

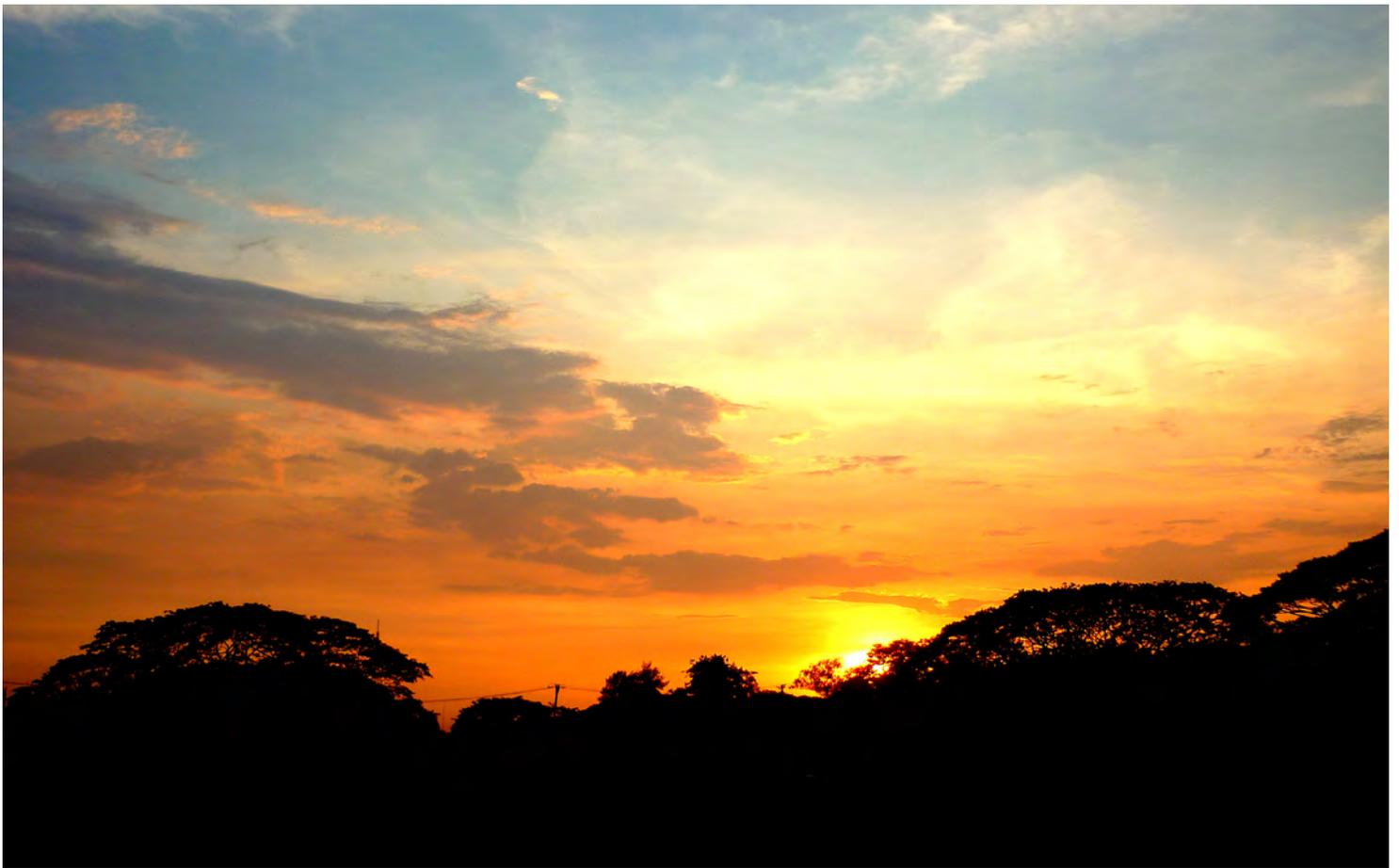


# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Moses spoke to all the people, saying: A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin.

