



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Thus says the LORD: “You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry.
(Exod 22:20-21)

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

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Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

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Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship and
Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205

Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201

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Pastoral Council

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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

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, November 4th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

Sunday, November 5th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell, Juan Garcia, Marianne Githens, Monsignor Neil Graham, Amelia and Anne Grant, Winston Grant, Paul Lawrence, Marian Lizzio, John Marshall, Ron Miller, Nicole Minsen, Kathy Mulvaney, Nancy Napolitano, 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:

James Brassel, Theresa Capobianco, Joanna Adamczyk Condon, Florita Gutierrez, 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,

According to legend, on October 31st 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the doors of the Wittenberg Castle Church. He felt compelled by conscience to speak out against the abuses of the Church, especially those regarding the selling of “indulgences” as if one could “buy one’s way into heaven”. (Yes, I know that sounds like the heavy metal piece I played at last Sunday’s homily.) Although Luther did not intend to begin a revolution, his prophetic voice calling the church to reform its ways and be faithful to the Scripture resonated with so many that the Reformation was unstoppable. Although Luther in his life was witness to many changes that his reform brought about, he could never have imagined how his fidelity to his conscience would have repercussions for all Christian faiths. Could he have ever imagined that 500 years later, the Roman Pope (Francis) would be present at ceremonies honoring Luther and acknowledging that Luther’s intent was to “renew the church and not divide it”? At the core of Luther’s reform is reminding us that Salvation is a gift freely given and not one that we earn. It is God who is the source of gift whose “indulgence” is found in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This past weekend we heard two of our own “prophetic voices”. Claire Soupene and Lizzie Degear, as representatives of THE WOMEN WHO STAYED, spoke powerfully and prophetically of the Church’s need to ‘reform’ its structures which exclude women’s voices and presence in Church leadership. We need as a church to be “informed” and “reformed” by the prayer, experience and spiritual leadership of women in the church. I know that so many ministries here at the parish are energized by the participation and leadership of women, from liturgical, spiritual and outreach to religious education. But the voices of those women who advocate for more visible and audible leadership are critical for the future of our church. To hear and see women in leadership roles is not an “indulgence” but a recognition of the God-given gifts of faith and fidelity that are at the heart of discipleship. Thank you Mary of Magdala!

So on this 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s 95 Theses, let us pray for the unity of the Church and the recognition of the gifts of all men and women of faith.

In Christ,
Father Bob

The Pastoral Council invites you to our

PARISH SOCIAL HOUR

**THIS SUNDAY
after the 5pm Mass**

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

XAVIER “OUTINGS”

If you are a Catholic gay man who is looking to make social connections with other gay parishioners you are invited to gather for occasional Xavier “Outings”. We are hoping that these will include artistic as well as other sorts of gatherings and excursions. If you are interested in planning or attending these events, please feel free to contact Fr. Bob or Fr. Dan.

**Sunday, November 5th
3:00pm**

This is the first year that more people had their remains cremated vs being buried. Now that the Catholic Church has allowed cremations more Catholics are choosing this option. It is estimated by 2025 85% of people that die will be cremated.

There is one Catholic Church in Manhattan that has created niches indoor as well as outdoor for the remains to be interred in a sacred place. This church is the “Old St Patrick’s Cathedral” on Mulberry Street. We did have a meeting at St Francis Xavier a number of weeks ago with a representative from St Patricks to discuss the costs and options. We at St Francis Xavier will be offered for \$7,500 outdoor and \$9,995 indoor for a niche for 2 urns. People do not need to be related or married to be together. The prices will increase in the near future, and if we get 40 niches we can create our own section in the indoor Mausoleum. We have been offered to have a free tour on Sunday November 5th at 3 pm for all those that might be interested in getting more information about this offering at the church on Mulberry Street. Since the tour may be limited please contact Peter Ranello directly to reserve a space on the tour.

peterranello@hotmail.com

ALL SOUL'S DAY VESPERS



**Thursday, November 2nd
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

Melinda Leonowitz at
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.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 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](mailto:SFXGCGroup@gmail.com) with any questions?

ALL SAINT'S DAY

Wednesday, November 1st

Masses: 7:45am, 12:05pm & 6:30pm

All Masses will be held in the Main Church



SAVE THE DATE

ANYTHING GOES

We're setting the table for 4000!

