



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

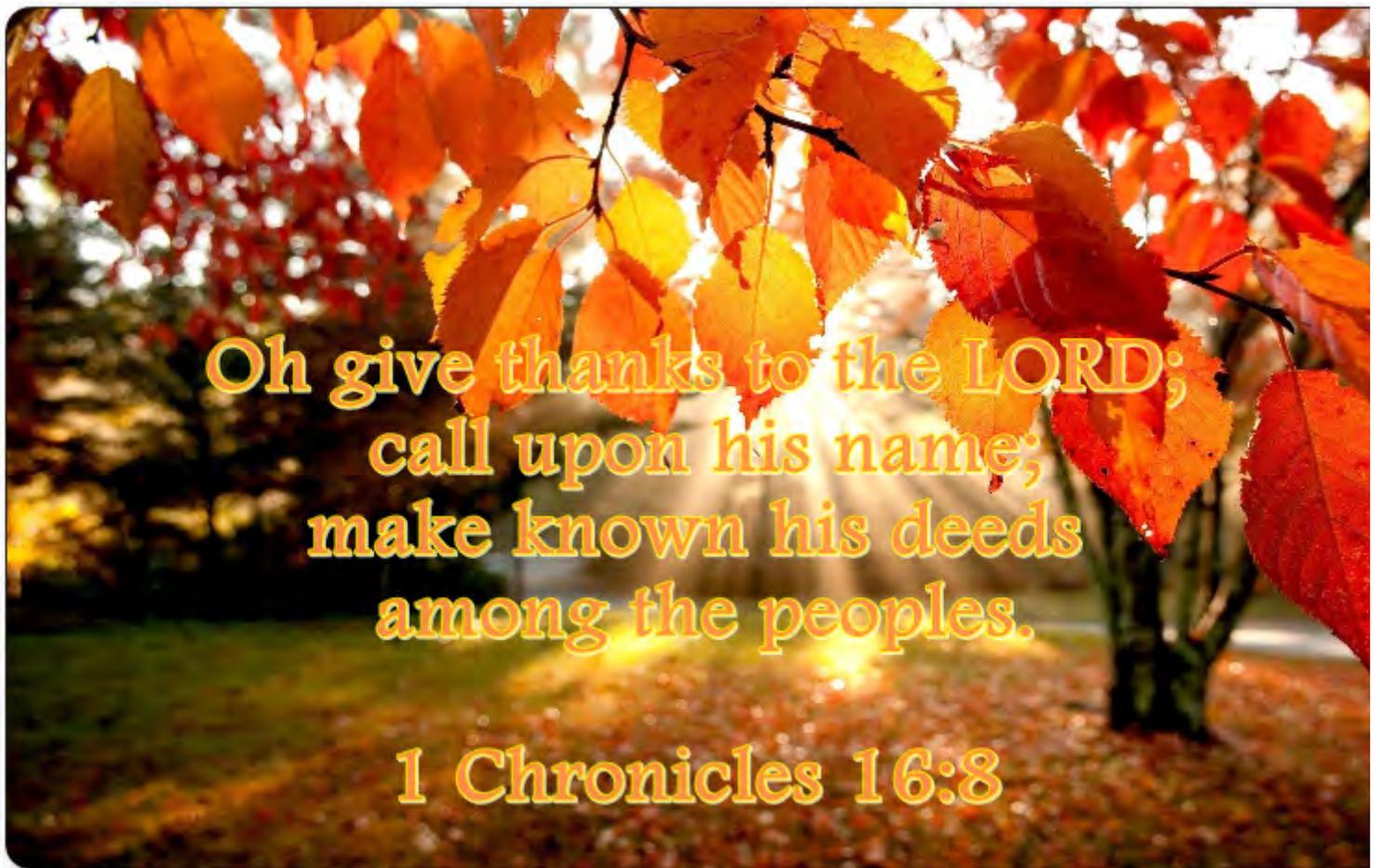
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Oh give thanks to the LORD;  
call upon his name;  
make known his deeds  
among the peoples.

1 Chronicles 16:8

SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit Mission Sunday

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 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***

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Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (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.