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit Parish Maintenance

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 28, 2018**

## ***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

*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);

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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, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Jesus Andaluz, Joseph Cali, Larry Capici,  
Patrica Cunningham, Elizabeth Cutolo, Maria Formoso,  
Daniel Fox, Juan Garcia, Mary Korba, James Leung,  
Marian Lizzio, John Marshall, John McLoughlin,  
Kathy Mulvaney, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, Joel Rivera,  
Rey Santos, Vanessa Santos, Rocco Scura,  
Anthony Sellitti, Denise Stewart, Dr. Daniel Tynan,  
Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers*

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

*Rosa Canastra, Mary Comarato, Martin Crawford,  
Alice Hardy, Janet Kelly, Beatriz Quinto Mendoza, John Olley,  
Mary M. Piderit, Miriam Socorro Solares de Castañeda,  
Denise Stewart*

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,

Believe it or not Lenten season begins in just a little over two weeks! (February 14th) It seems like the Christmas Season ended just yesterday. Speaking of the liturgical seasons, I wanted to take this opportunity to express the parish's profound gratitude to Angel Salas and Michael DeBernardis for their ministry as liturgical environment artists. Angel's "creativity" and Michael's "practicality" have been an extraordinary gift to all of us. They have decided, however, that it's time to retire from this ministry and pass the "poinsettias" on to other parishioners who would like to serve the parish in this capacity. So if you have a gift for art and environment or would just like to help decorate the Church, please let me know.

While I'm asking, if any of you are dancers or actors who would like to be more involved with our liturgies, please let me know. Very soon I'll begin working on "What Wondrous Love is This?" Evening Prayer for Holy Week and the Palm Sunday Passion. Rehearsals are usually Saturday mornings.

While I'm on the Lenten theme, I'd like to invite you to an evening of reflection on Lent, **January 31<sup>st</sup>** from 7-9 in the Xavier High School Chapel. This will afford us the opportunity to reflect prayerfully on the scriptures and themes of this season. I'm also considering a reading group using Dr. Elizabeth Johnson's CONSIDER JESUS. This would most likely be offered from 10:15 - 11:15 on Sunday mornings. Let me know if you'd be interested.

Before Lent begins, however, we have some special events that are upcoming. On **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, we have Vespers for the feast of the Presentation. This should prove to be a beautiful liturgy of light, song and blessing. It begins at 6:30 in the Main Church.

On **February 6<sup>th</sup>** we have the Xavier parish night at "COME FROM AWAY". Thanks to parishioner Kevin Tuerff whose story is featured in the musical we have a group of 150 parishioners attending the performance and a "talk-back" afterwards.

On **February 10<sup>th</sup>**, the pastoral council, staff and leaders of ministries will be meeting for a day of reflection, focusing especially on Welcome and Hospitality. Later that evening at 7pm, A DANCE CONCERT FOR VENEZUELA will take place in the Xavier Keenan Commons. Featuring dance companies and Xavier dancers, this will be a fund raising event to help alleviate the suffering of the people of Venezuela.

On the weekend of **February 10/11**, Maria Brinkman, one of our gifted cantors will be speaking at the end of liturgies about her work with the Mercy Center in the Bronx. The director of the Mercy Center, Steve Strich, will be present to answer questions of how to get involved. Xavier parishioners have a long history with the Mercy Center but there are many of you who may not know about the wonderful work they do.

On **Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**, Fr. Bryan Massingale, professor of Social and Sexual Ethics at Fordham University will be presenting: The Church and LGBTQ Catholics: Shadows and Light in the Xavier Keenan Commons at 1PM. Fr. Massingale is one of the most highly respected voices in this conversation. Given our large LGBTQ community and the support of the larger community, I'm hoping that we have a good turn out for his presentation.

I wanted to end my rather long "missive" with the words of the prayer that was written and spoken by three of our young women parishioners last Sunday in Union Square. It was one of the most moving and hopeful moments for me and for many who heard their voices. Thank you, Daniela Pierro, Claire Lazar and Isabel Lucas for inspiring your parish community!

