



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Do not be anxious
about anything,
but in
everything,
by prayer
and
petition,
with thanksgiving,
present your
requests to God.
And the peace of God,
which transcends
all understanding,
will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7



OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, October 9th

COLUMBUS DAY

One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.

Please use 15th Street entrance.

SECOND PARISH COLLECTION:

MAINTENANCE

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

PARTNERS4HOPE TANZANIA

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 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);

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Vice-Chair);

Stephen Alfieri (Secretary); Kathleen Cagnina;

Karen DeMasi; Patrick Egan; Michelle Jung;

John Karle; Charles Mileski; Deborah Olley Murphy;

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.



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, October 14th

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

Sunday, October 15th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Patrick Gilger, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell, Monsignor Neil Graham, Amelia and Anne Grant, Winston Grant, Paul Lawrence, Marian Lizzio, Ron Miller, Nicole Minsen, Amelia Mullings, Kathy Mulvaney, Campbell Grant Phillips, Rocco Scura, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers

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

John Bucki SJ, Joanna Adamczyk Condon, Matilde and Jose Dado, Florita Gutierrez, Maryann Haughton, Robert Kristan, Gertrude Joy McAleer, David Molina, Albert and Robert Mullings, Eileen Ryan

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,

This past weekend your Pastoral Council met for prayer, discussion and planning at Jogues Retreat Center in Cornwall. Every year at this time the Council gathers to evaluate the work of the past year and plan for the coming. The questions at the heart of our prayer, discussion and planning are “How can we serve the people of St Francis Xavier more effectively? How can we help all those who come to the parish for prayer, worship, service, education have an even more engaging experience of Christian community as they deepen their relationship with God and especially with Jesus Christ? How can we invite those who feel alienated from their Catholic faith to reconnect and discover a place where “all are welcome”?

During the weekend we used Christopher Lowney's book, *Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church* as a jumping off point for our discussions. The thesis of the book is that every Catholic is charged with being “entrepreneurial”, thinking creatively about all aspects of our shared Catholic faith. That is all well and good except that our church restricts the roles of women in leadership and sets up barriers for many who are told they are not welcome unless they conform to the teachings of the church. How can we at Xavier be faithful to the tradition but also create a space where all are welcome and each and everyone's gifts are celebrated and used for the “building up of the Reign of God”? We will try our best to do that!

I'd also like to invite you to two upcoming events: The first is a book group reading “A Radical Faith: The assassination of Sister Maura by Eileen Markey. Eileen will be here on November 5th to discuss her book in the Mary Chapel following the 11:30 liturgy. In preparation for that, there will be two meetings on Sundays October 22nd and 29th from 10:15 -11:15 in the Mary Chapel. Copies of the book will be available (hopefully) beginning October 15th. It is also available on Kindle. If you are interested in attending the book discussion, please let me know.

Finally, I'd like to invite you to a screening of “For the Greater Glory of God” a danced /theater piece inspired by the Spiritual Exercises. I know that some of you have seen it already but I wanted to screen it every year for those who are making the Spiritual Exercises as well as those who are interested in learning about them. It will take place at 2PM on October 22nd in the Keenan Commons and lasts 1 hr and a half.

In this troubled time in our country and our world, I pray that St Francis Xavier will continue to be a place of peace, service to those in need and a spiritual home for those who are seeking strength and solace.

Sincerely,

Fr Bob

FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD (The Video)

Sunday October 22nd at 2pm in the Xavier High School Keenan Commons



For the Greater Glory of God, a dance/ theater piece inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola was created by Fr. Bob VerEecke for the Ignatian Anniversaries of 1991-1992. Since then there have been live performances throughout the United States, Canada and Jamaica. Jeremy Zipple S.J. a professional videographer and media director at America Magazine videoed the work two years ago. The work combines music, dance, scripture and the text of the Spiritual Exercises in a way that invites the audience to experience the dynamics of the 4 “weeks” of the Exercises. The role of St Ignatius is played by Father VerEecke.



SEASON OF CREATION

During this Season of Creation which concluded on Oct. 4th with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, over 150 people in our parish signed the Laudato Si' Pledge to pray for and with creation, live more simply, and advocate for protecting our common home. As Fr. Ron said in his homily last week, let's now see how we can weave the pledge into our daily lives and make it a piece of our personal quilt that enfolds us and expresses who we are.