## ***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](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, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell, Juan Garcia, Monsignor Neil Graham, Amelia and Anne Grant, Winston Grant, Paul Lawrence, Marian Lizzio, John Marshall, Ron Miller, Nicole Minsen, Amelia Mullings, Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keefe, Campbell Grant Phillips, Rocco Scura, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers*

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

*Joanna Adamczyk Condon, Florita Gutierrez, Maryann Haughton, David Molina, Albert and Robert Mullings, Lorraine Nelson, Jeanette Williams*

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,

If you have the impression that October must be "Mission Month", I would agree with you! Over the past two weeks we have had "mission appeals" for Partners for Hope/Tanzania and our own Xavier Mission. This weekend is Mission Sunday here at Xavier and the special collection is for the mission work that is supported through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Yes, that is a very formal title for important mission work that happens throughout the world. These three weeks remind us that we are part of a global church as well as a local one. I was so moved by your response to Fr. Beda and Molly Delaney Druffner's appeal for support of their work in Tanzania. Although I do not have a full accounting, I understand that there was at least \$15,000 raised from you. Thank you for your incredible generosity! I do not yet know what the response was to our own Xavier Mission Appeal but I am grateful for your support for this important expression of care and compassion for our homeless brothers and sisters.

Speaking of "missions" and the needs of the global church, I met recently with Andrew Romano who is a relatively new parishioner. Andrew has been organizing mission trips to Jamaica through the Mustard Seed Communities for the past 9 years. He's very enthusiastic about the possibility of Xavier parishioners forming a group and doing a week-long immersion trip in the Mustard Seed Communities in Kingston in November 2018. I told him about my experience organizing a mission trip to work in the Jesuit Parish, St Anne's in Kingston. Together we are imagining something that might blend the opportunities to live with the children of the Mustard Seed Communities and make some connections with parishioners at St Anne's. At least the "seed" was planted today and we'll see how it grows. I know that the parish already has mission trips and outreach through the India Group and the Honduras Mission. There are so many needs and I think it's great to have multiple opportunities to serve.

Thank you again for your generous response to the needs of the parish and the global church!

In Christ,  
**Fr. Bob**

## FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD (The Video)

**THIS SUNDAY 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.

### LITURGICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

If you are interested in reflecting on the scriptures of the Advent Season in preparation for our liturgical celebrations, Fr Bob will be facilitating a liturgical planning session on **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm** in Xavier High School. If you are interested in attending, please let Fr. Bob know at [rverecke@sfxavier.org](mailto:rverecke@sfxavier.org). We are planning to have refreshments so we need to have an idea of numbers who will attend.

*The Pastoral Council invites you to our*

### PARISH SOCIAL HOUR

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>  
after the 5pm Mass**

Join members for a get-together  
featuring cheese and wine.

## ALL SOUL'S DAY VESPERS



**Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:30 in the Church**

*Please bring a photo of your  
loved one for the procession*

### **A WEEKEND RETREAT WITH THE IGNATIAN SCHOLA**

**“To Praise You with All Your Saints”:  
Weekend Retreat: November 3-5, 2017**

The saints show us how to praise God and ask for what we need, how to express joy and sorrow, and how to strengthen one another in faith. Join the New York based choral ensemble the Ignatian Schola for a weekend retreat in which we explore music written and/or inspired by holy women and men – King David, Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, and many others. The retreat will include opportunities to sing and be silent, to pray and to celebrate liturgy together.

Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth is located at  
**501 North Church Road, Wernersville, PA**

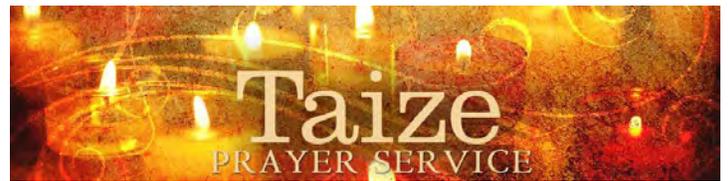
Arrival is on Friday between 4:00pm & 5:45 pm, followed by dinner and the opening session; departure on Sunday is at 2:00 PM.