Donate to the Thanksgiving Meal Fund and be part of providing:

- 250 sit-down meals for seniors and disabled individuals on Thanksgiving Day!
- 200 meals delivered to homebound individuals on Thanksgiving Day!
- 250 full Thanksgiving baskets (including turkeys!), totaling 2250 meals, to guests of our food pantry!
- 1500+ meals at our special Holiday Welcome Table the Sunday after Thanksgiving!
- Ongoing support of the Welcome Table and Food Pantry!

If we can raise \$25,000, the Xavier Mission Board of Directors will match with another \$25,000!

We are hoping to repeat last year's goal of \$50,000!

So join the Xavier Mission Board of Directors, our staff, volunteers, and—of course—Tom the Turkey Baster as we kick off the Thanksgiving Meal Fund!



Visit www.xaviermission.org/Thanksgiving to donate!

TURKEY UP!!

The parish cabaret



Friday, November 10th (7:30pm)
Saturday, November 11th (7:30pm)
Sunday, November 12th (2:30pm)

Tickets will be sold at our Front Desk on 15th Street.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, November 10th
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 or (917) 297-6804 for the name/age of one or two or three. With gratitude.



**YOU SHALL NOT MOLEST OR
OPPRESS AN ALIEN,
FOR YOU WERE ONCE
ALIENS YOURSELVES...**

The Xavier Immigration Initiative invites you to learn more and help us welcome and support undocumented friends.

We are looking for volunteers to help host weekly gatherings of the New Sanctuary Coalition of NYC on Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 pm in Hurtado Hall. Undocumented friends and volunteers gather in solidarity to share information and stories.

You can help by providing snacks or helping with clean-up once per month.

All are invited to join these gatherings as a way to get to know and become a part of the NSC community.

For details on what is needed or for more information on supporting immigrant rights, contact sanxny@gmail.com

*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 19TH, 6:00PM

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

Please RSVP by **November 12th** to
pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org

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.

Brief Notices in Other Places

Saturday, November 4th: Shakespeare and You: An Acting Workshop w/ Kevin Collins - This one-day workshop with Kevin Collins (Irish Rep, Peter Hall Company, Theatre de l'Ange Fou, Blue Raincoat) immerses actors in Shakespeare's plays. Starting with a physical approach, participants will learn to make his characters' words and actions their own, bringing them to life with naturalness, conviction and relish. Mr. Collins is a founding member of the Catholic Artists Society. To register: <https://sheencenter.org/shows/collins/>

THE INDIA GROUP (TIG, www.theindiagroup.net), founded by SFX parishioners, is having its annual Cocktail Party/Fundraiser on **Saturday November 4 from 6pm-9pm**. Please come to support our work with the poorest of the poor in India. For more information contact us at theindiagrouppny@gmail.com. or at 212-967-6909.

November 13th - Join Michael Simone, S.J., 'The Word' columnist from America magazine, as he discusses the relationship between Scripture and Catholic Feast Days. A moderated discussion will follow the lecture with James Martin, S.J., as host. The lecture and discussion will begin at 6 pm in the 12th Fl. Conference Room, Fordham Lincoln Center, 113 West 60th St., New York, NY 10023. RSVP at events@americamedia.org.

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 10th - November 12th, 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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

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

THIRTIETH MONDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Rom 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05PM ALEX DURAN (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSUS

RODRIGUEZ: Rom 8:18-25; Luke 13:18-21.

7:45AM ANTHONY NOVEMBRE (D)

12:05PM THE FAMILY OF TERRI GAFFNEY

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:

Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12a.

THURSDAY~FEAST OF THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE

FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11;
Matt 5:1-12a.

7:45AM ANDRE JOVAH (D)

12:05PM RAMONITA MERCED (D)

THIRTIETH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Rom 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6.

7:45AM DEANNA CASTILLO (D)

12:05PM MAURICIA BANEZ (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. CHARLES

BORROMEIO: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Luke 14:1,
7-11.

12:05PM FRED CLARE (D)

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7b-9, 13;
Matt 23:1-12.

**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

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

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, [suniko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto:sunik120@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