigration-that-every-american-should-know/>

### ADOPT OR FOSTER

#### THEIR LIVES COUNT ON IT!

If you have room in your heart and room in your home, please welcome a homeless dog in. New York City dogs need you HELP NOW!

Please contact:

[nycsecondchancerescue.org](http://nycsecondchancerescue.org)

[rescuedogsrocknyc.org](http://rescuedogsrocknyc.org)

[amsterdog.org](http://amsterdog.org)

[lgarinc.org](http://lgarinc.org)

## 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 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

SEE YOU THEN.

## 1. Tower-Fortress-the Magdalene!

We know her as **Mary Magdalene** or Mary of Magdala. We associate this name with a town. But in Luke's Gospel she is "Mary, called Magdalene." This title is similar to "Simon, called Peter." Just as *petra* means rock in Greek, so *migdala* means **tower** or **fortress** in Aramaic and Hebrew. The strongest, largest and most impenetrable spaces in ancient Israel were called *migdal*. In the Bible, the word means fortress temple, watchtower, stronghold, and **elevated pulpit**.

## 8. The Apostle of all Apostles.

In all four canonical gospels, it is Mary Magdalene to whom the resurrected Christ first **appears**. It is the Magdalene who **announces** the Easter message, and **tells** the other disciples where and how to find their own experiences of resurrection. This is why the Vatican's new preface to Mary of Magdala's Liturgy of the Eucharist is called *de apostolorum apostala*.

Developed by **THE WOMEN WHO STAYED**, the women's ministry at St. Francis Xavier NYC, for our parish celebration honoring the Feast of Mary Magdalene, July 2017.

Join us! For more information: [thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com](mailto:thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com)

## 2. Diakonos. 3. Benefactor.

## 4. Patron of the Movement.

The gospels name Mary Magdalene first and foremost as one of the women who **funded** Jesus, allowing the good-news movement to extend from Galilee all the way to Jerusalem. She was his **patron**. In the gospels, the word that describes what Mary Magdalene and her female friends did for Jesus is often translated as "ministered to him." In Greek, the word is *diakonos*. This is the word used for the diaconate in the Roman Catholic Church.

## 5. Pain bearer.

Mary Magdalene **stood with many women** until the bitter end, witnessing Jesus die on the cross after all of his male companions had scattered.

## 6. Myrrh bearer.

Mary Magdalene and a friend or two stayed to watch him laid to rest, and entered into the **rituals of mourning and burial**. This is why, in the Greek Orthodox celebration of her Feast, the people call to her in song, "O myrrhbearer."

## 7. Christ bearer.

Having been fully present through pain, death, burial, and mourning, Mary of Magdala is **the first to bear the resurrected Christ** in her consciousness.

# THIRTEEN WAYS OF CALLING OUT TO MARY MAGDALENE

## 9. Wounded Healer. 10. Truth Defamed.

Some two thousand years into Christian history, the Catholic Church **elevated** Mary Magdalene's feast last year, declaring "**it is right** that the liturgical celebration of this woman should have **the same rank of Feast** as that given to the celebration of the Apostles." The Greek Orthodox celebration recognizes her as a **healer** in her own right. ("He received you as a true disciple, for you turned all your love toward Him. Henceforth you would yourself work many healings.") Whether the focus is on the expunged seven demons mentioned by Luke in connection with her name, or the seventy-times-seven ways she has been **demonized** by slander in the course of Christian history, Mary Magdalene **rises** out of the muck, **brandishing truth and healing**.

## 11. Proclaimer. 12. Catalyst.

## 13. Fearless Leader.

Mary the Magdalene had the **resources** to build the ministry behind Jesus' ministry. She had the **courage** to stand witness with her friends, as they all lost a friend to crucifixion. She had the **consciousness** to experience the resurrection and speak joyful truth in a time of fear and despair. She continues to offer all of this **to us**. Despite the name-calling, her name survives, and **we call out to her today**.

## 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](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804.

On **Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**, 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 72<sup>nd</sup> 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.



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 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).

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

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

### MONDAY~FEAST ST. IGNATIUS OF

**LOYOLA:** 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Lk 14:25-33.

12:05PM McMANUS, JOICE; MAXTED FAMILIES(D)

### TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSUS

**LIGUORI:** Exod 33:7-11; Matt 13:36-43.

12:05PM BRENDA THOMAS (D)

### SEVENTEENTH WEDNESDAY IN

**ORDINARY TIME:** Exod 34:29-35; Matt 13:44-46.

12:05PM NANCY FERRARA (L)

### SEVENTEENTH THURSDAY IN

**ORDINARY TIME:** Exod 40:16-21, 34-38; Matt 13:47-53.

12:05PM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

### FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY:

Lev 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Matt 13:54-58.

7:45AM CISNEROS PINILLA (D)

12:05PM MARELIN DEJESUS (L)

### SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. MARTHA:

Lev 25:1, 8-17; Matt 14:1-12.

12:05PM LAURA DE ROSE (D)

### SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD:**

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19 Matt 17:1-9.

**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)