



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children.*

*With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us.*

*(1 Thes 2:7b-8)*



## ***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 Wheelchair 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);

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Vice-Chair);

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John Karle; Charles Mileski; Deborah Olley Murphy;

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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, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, 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, 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, Terence J. Murphy, 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,

Can you believe it's NOVEMBER! Where did the time go? All of a sudden we find ourselves in this month of memory, especially the memory of our deceased loved ones. There is something appropriate about "Remembering" this month with its religious and secular holidays including All Saints, All Souls, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving. Throughout this month we take the time to remember those people in our lives who have enriched us with their love. And we give thanks for them, especially at our Eucharistic table each Sunday.

One of the anomalies of this liturgical year is that we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King of the Universe on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. This means that Advent begins on December 3rd. (The Feast of St Francis Xavier!) It also means that we have the shortest 4 weeks of Advent possible. The 4th Sunday is actually Christmas Eve!!!! I met this past Sunday with some parishioners to reflect and pray about this upcoming Advent season. I hope to share those reflections in the weeks to come.

The month of November is always a very busy one for me personally. We have started rehearsals for this year's production of Christmas Revelations at the Sheen Center which will open on December 15th and play through Sunday afternoon the 17th. I was so grateful last year that so many of you came to the performance that continues a tradition of A Dancer's Christmas that I began in Boston 37 years ago. Once again I have been able to assemble a cast of wonderful actors and dancers from NY, Boston and Jamaica. (Our Jamaican Jesus is returning to dance the role of Joseph) I know December is a very busy time for everyone but I'm hoping you will be able to attend a performance. I can assure you it's a wonderful way to spend an hour and a half of your time "getting in the Christmas spirit! It is certainly one of the most economical at \$25.00 per person. Tickets are available at sheencenter.org.

Speaking of performances, I know you need no encouragement to "Come to the Cabaret", the weekend of November 10-12. It's always sold out and with good reason. We have so many very talented parishioners who share their musical and theatrical gifts. The theme this year is "Anything Goes" and who knows what surprises there may be on stage for us all!

Please know that during this month of November we will remember your deceased loved ones in all of our Masses and prayer.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Bob*

*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 15<sup>th</sup> St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor***

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

# ANYTHING GOES

*A parish cabaret*

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:30PM**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**7:30PM**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**2:30PM**

*Tickets: \$20 at our Front Desk on 15<sup>th</sup> Street.*



## 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](http://www.xaviermission.org/Thanksgiving) to donate!

## TURKEY UP!!

### 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.



## REMEMBER XAVIER WHEN CONSIDERING A YEAR-END GIFT

First we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support our parish throughout the year. As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to Xavier. The parish is budgeting a \$45,515 deficit for this fiscal year and projecting deficits totaling \$56,000 over the next two years. Your year-end gift can help us reduce this deficit and thereby allow us to continue to celebrate vibrant liturgies and support our many ministries.

The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support Xavier for years to come. There are many different ways of contributing a gift. Two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests and IRA/retirement accounts. For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift please contact Jim Martinez in the parish office.

## 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.





**THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE URGES YOU TO LEARN MORE: WHO ARE THE DREAMERS?**

Data about NY Dreamers was presented in a lawsuit filed by NY State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, along with attorney generals from 14 other states and the District of Columbia.

Of the approximately 42,000 Dreamers in the state of NY:

- 91.4% are currently employed
- 94.2% of working Dreamers own a business, employing other Americans
- 44.9% are currently enrolled in school (many are studying and working at the same time)
- 72.7% live in “mixed families” – meaning some family members are US citizens.

These statistics, even though they are estimates, indicate how much ending DACA protections could disrupt local economies and upend many lives.

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

Data drawn from: <http://www.wnyc.org/story/who-are-new-yorks-dreamers/>

***18<sup>th</sup> Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered at Xavier this year***

This grace-filled journey is for anyone wanting to deepen her or his prayer life. A daily schedule of prayer and reflection and a weekly group sharing will be offered in Advent, Lent and Easter seasons. There will be a group on Wednesdays starting at 6:30pm and one on Saturdays starting at 10:00am. The Wednesday group begins on **November 27** and Saturday’s group begins on **December 2**.

For more information or registration, please contact Marie Bannister at [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com) or 917-301-2426.

**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS THANKSGIVING.**

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

***Brief Notices in Other Places***

**PASCAL AND AMI ROGÉ  
Piano Four-Hands**

**BENEFIT CONCERT~November 13<sup>th</sup>-7:30pm**

For more information visit [www.smssconcerts.org](http://www.smssconcerts.org).

*100% of ticket sales and donations go to Thrive for Life Prison Project.*

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** - 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](mailto:events@americamedia.org).

**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.

**THE ACADEMY OF ST. JOSEPH** would like to invite you to visit to learn more about our exceptional education and enrichment programs at our Open House Tuesday, November 14th from 9-10am. Please Contact Torsie Judkins, Director of Admissions, [tjudkins@aosj.us](mailto:tjudkins@aosj.us) to RSVP.

**THE EPIPHANY SCHOOL** is currently accepting applications and holding guided tours for parents interested in enrolling their child for the 2018/2019 school year. Please visit our website at [www.theepiphanyschool.org](http://www.theepiphanyschool.org) or call 212-473-4128 for information about tours and admissions.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

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

### **THIRTY-FIRST MONDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Rom 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM ANGELINA STANTINI (D)

### **THIRTY-FIRST TUESDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Rom 12:5-16ab; Luke 14:15-24.

7:45AM MARTHA NAYELI VASQUEZ (D)  
12:05PM EVA BRAZDA (D)

### **THIRTY-FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Rom 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33.  
7:45AM SAMANTHA CASTILLO (D)  
12:05PM DANNY MULVEY (D)

### **THURSDAY~FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN**

**BASILICA:** Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22.

7:45AM VICENTE ORTIZ (L)  
12:05PM THERESA SIGNORELLI (D)

### **FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. LEO THE GREAT:**

Rom 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8.

7:45AM RAUL AND ELSA GONZALEZ (L)  
12:05PM JOSEPH GIUSTINO (D)

### **SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS:**

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15.

### **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13.

**YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.**



**Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour at 2am this Sunday!**

## 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)