**Cost is \$200 (\$100 non refundable deposit).**

For more information and to register:

**[www.jesuitcenter.org](http://www.jesuitcenter.org)**

Melinda Leonowitz at  
**[mleonowitz@jesuitcenter.org](mailto:mleonowitz@jesuitcenter.org)** or 610-670-3642



**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.

**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](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com)** or **[SFXGCGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SFXGCGroup@gmail.com)** with any questions?



## THANK YOU!

We are so appreciative of the reception and feedback that we received during Mission Weekend last week. We met so many wonderful people eager to become part of our efforts and we are energized to begin working with you!



If you missed our events, please take a moment to visit our website, [www.xaviermission.org](http://www.xaviermission.org), and learn how you can make an impact in our community.



We look forward to seeing many of you soon as volunteers. Visit [www.xaviermission.org/volunteer](http://www.xaviermission.org/volunteer) to sign up. We also thank in advance those who have pledged their financial support! You can make a one-time gift or set up a monthly recurring donation at [www.xaviermission.org/donate](http://www.xaviermission.org/donate).

## READY YOUR BASTERS!



Just a heads up (although all turkeys in the crowd may want to keep their heads down)—Thanksgiving is right around the corner, which means our Thanksgiving Meal Fund will be happening soon! Keep your eyes and ears open and your basters at the ready—it's almost time to

Turkey Up! Gobble gobble!

The Pastoral Council of St. Francis Xavier Church  
invites all ministries to

## A CELEBRATION OF SERVICE!

*In appreciation for all you and  
your ministries do for Xavier*

*Food! Drinks! Music! Fun!*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 6:00PM**

*Keenan Commons  
31 West 15th St., 3rd Floor  
New York, NY*

Please RSVP by November 12<sup>th</sup> to  
[pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org)

### SAVE THE DATE

## ANYTHING GOES

*The parish cabaret*

Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> (7:30pm)  
Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> (7:30pm)  
and Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> (2:30pm)

*Tickets will be sold at  
our Front Desk on 15<sup>th</sup> Street.*

## Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.  
West Room**

*“Sing to the Creator with grateful praise; make music to  
our God on the harp” (Psalm 147:7).*

In this month of Thanksgiving, M. E. Hurson and Carole Goldstein will lead us on the path of gratitude. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share.

Plus, we have the 15th annual Christmas wrapping party on Friday, December 8, and have many children who hope for some Christmas cheer! Contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804 for the name/age of one or two or three. With gratitude.



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## **ACCOMPANIMENT TRAINING THURSDAY - OCTOBER 26, 2017**

**6:30pm to 8:30pm**

To accompany and stand in solidarity with our immigrant friends  
who are facing deportation.

**Keenan Commons**

**(at Xavier High School)**

**31 West 15th Street, 3rd Floor**

**NY NY 10011**



**The New Sanctuary Coalition of NYC** is an interfaith network of congregations, organizations, and individuals, standing publicly in solidarity with families and communities resisting detention and deportation in order to stay together. <http://www.newsanctuarynyc.org>

**The New Sanctuary Coalition's Accompaniment Program** recruits and trains volunteers to accompany people facing deportation to their immigration hearings and required ICE check-ins. This provides moral support for the person facing deportation and enables volunteers to hold immigration authorities accountable. Standing in solidarity with immigrants facing deportation also demonstrates to immigration judges, ICE officers, and government attorneys that there is a community mobilized against deportation. NSC accompanies hundreds of people a year, the majority of whom have no legal representation. Many of the people we serve through the accompaniment program first come to NSC through the weekly asylum clinics or the organizing meetings with people in the affected community.

The accompaniment program also serves as an advocacy and consciousness-raising opportunity for volunteers. Walking with people facing deportation and witnessing the ICE check-ins and immigration hearings makes a huge impact on people. The program amplifies this awareness by inviting faith leaders and elected officials to the accompaniment program, who are then able to convey to their communities and colleagues the realities people face when interacting with immigration authorities.

