



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*Jesus walks on water- Ivan Aivazovsky*

Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Matt 14: 22)

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit Xavier Mission

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 13, 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

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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);  
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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 19<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Rev. Ronald Amiot, SJ

### **Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

5:00pm Mass: Rev. Robert VerEecke, 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, Michael Falkenhagen, John Flynn,  
Jannie Gaffigan, Monsignor Neil Graham, Ann Grant,  
Fr. Thomas Kallumady, Robert Kristen, Ann Lisi,  
Marian Lizzio, Nicole Minsen, Kathy Mulvaney,  
Terence J. Murphy, Philip Power,  
Rocco Scura, Anthony Sellitti, Phyllis Sportelli,  
Richard Suttile, Thanksgiving for the wedding of Scott Urben  
and Michelle Boquiren, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers

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

Arturo L. Boquiren Sr., Miosotis Familia, Olivia and Micah  
Gee, Lou Mauro SJ, Albert Mullings, John A. Shepherd

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'm writing this letter to you while I'm on retreat at Eastern Point, Gloucester Mass. By the time you will be reading this, however, I will have returned to Xavier after a few weeks of vacation and retreat. I am grateful to God and to the parish for the "time away" so that I can serve you with a renewed energy and commitment.

Gonzaga Retreat House has been a very special place of encounter with God throughout my Jesuit life. I began making retreats here in the 1970's. I made the 30 day Spiritual Exercises in 1983 and have returned almost every year since for my annual 8 day retreat. (except for the past three years ago when the retreat house closed for necessary renovations.) In the "new wing" of the retreat house almost all of the rooms look out over the ocean. There is so much beauty that surrounds you! I was especially aware of this on August 6th, the feast of the Transfiguration. That day it was as if creation itself were transfigured! The beauty and clarity of light from the sunrise, the sunlight glistening on the water throughout the day, with the brilliant blue sky dappled with clouds until the full moon that night, all created a sense of the "World being charged with the grandeur of God". As I contemplated the breathtaking beauty of that day, I thought of the poem of Gerard Manley Hopkins that I just quoted. I remembered as well a piece of choreography I had done to the Benjamin Britten setting of the poem. I also remembered another poem of Hopkins that Britten set to music and that I choreographed. It is *Deus Ego Te Amo*. (O God, I love you!) This prayer is attributed to Saint Francis Xavier and as pastor of Xavier Parish it has even more meaning for me than it did when I first heard it. I'd like to share it with you now.

*O God, I love thee, I love thee —  
Not out of hope of heaven for me  
Nor fearing not to love and be  
In the everlasting burning.  
Thou, thou, my Jesus, after me  
Didst reach thine arms out dying,  
For my sake sufferedst nails and lance,  
Mocked and marred countenance,  
Sorrows passing number,  
Sweat and care and cumber,  
Yea and death, and this for me,  
And thou couldst see me sinning:  
Then I, why should not I love thee,  
Jesu so much in love with me?  
Not for heaven's sake; not to be  
Out of hell by loving thee;  
Not for any gains I see;  
But just the way that thou didst me  
I do love and I will love thee:  
What must I love thee, Lord, for then? —  
For being my king and God. Amen.*

Grant me, O Lord, to see everything now with new eyes, to discern and test the spirits that help me read the signs of the times, to relish the things that are yours, and to communicate them to others.  
-Pedro Arrupe, SJ

Would you like to see everything with new eyes?

Join us for an Ignatian Spirituality Information Session to learn more about this prayer and what programs are being offered at Xavier in 2017-18.

- Spiritual Direction
- Group Spiritual Direction
- Spiritual Exercises: 19th Annotation
- Spiritual Exercises: 18th Annotation
- Discernment series

Ignatian Spirituality at Xavier 2017-18  
Information Sessions  
Thursday, Sept. 7 at 6:30pm  
Sunday, Sept. 10 at 1:30pm

*Sponsored by ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)*



**THE FEAST OF  
THE ASSUMPTION  
OF THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**MASSES:**  
**7:45AM, 12:05PM, 6:30PM**

### **XAVIER ADULT GROUP PLANNING MEETING**

**Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**West Room at 1:00 p.m.**

Join us for this important meeting. We will plan upcoming activities; places you would like to go, speakers you would like to hear, and subjects you would like to learn more about. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your suggestions.