Dearest Lord, help us to become, at all times, united in love to create positive change in our world. Lord, please give us the confidence we need to advocate for justice in a peaceful and productive way -- and that we well-represent those who have been silenced. Help us to protect those of us who are vulnerable, and provide a sanctuary for hope -- since everyone deserves love, respect and opportunity.

Help us to overcome all divisions between us for we are called to be the hands, the heart, and the voice of Christ in the world. We are members of one entity in which we each seek to serve God and each other. Lord, help us to love with no bounds because, as we all know so well, in the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

As we stand together, in support of each other, **help us to be the foundation for love in the world.**

Amen



**WE CAN'T "MASK"  
THIS ANY LONGER....  
MARDI GRAS  
TICKETS ARE ON SALE!**

It's a Mardi Gras Masquerade (ok, maybe a couple weeks late but hey, it'll give you an excuse to have that dessert you've been missing)! Bring your best disguise, your beads, and your party side and get ready to dance those winter blues away!

Cocktails, dinner and dancing!

Silent Auction PLUS a very special live auction event for two fantastic vacation packages!

Tickets are sale at  
[www.xaviermission.org/dinnerdance](http://www.xaviermission.org/dinnerdance)

**TICKETS:**

- Early Bird (through 02/03): \$80
- Individual (after 02/03): \$90
- Patron (includes 2 event tickets and 4 drink tickets): \$275

**SPONSORSHIPS (all include 8 event tickets and 16 drink tickets):**

- Royal Court: \$5,000 (full pg ad in program, primary web listing)
- Rex: \$2,500 (1/2 pg ad in program, secondary web listing)
- Bacchus: \$1,000 (1/4 pg ad in program, tertiary web listing)

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for opportunities to receive free drink tickets!

Lenten weekend retreat for alumni and friends of Fordham University; March 9-11, 2018; *"The Spirituality of Pope Francis: Reflecting on God's Mercy and Grace."*

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, L. I. Directed by Fr. Brendan Horan, S.J. For more information, contact Fr. Dan Gatti, S.J. at [dgatti@fordham.edu](mailto:dgatti@fordham.edu)

*Vespers for the Presentation of the Lord*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
6:30pm in the Main Church**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR PRAYER  
CANDLE FOR THE BLESSING OF  
THE CANDLES**



**LGBTQ Catholic Today/  
Shadows and Light**

A look at the new developments that have and are taking place regarding discussions of LGBTQ issues in the Church since the openings provided by Pope Francis, while candidly acknowledging the challenges that remain in order to achieve full incorporation and acceptance in and by the Church.

**Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>/ 1pm- 2:30pm in  
Keenan Commons in Xavier High School**

*Rev. Bryan Massingale, professor of Theological and Social Ethics at Fordham University*

*Catholic Lesbians*

**Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
West Room**

"Come out of the cold and warm up playing board games with Catholic Lesbians!" says Gail Kennon, our hostess and leader for the evening. "There's sure to be good snacks and much laughter and sistership."

Contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

**LOOKING AT LENT** - If you are interested in planning for the Lenten Season, reflecting on the scriptures and symbols of this season, please join Fr Bob and other parishioners on Wednesday Evening January 31<sup>st</sup> from 7pm-9pm in the Xavier High School chapel. Please let Fr Bob know if you are interested in attending.

# Dance Night for Venezuela

Xavier Peace & Justice Committee invites you to an evening of dance to benefit the people of Venezuela.

*Please join us as Kathleen Cagnina, Faith Pilger, Robert Vereecke, Luz Marina Diaz, Janeen Stevens, Stefano Nappi & dancers from the Lindy Hop Community perform mixtures of several dance styles in an informal setting.*

Due to the continuing humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, people are in desperate need of food and basic supplies. Please be generous so we can touch as many lives as possible.

Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

Keenan Commons

Xavier High School

31 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

(between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues)

Suggested Donation: \$20

*All proceeds will be used to purchase food for the Venezuelan people*

*\* Snacks & beverages will be available for purchase*



# Organ Concert

by **DAVID BRIGGS**

Organist Emeritus, GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL, UK



**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30pm**

**Main Church**

*Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, BWV 542 : J S Bach (1685-1750),  
Three Pieces for Musical Clocks : Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809),  
Variations on Greensleeves (2004): David Briggs (b.1962),  
Le banquet céleste: Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992),  
Pièce Héroïque: Cesar Franck (1822-1890),  
Poème Symphonique: L'apprenti sorcier: Paul Dukas (1865-1935)*



**18<sup>th</sup> Annotation of the  
Spiritual Exercises  
of St. Ignatius of Loyola  
is continuing in Lent and Easter**

The 18th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises which began in Advent is continuing in Lent and Easter season. Prayer and reflection questions will be offered for 7 weeks in Lent. Sharing groups meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Saturday mornings at 10:00am. If you wish to join please let us know.

The prayer sheets for the first meetings will be sent out a week early.

Wednesday evenings will be February 7, 15 (Thursday), 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21.

Saturday meetings will be February 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24.

**Free Will Donation**

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 Sunday, February 4.

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

**EL RINCÓN LATINO**

Queremos contactar a todos los latin@s que vienen a la iglesia de San Francisco Javier para formar una comunidad latina en esta parroquia y fortalecer dicha comunidad a través de la creación de actividades parroquiales que permitan a nuestros herman@s latin@s la oportunidad de participar activamente.

Queremos oír las voces y atender las necesidades de nuestra gente latina. Por favor contáctate con Stephanie Fuentes, 212-627-2100x222 o [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org), dejando tu nombre, teléfono y correo electrónico. Una vez que tengamos tu información te notificaremos sobre nuestra primera reunión de latin@s.



**THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION  
INITIATIVE**

**URGES YOU --**

**SPEAK UP FOR DREAMERS!!**

This week legislators agreed to a stopgap bill that keeps our government running through February 8. To reach this compromise, legislative leaders have promised to address the status of the 800,000 DREAMERS who came here as children – and immigration reform as a whole.

The status of DREAMERS and Immigration Reform are still hanging in the balance,  
**YOUR LEGISLATORS NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Please reach out and urge your legislators to insist on protection for DREAMERS in any final budget plan.

**SPEAK UP FOR IMMIGRANT JUSTICE!!!**

Find information on contacting your legislators at:  
<https://networklobby.org/actnow/>

For more information on supporting immigrant rights, contact [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

**ARE YOU A CHURCH LADY?**

Own it loud and proud, and get the exclusive Church Lady T-shirt! Not only will you look good, but part of the purchase price will be donated to Xavier Mission's L-STEP program. This project is a mitzvah from Catholic Lesbians, in honor of the ministry's silver anniversary in 2018.

**Color:** mint **Front:** St. Francis Xavier medallion  
**Back:** black type CHURCH LADY and the number 78 (1878 was the year the church's cornerstone was laid) **Material:** 100 percent cotton **Style:** women's cut **Sizes:** small, medium, large, extralarge, extra-extralarge, extra-extra-extralarge **Price:** \$20.00  
E-mail your order to [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com).

*A Walking Retreat Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Santiago de Compostela with Fr. Dan Corrou, S.J. May 15<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. \$3,599 including airfare, with registration before January 31. For more information and reservation, contact [angiecruzphd@gmail.com](mailto:angiecruzphd@gmail.com) or 917-607-0937.*

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28.

**FOURTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
2 Sam 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20.

7:45AM PETER HAWKES (D)  
12:05PM MARTIN CRAWFORD (D)

**FOURTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
2 Sam 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mark 5:21-43.

7:45AM JAMES SHANAHAN (D)  
12:05PM ROSE SCHULTZ (D)

**WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN**

**BOSCO:** 2 Sam 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM BRUCE HENRY (D)

**FOURTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM MARY DINAS (D)

**FRIDAY~FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:** Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-32.

7:45AM DENISE STEWART (L)  
12:05PM MARTIN CRAWFORD (D)

**FOURTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

12:05PM JIM HANLON (D)

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39.

**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 [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@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, [suniko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto:suniko120@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)