The focus for this year's Season was fossil fuels. We need only look at the catastrophic events of the last month with wild fires, hurricanes and flooding to see the urgency of addressing the issue of fossil fuels. There is now a scientific consensus that our fossil fuel use is driving a rise in global temperatures and with it, the destructive consequences of that warming. Since carbon and methane emissions stay in the atmosphere for decades, things are bound to get worse.

We can take prophetic actions to change the course of events. We can reduce our carbon footprint in our personal lives by: 1) modifying our personal daily habits to use less fuel/electricity 2) making The SWITCH to household renewable energy - or suggesting that our co-op do that - either through Con Ed itself or through a reliable Energy Service Company (an ESCO) that works with ConEd, such as Green Mountain Energy or CleanChoice Energy and 3) checking our personal investments to disinvest from fossil fuel-related industries (natural gas, oil, fracking equipment, pipeline companies etc.) and invest in renewables, which many financial advisors now consider less risky than investing in fossil fuels.

Regarding advocacy, we can push our elected officials to retrofit public buildings to make them more energy efficient, and to set higher targets for getting off fossil fuels as a city or state. We can push against infrastructure that brings fracked gas from neighboring states into New York, and against the construction of pipelines that bring dirty tarsands oil from Canada. We can advocate for the construction of wind and solar farms and greater tax breaks for those who install solar panels. And we can push our own institutions and the government entities to disinvest in fossil fuels and invest in renewable energy, which is growing at a fast pace.

Our future and that of our children and their children depend on our actions now.

As theologian Erin Lothes put it in her presentation here at Xavier two weeks ago, our sacrifice in making some of these changes is united with Christ's sacrifice in the crucifixion. It is a sacrifice for the greater good of humankind, in keeping with what we are called to do by Catholic Social Teaching.

This Sunday

**PRESENTATION ABOUT REFUGEES IN THE MIDDLE EAST
10:15am in the West Room**

**ALL SHALL BE WELL - THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JULIAN OF NORWICH
2:00pm in the Xavier High School Chapel**

AFTER ALL MASSES

Voter registration tables will be located in the entrance to help people register to vote and to update your current voter information.



BE PART OF MISSION WEEKEND NEXT WEEK!

This year, instead of just one Mission Mass, we will celebrate Mission Weekend—a whole weekend dedicated to introducing (and re-introducing) Xavier Mission to the parish community, October 14-15. Mission Weekend will include:

- Celebration of the work of the Mission at every Mass!
- Receptions after the Masses to meet the Mission staff and Board!
- Open Houses of the Coughlin Men's Shelter and the Welcome Table!

Please see this week's bulletin insert for more details and contact *Cassandra* at cagredo@xaviermission.org to sign up as a gift bearer or open house volunteer.

THANK YOU!

Because of your generosity we delivered two carloads of supplies for the Puerto Rico Relief effort. Thank you so much!! (If you'd still like to donate, we will continue to accept baby food, diapers, batteries and first aid supplies).

BE THE DIFFERENCE

If your spare time is non-existent and your energy is running on empty, but you still want to make a difference, please consider sponsoring an L-STEP participant. This is an amazing way to make a significant, positive impact on the life of a fellow New Yorker.

For a gift of \$700—or any partial amount—you can sponsor a participant of the Life-Skills Training & Empowerment Program (L-STEP). This covers stipends, MetroCards, food, supplies, and administrative costs.

Anything you give will have the effect of spreading love and compassion directly into the world around us. Thank you for your gift and your desire to make a difference.

Visit www.xaviermission.org/donate to make your gift today.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser will be held on **SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018**. Tickets will go on sale at the end of December-beginning of January. Stay tuned for more information, including this year's theme! (WHAT WILL IT BE?!?!)



SINGING – LISTENING – SILENCE – MEDITATION- PRAYING - MOVING

"It is a time to rest in God, to let the words listened to and sung penetrate one's being." Brother John, Taizé monk

Come to the quieting, mystical experience of Taizé prayer, a welcome time of "beauty in simplicity." The structure of prayer is a hymn, psalms, a scripture reading, and intercessions. Singing and silence play a significant part.

OCTOBER 13
DECEMBER 8
JANUARY 12
FEBRUARY 9
MARCH 9
APRIL 13
MAY 11
JUNE 8

**6 PM IN THE MARY CHAPEL EXCEPT ON
DECEMBER 8 THAT WILL TAKE PLACE
AT 5:30 PM IN THE MAIN CHURCH**

SFX LGBTQ Annual Retreat

"We are not alone anymore"

DATES: Friday, November 17, 3:00 pm through
Sunday, November 19, 1:30 pm.