**Sponsored by The Xavier Immigration Initiative. To sign up for the training or for more info email: [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com) - Subject: Accompaniment**



**THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION  
INITIATIVE URGES YOU TO  
SPEAK UP FOR DREAMERS  
LEARN HOW YOU CAN  
HELP!**

Representatives of the Xavier Immigration Initiative are at all Masses this weekend to help parishioners learn more about their efforts to support the undocumented.

Learn about Xavier's partnership with the New Sanctuary Coalition of NYC, or about First Friends of NJ & NY who sponsor a Pen Pal Program and Detention Center visits.

There will be a training at Xavier on Thursday, Oct. 26 to train volunteers who accompany undocumented friends on their ICE check-ins, court hearings and other official appointments. The training is 6:30pm to 8:30pm in Keenan Commons.

You can also help host the weekly gathering of the New Sanctuary Coalition of NYC held Thursdays from 6 to 8:30pm in Hurtado Hall. Sign-up to provide snacks or clean-up once per month. All are invited to join the gatherings as well to get to know and become a part of the NSC community.

For more information or to help support immigrant rights, contact [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

## THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE

**Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Xavier High School Chapel 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

Spiritually speaking, THE DIVINE FEMININE invites us to imagine the sacred as a male/female dyad incorporating complementary energies and the qualities of nurturance, introspection and compassion.

Join us for informal conversation and reflection as we explore the concept of the DIVINE FEMININE and its relationship to our individual and communal growth as spiritual people.

## Brief Notices in Other Places

**INTERESTED LITTLE SISTERS, LITTLE BROTHERS, AND PARENTS:** A mentor is a caring, consistent, and committed adult friend, and can be a powerful ally in a young person's life. In addition to being positive role models and opening young people up to new experiences and ideas, mentors like to have fun!

CBSBB provides wrap-around support including match supervision, counseling services and skill learning workshops for Bigs, Littles, and Parents, to ensure a quality mentoring experience for everyone involved. All services are provided free of charge.

Contact us at 212 475-3291 x501 or at [families@cbsbb.org](mailto:families@cbsbb.org) for more information about getting a mentor for you or your child (ages 10 to 17).

Basic program requirements include: a 1 year commitment to the match relationship and 8 hours a month spent with your Big or Little.

**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](mailto:angiecruzphd@gmail.com) or 917-607-0937.

### Charis NYC Still & Silent Retreat

is currently open for registration. More information can be found here: <http://charis.nyc/stillsilent>

Students and/or parishioners who may be interested in participating can sign-up at the following link: <http://bit.ly/CharisRetreat>

The retreat is **November 10<sup>th</sup> - November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017** and will be held at Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center.

The retreat registration fee is \$265.

Thanks and hope to see some of your members there!

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Isa 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5b; Matt 22:15-21.

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

**CAPISTRANO:** Rom 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05PM JOHN MCGONLA (D)

### **TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY**

**MARY CLARET:** Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;

Luke 12:35-38.

7:45AM RITA WILLIAMSON (D)

12:05PM ANGELO GRECH (D)

### **TWENTY-NINTH WEDNESDAY IN**

**ORDINARY TIME:** Rom 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48.

7:45AM DENNIS ANDERSON (D)

12:05PM JOHN MCGONLA (D)

### **TWENTY-NINTH THURSDAY IN**

**ORDINARY TIME:** Rom 19-23; Luke 12:49-53.

7:45AM CYRILLE ABANTO (D)

12:05PM JEANE GROTONO (D)

### **TWENTY-EIGHTH FRIDAY IN**

**ORDINARY TIME:** Rom 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59.

7:45AM CYRILLE ABANTO (D)

12:05PM MICHAEL DEMPSEY (D)

### **SATURDAY~FEAST OF STS. SIMON AND**

**JUDE:** Eph 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16.

12:05PM FR. NEIL DOHERTY, SJ (D)

### **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Exod 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5c-10; Matt 22:34-40.

**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)

**THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE:** Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact [sanxnycc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnycc@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)

**THE WOMEN WHO STAYED:** nurtures, empowers, calls forth and celebrates the emotional, intellectual and spiritual growth of women and men at SFX. For more information: [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)