



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
(Is 56:7)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 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, August 26th

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

Sunday, August 27th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Ronald Amiot, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, 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, Ann Lisi, Marian Lizzio, Nicole Minsen, Steven Molina, Mario Moore, Kathy Mulvaney, Terence J. Murphy, Philip Power, 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:

Arturo L. Boquiren Sr., Miosotis Familia, Robert Kristan, Olivia and Micah Gee, Lou Mauro SJ, David Molina, 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,

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples”. This weekend we hear scriptures that speak of God’s openness to all peoples. Both the first reading from the prophet Isaiah as well as the Gospel where Jesus is challenged to extend his ministry to the Gentiles, symbolized by the Canaanite woman, reveal God’s desires for all people to be welcomed as God’s own people. The recent displays of bigotry, racism, neo-Nazism and the ensuing violence in Charlottesville are terrible reminders that those who advocate these forms of bigotry have chosen a path of alienation from God and the human community. It is very sad to think that many of those with Anti-Semitic and racist views may actually consider themselves “Christians”. I am reminded of the song, “ They will know we are Christians by our love”. To be a follower of Jesus demands that we love the other as Christ has loved us, even one’s enemies. Throughout history we have seen how the power of evil has been manifest in heartless human beings who choose death over life, hatred over love, prejudice over respect for the human dignity of each person. I hope and pray that our religious leaders and those in government office can model for us what it means to speak out against prejudice and speak on behalf of the common good for all.

In Christ who is our Peace!

Father Bob

Interested in volunteering, but short on time? Discover how in just 18 hours, you can make a life-long, positive impact on a fellow New Yorker who has experienced homelessness, at our L-STEP mentor information session in the West Room, immediately following today’s 11:30 a.m. mass.

INTERESTED IN GROWING CLOSER TO GOD?
“OPEN THE EYES OF YOUR HEART AND SEE.” ISAIAH 60:3

THE LAY SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER OFFERS YOU A WAY.

For 30 years, Lay Spirits has sponsored a spiritual formation program. Through presentations from guest speakers, personal reflection and spiritual conversation, participants seek a closer connection to God and accompany each other on the journey.

Consider joining the next Lay Spirits group scheduled to begin in late September 2017.

Join us for an information meeting.
Sept 10th – 6pm in the West Room
Sept 13th - 6:30pm in the West Room
Sept 17th -1pm - Xavier High School Arrupe Library

Questions? Claudette Pulido – claudettepulido@gmail.com or Pat Galligan – patg48@hotmail.com

Call or email Lay Spirits: (212) 627-2100, ext. 216
layspiritsnyc@gmail.com Visit our website at www.layspiritsnyc.org.

CONCERT ACROSS AMERICA TO END GUN VIOLENCE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 2PM – 3:15PM
CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
(WITH INTER-FAITH PARTNERS)**

The power of music to reach far and wide has fueled countless important movements in recent decades. The mission of our “Concert Across America” is to remember the tremendous loss of life that gun violence has cost our communities and get resources each of us can use to help stop it. Now is the time to turn up the music to turn down the hateful rhetoric that has become a hallmark of the gun debate.

This year we are planning an inter-faith service to broaden the reach of our anti-violence message. Please encourage your friends and families to join us! If you would like to participate in the program or can volunteer to help, please email the Peace and Justice Committee at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com. We hope to see you! Peace.

*Tracey Tynan / Peace and Justice Committee
Luz Maria Diaz / Director Religious Education
John Uehlein / Xavier Music Ministries Director*



SPONSOR A SUNDAY!

Remember the last time you cooked for guests, and all of the prepping, planning, shopping and cooking that had to be done in order to make it a wonderful, home-cooked meal made with love? That's what we do every weekend downstairs at the Xavier Mission Welcome Table. Except we're making a home-cooked meal for 1500! And we need a few more "cooks in the kitchen" to do it.

For a gift of \$2500, you can sponsor an entire week's worth of love at the Welcome Table. This covers food and supplies and some of our basic expenses like maintenance and repairs. The name of your choosing will be displayed on our welcome banner during the week you sponsor. What better way to honor the person in your life who gave you the love of cooking, or taught you how to be a great host, or who helps you call out for Chinese food because you (like me) can't cook worth a lick? Sponsor a Sunday and join us in welcoming 1500 guests to our table! Call Cassandra at 212-627-2100, x208 for details or visit www.xaviermission.org/donate to make your gift today.