*All are welcome.*

**SAVE THE DATE!**



## **FRIENDS OF THE JESUITS GOLF OUTING**

*Gary Goodenough -  
Golf Outing Chair*

**Quaker Ridge Golf Club Scarsdale, N.Y.**  
**Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

***Recognizing Fr. James Keenan, SJ, on his 80<sup>th</sup>  
birthday and 60 years as a Jesuit!***

**For more information: James Skurka 212-774-5544  
[jskurka@jesuits.org](mailto:jskurka@jesuits.org) . [www.JesuitsEast.org/golf2017](http://www.JesuitsEast.org/golf2017)**

## *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.

## *Catholic Lesbians*

**Friday, September 8th**  
**6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.**  
**West Room**

Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ will be our special guest from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and then for the rest of the evening Ydalia Jimenez and Ashling Coffey will update us on what they experienced at New Ways Ministry Eighth National Symposium in Chicago. For more information, contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804.

## MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Now is the time when the music ministry especially seeks new members for the coming year. There are five ways in which you might want to participate: The Choir, The Family Faith Choir, The Sunday 5PM Schola Choir, The Bell Choir, and The Instrumental Group. We are particularly looking for new singers in the 5PM Sunday Schola and the Family Faith Choir. Please take a moment to read the descriptions below and if you're interested or called to service or you just want more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Director of Music Ministries: John Uehlein ([juehlein@sfxavier.org](mailto:juehlein@sfxavier.org) or 646-573-0099)

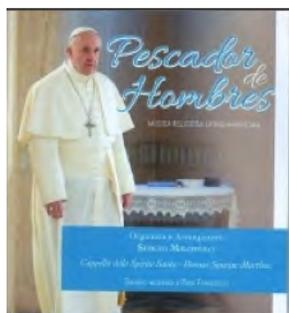
**The Sunday 5pm Schola Choir:** This Schola/Choir organized by *Jackie Perez*, sings at the Sunday 5pm mass along with our instrumental Xavier Players under the direction of John Uehlein. The singers rehearse on Sunday afternoons at 3:45pm along with the instrumentalists. This is the newest singing group at St. Francis Xavier and we invite you to get involved at the ground level. The Schola will also sing at major events and holidays when possible throughout the year. Commitment and the ability to carry a tune and sing in harmony is required.

**The Family Faith Choir:** This exciting choral experience is an inter-generational choir with both adults and children involved with the choir. All voice types are welcome: children, teens, sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. Under the direction of Jacqueline C. Perez, Assistant Director of Music, this choir continues to grow in talent and scope. The Family Faith choir sings at the Family Faith Mass, First Communion, Confirmation and Lessons and Carols. For more information or to schedule an audition please contact the Assistant Director of Music: *Jacqueline C. Perez*: [jperez@jesuits.org](mailto:jperez@jesuits.org).

**The SFX Adult Choir:** It's time to join up! Service is our password and having fun while preparing liturgy is our way. Faith is our fuel. The St. Francis Xavier Choir is looking for new members now. A pleasant voice, the ability to sing in harmony, and showing up regularly are the only requirements. Reading music is a plus, but not a necessity. Rehearsals are Thurs. nights from 7-9 and we sing at the 11:30 service on Sundays.

**Instrumental Ministry:** Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be a part of the Music Ministry at St. Francis Xavier? We are looking for competent (intermediate to advanced) instrumentalists now. Woodwinds, strings, brass and percussion are exciting additions to the musical prayer we present at our liturgies. The Sunday 5 liturgy is our instrumental mass and we rehearse at 4PM before the liturgy. Space is limited.

**The Bell Choir:** The bell choir has room for ten ringers and we are presently at capacity. We invite you to enjoy their music making throughout the year, and we anticipate an opening in 2018.



## ORGAN RECITAL SERGIO MILITELLO

### *Pescador de Hombres*

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*Latin American Religious Music  
Musical homage to Pope FRANCIS*

**Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm  
on the Peragallo Organ, Opus 700**





## 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 [Imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto: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).



## 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) and Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup> grade) to contribute to Bishop's stipend and Pottery retreat cost. Snacks fee is \$80 per family.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5;  
Matt 14:22

### **MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. MAXIMILIAN**

**KOLBE:** Deut 10:12-22; Matt 17:22-27.

12:05PM AMEDEO AND RUTH DeLUCA (D)

### **TUESDAY~FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**

Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27a; Luke 1:39-56.

12:05PM JUAN HIPOLITA BAUTISTA (D)

### **NINETEENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

Deut 34:1-12; Matt 18:15-20.

12:05PM GEORGE(GEORGIE) RILEY (D)

### **NINETEENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Josh 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matt 18:21-19:1.

12:05PM FRANCIS SCHULTZ (D)

### **FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. ALBERTO**

**HURTADO CRUCHAGA:** Josh 24:1-13;

Matt 19:3-12.

7:45AM JAMES FRANCIS ALLEN (D)

12:05PM JOHN A. SHEPHERD (D)

### **NINETEENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Josh 24:14-29; Matt 19:13-15.

12:05PM MATTEO GIOVANNI FALCO (L)

### **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Isa 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;

Matt 15:21-28.

**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)