PLACE: Linwood Spiritual Center, Rhinebeck, New York.

TOTAL COST: \$225.00 per person. (Payable to Linwood Spiritual Center)

Deposit/full is due before November 1, directly to Linwood to save your place.

Space is limited to 34 people, first come, first serve. Registration forms are available in the parish office on 15th Street.

Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or SFXGCGroup@gmail.com with any questions?



THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE URGES YOU TO SPEAK UP FOR DREAMERS—CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES NOW!

October 5 was the deadline for young people to register for DACA. Now it's time for Congress to act by bringing the Dream Act 2017 to the floor of the House for a vote.

The bipartisan Dream Act of 2017 has broad support from faith communities. This bill finally offers Dreamers a pathway to citizenship. We have been waiting too long for Congress to act to free these young people from the fear of deportation.

We urge you to contact your representatives and senators. A phone call is easy! Visit the website below for more information, including phone numbers and talking points.

<http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/issues/dream-act/>

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

Catholic Lesbians

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 6:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.
WEST ROOM**

“Jesus turned and saw her. ‘Take heart, daughter,’ he said, ‘your faith has healed you.’ And the woman was healed at that moment” (Matthew 9:22, NIV). Lorraine B. Nelson and her doctors don't know what is ailing her. So she is taking medicines, treatments, drugs, alternative therapies . . . In all this, she is challenged by being a woman of faith. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share. And for more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804.

CHURCH TOURS

**Saturday, October 14: 9:30am, 11:00am
Sunday, October 15: 1:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm**
Tours will start at the front pews of the church

Together we can help combat fear of the stranger, the immigrant and the refugee. The Ignatian Solidarity Network is launching a two-year “Campaign for Hospitality” with Catholics across North America to educate people about the common human dignity and value of migrants. The aim is to create more welcoming communities and nations. You can help by sharing their social media posts on your Facebook and Twitter channels. First, please ‘Like’ St. Francis Xavier Church Facebook page. We’ll be posting campaign resources for you to share. Learn more at <https://ignatiansolidarity.net>

THE MISSION CONTINUES

If you, or someone you know, has ever considered serving God's people, the Church, as a Jesuit, then the Society of Jesus invites you to pray and discern if your passions and desires may lead you to a life with us. For almost 500 years Jesuits have been serving the Church as “men on a sacred mission.” Through prayer, we aim to orient our own passions and desires with God's desires for the Church and the world. To explore if God is calling you to serve in Christ's mission as a Jesuit priest or brother, please visit our Vocation Website at <https://jesuitvocations.org/> We are ready to help you to discern our Jesuit life.

Nightfever NYC is coming back to St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday November 18, 2017. On this night, Nightfever NYC will be hosting this night of praise, worship and reconciliation at Saint Patrick's Cathedral (50th Street and 5th Avenue). We will have the opportunity to pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as well as light candles to honor Our Lord. The evening of music and prayer will start at 7pm and end at 9pm. Confessions will be heard throughout the night. Come and be a part of this night, where the Cathedral will be have its doors open to all New Yorkers so they can come, pray, and love the Lord. For more information, email us at nightfevernyc@gmail.com.

Cruise to Cuba with Sr. Joan Chittister. Havana, Santiago de Cuba, and Cienfuegos on February 2-9, 2018. Cost of Cruise alone: \$1,699 to \$2,299 depending on stateroom. For more information and reservation, contact angiecruzphd@gmail.com or 917-607-0937.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Isa 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Matt 21:33-43.

TWENTY-SEVENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Jon 1:1-2:2; Luke 10:25-37.

TWENTY-SEVENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Jon 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42
7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM EILEEN RYAN (D)

TWENTY-SEVENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Jon 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4.
7:45AM LINDA MARTINEZ (D)
12:05PM FR. JOHN BUCKI, SJ(D)

TWENTY-SEVENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Mal 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13.
7:45AM FR. JOHN BUCKI, SJ (D)
12:05PM SAM SILAO (D)

TWENTY-SEVENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26.
7:45AM CRUZ BRIKMANN (D)
12:05PM CORRINE SHEPHERD (D)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28.
12:05PM RICHARD KILPATRICK (D)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Isa 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Matt 22:1-4.

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

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact sanxnyc@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