SMILE! YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Do you use Amazon.com to shop? With one simple click, you can make sure that a portion of your purchase gets donated to Xavier Mission—without any additional cost to you! Follow the simple steps below to register at Smile. Amazon.com and you'll be saving the world while you shop!

1. Visit SMILE.amazon.com (make sure to put smile before the amazon.com!)
2. Search for Xavier Mission Inc. in the Charity Search bar
3. Select the option to designate Xavier Mission as your chosen charity.

That's it! You're done! Now every time you buy something at Amazon.com, 0.5% of your purchase will be donated to Xavier Mission. Thank you!!

INTERN OPPORTUNITIES AT XAVIER MISSION!

Xavier Mission is seeking energetic, hard-working high school (junior/senior) or college students who are interested in serving their community and gaining valuable professional experience at the same time. The following two opportunities are available:

SOCIAL MEDIA INTERN

Xavier Mission seeks a motivated part-time intern to manage and develop our Web and social-media presence. The ideal candidate is a journalism or communications student who can bring good writing skills, voice and creativity to the role. With the aid of a communications plan/calendar, the social media intern will make frequent social posts using text, video and photos to engage the XM community of guests, volunteers and donors in the Mission's ongoing work and special events. Candidates able to make a year-long commitment are preferred. Contact Cassandra Agredo, 212-627-2100 x208 or cagredo@xaviermission.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Administrative Assistant handles the ongoing administrative tasks that support the Executive Director. Responsibilities include recording statistics from programs and donation information into our Salesforce database, producing acknowledgement letters/emails to donors, assisting with grant mailings, assisting with the preparation of grant reports, and other administrative tasks as required. Must be proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel, be diligent, a self-starter, and have a positive attitude, willingness to learn, and attention to detail. 10-15 hours a week preferred. Contact *Cassandra Agredo*, 212-627-2100 x208 or cagredo@xaviermission.org.

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 or 646-573-0099)

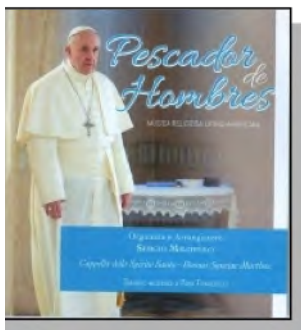
The Sunday 5pm Schola Choir: This Schola/Choir organized by *Jackie Perez*, sings at the Sunday 5pm mass along with our instrumental Xavier Players under the direction of John Uehlein. The singers rehearse on Sunday afternoons at 3:45pm along with the instrumentalists. This is the newest singing group 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.

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.



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*Latin American Religious Music
Musical homage to Pope FRANCIS*

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





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 required documents when coming to register. 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 20 and 27 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am in the West Room.

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

MYTH: The process for admitting refugees to the United States is not secure and terrorists can easily enter the country.

FACT: The most difficult way to enter the United States legally is as a refugee. No other category of traveler to the United States undergoes such a rigorous and detailed screening process. The process typically takes 18-24 months and involves numerous federal intelligence and security agencies, including the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the National Counterterrorism Center, and the FBI.

Fewer than 1% of all refugees are even considered for resettlement. If referred to the U.S. program, refugees undergo biographic and fingerprint security checks to confirm their identity. They are also extensively interviewed by specially trained officers from DHS' U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The vetting process is designed to ensure that each incoming refugee is not a public safety or national security risk. The review process for Syrian refugees has intensified and includes additional layers of security screening. Ultimately, if our government has concerns that an applicant is a threat or safety risk, that refugee will not be admitted to the United States.

From: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/what-we-are-working-on/refugees/dispelling-myths/>

For more information or to help support immigrant rights, contact sanxnyc@gmail.com

XAVIER ADULT GROUP PLANNING MEETING

**Thursday, August 24th
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.

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)

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 or (917) 297-6804.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Isa 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;
Matt 15:21-28.

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. PIUS X:

Judg 2:11-19; Matt 19:16-22.

12:05PM EVELYN RAINONE (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY :

Judg 6:11-24a; Matt 19:23-30.

12:05PM JOHN DAVIS (D)

TWENTIETH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Judg 9:6-15; Matt 20:1-16.

12:05PM THOMAS MAZURA (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST.

BARTHOLOMEW: Rev 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51.

12:05PM GRETCHEN COONTOR (D)

TWENTIETH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matt 22:34-40.

7:45AM STEPHEN LIGUORI (D)

12:05PM IRENE DIMARTINO (D)

TWENTIETH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matt 23:1-12.

12:05PM LUCILLE DEMARIA (D)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Isa 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Matt 16:13-20.

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