



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Matthew Rosebrock

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20:20)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 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

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);

Stephen Alfieri (Secretary); Kathleen Cagnina;

Karen DeMasi; Patrick Egan; Michelle Jung;

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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, April 14th

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

Sunday, April 15th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Jesus Andaluz, Patricia Cunningham, Isaac Falci,
Maria Formoso, Juan Garcia, Keith Martin, Mark Martinez,
John McLoughlin, Amelia Mullings, Kathy Mulvaney,
Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, Mary Ann Rose, Rocco Scura,
Anthony Sellitti, Michael Termini, Bobby Tinio,
Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers,
David Woolwine*

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

*Lisa Heine, Marian Lizzio, John Marshall and
Patricia O'Grady*

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

Now that the Triduum and Easter Sunday are completed, I wanted to thank the countless people who made these three days and Easter Sunday such a beautiful and reverent experience of prayer and community. The musicians, dancers, environmental artists, liturgical ministers (lectors, ministers of communion and hospitality, coordinators), the RCIA team and parish and staff who worked "behind the sanctuary", all contributed to make these days such an exquisite expression of faith and worship.

But let's not forget that Easter is not just a day it's a whole season of 50 days. We have so much to look forward to. Today we celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation for those in the RCIA who were already baptized in other Christian Churches but who have asked to be part of the Roman Catholic community. Later on in the Easter season we will celebrate First Eucharist with our children and Confirmation with our teens. Much to celebrate!

One of the things I love most about the Easter season is the opportunity we have to pray with the stories of the Risen Jesus' encounters with the disciples. What always moves me is that He is the one who comes to find them wherever they are; in the Upper Room, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee or on the Road to Emmaus. The question for all of us is "Where and how do we encounter the Risen Lord?" As a follow-up to our Lenten reflection, "Come and Journey with Jesus", I'd like to invite you to gather for "Jesus Journeys With Us: Encounters with the Risen One". The first session will be April 15th from 10:15 -11:15 in the Xavier High School Chapel. Please let me know if you might be interested in attending.

May the blessing of the Risen Lord Jesus be with you during this beautiful and joyful season of the year!

In the Risen Christ,

Father Bob

RETURNING CATHOLICS

*We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
- T. S. Elliot*

An invitation for those considering returning to the catholic church or who just want to ask questions. Members of the parish staff and parishioners will welcome you in a safe, confidential and judgment-free space. Come to one or all of the evenings. Ask questions, share experiences and be at home. We will meet Sundays at 3:30pm starting on April 15 in Xavier High School If you are interested please contact Fr. Dan at DCorrou@sfxavier.org



Young Adults
CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Hello Again Twenty & Thirty-Somethings! You are ALL personally invited to join us for our regular monthly meeting as we kick off the Spring Season.

This is the perfect time of the year to come out hibernation and meet other gorgeous, socially-conscious, and savvy fellow New Yorkers for good food, engaging conversation, and cheer! Pls bring a snack or drink to share.

We will also offer and discuss opportunities to get involved in various social justice causes or meaningful actions here in NYC.

Sunday, April 8, immediately following the 5:00pm mass in the West Room. We welcome ALL... single, married, LGBTQ, and straight. sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

From Paris to Berlin

April 27th
7:30pm
Main Church



Join Canadian artists Adi Braun and Linda Ippolito as they bring the music of the 20th century European cabaret to life. Pianist Linda Ippolito captures the spirit of the moment in a series of improvisations and impromptus by Poulenc, Rachmaninoff, Giesking and Fauré. Vocalist Adi Braun – joined by her trio of John Di Martino , pianist, Tom Hubbard, bass, and David Silliman, drums – pays tribute to the “Moderne Frau” (Modern Woman) of 1920’s and ‘30’s Berlin in songs by Weill, Hollaender, Grothe, Spoliansky and her own cabaret originals. An evening of rare and roaring delights not to be missed!

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, May 11th
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
West Room

Gabriela Montequin and the Reverend Virginia VerEecke plan to surprise us with their presentation! So please come prepared to be delighted, and bring a snack or beverage to share with friends, familiar and new. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804.



AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2018 Xavier Team

As a parish, we encourage as many individuals as possible to JOIN OUR TEAM and/or contribute on-line whatever is comfortable. Visit the Team Page at <https://ny.aidswalk.net/sfx>

Be sure to use the Church of Saint Francis Xavier Team’s Number, #1250

A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT XAVIER: TEXT GIVING



We’re excited to announce a new way to support Xavier. You now can text your gift. To give via text, send a text message with the dollar amount (e.g. “\$10”) to our reserved phone number (262-214-3627). If this is your first time giving this way, you will have to fill out a short form with your billing information. After the initial setup, giving is as easy as sending a text message. Make sure to save Text Giving in your contacts for future gifts. Unfortunately, you cannot setup recurring giving using this option. For recurring giving we suggest using our FaithDirect e-giving by enrolling online by clicking the Donate Now button on the upper-right hand corner of our parish homepage. Thank you for being part of Xavier and our ministries. Prayers and best wishes for a joyful Easter season.



JOIN US ON APRIL 15TH

To learn about the Alliance for Fair Food And the Protection of Farmworker Women ~West Room after 11:30 Mass~

Generations of farmworker women have suffered sexual violence or harassment, but the Fair Food Program, launched in 2011, offers agricultural workers protections they have never had before.

At our next P&J meeting, on April 15, representatives of the Alliance for Fair Food will discuss their campaign to get Wendy's to join the Fair Food Program. Currently, Wendy's is the only major fast-food brand that has not signed on. Instead, they shifted their tomato purchases from Florida to Mexico, where women are not protected.

All are welcome to join us for this conversation. If you have questions or want more information, email us at: xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com

This Eastertide, come and witness the empowering Feminism & Wisdom of the Phoenix of America, the 10th Muse

SOR JUANA INES DE LA CRUZ

**Sunday April 15th
2:00 pm
Mary Chapel**

An afternoon of Sor Juana's Spirituality, poetry, and writings, and a taste of Mexico.



"Who has forbidden women to engage in private and individual studies? Have they not a rational soul as men do? I have this inclination to study and if it is evil I am not the one who formed me thus - I was born with it and with it I shall die."

Sponsored by The Women Who Stayed

XAVIER YOGA FOR ALL

Tuesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm
in the Main Church.

Classes are donation based.
All are welcome.

For more information: ko@nyyogalife.com

*The Lay Spirituality Program
invites you to*

**A Conversation with
Fr. Dan Corrou, SJ**



British Red Cross

CALLED TO BE COMPANIONS: THE REFUGEE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

**PRESENTATION AND Q&A
Refreshments to Follow**

Proceeds will be donated
to Jesuit Refugee Service

**April 11th at 6:30 pm
Mary Chapel**

**JOIN THE XAVIER ADULT GROUP FOR A
TOUR OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH**



Thursday, April 19 at 1:00 pm

Here is a chance to tour the church with Jim Martinez. Hear the history of Xavier, learn about the massive restoration completed in 2010, and visit the not often seen choir loft. Following the tour we will enjoy a pizza lunch in the West room and watch highlights from the documentary film about the church renovations. Meet in the West room at 1:00 pm. All are welcome.

Please RSVP so we know how many pizzas to order. xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com or call Tom and Nancy 212-929-3157.

**ZEN SPIRIT/
CHRISTIAN SPIRIT AT XAVIER**

**Saturday, April 21st
9:30am - 4pm West Room**

*Exploring Silence and Deepening Awareness
A day of teaching, reflection, and meditation*

Many Christians have discovered in Zen a profound connection to life. Through the practice of stillness and awareness, we wake to a world of wonder and gratitude for life in all its aspects. This day of meditation and discussion provides an excellent opportunity for both the curious and committed.

Space is limited, please make a reservation by emailing Peggy and Paul Schubert at schubertnyc@gmail.com. A \$20 donation is suggested to cover lunch and refreshments.



**DO YOU HAVE A SKILL
TO SHARE
WITH OUR FRIENDS
WHO GATHER IN
HURTADO HALL
ON THURSDAY EVENINGS?**

Members of The New Sanctuary Coalition who gather every Thursday evening in Hurtado Hall from 6 to 8:30 pm are seeking Xavier Parishioners who are willing to share life skills with them. They have so far learned a little yoga and had a short workshop on finances. Do you have a specialized skill or area of expertise that you could share with our friends? Would you be available to help kids with homework or play during these gatherings?

If so, contact Linda (linda@rchavez.net) for more information or to discuss further.

**THE SHEEN CENTER
UPCOMING EVENTS**

TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH: *Jesuits and Jedi: Science and Spirituality in the Age of Star Wars*

Blast off for an evening with "The Pope's astronomer" and popular author, Brother Guy Consolmagno, S.J., an American Jesuit and Director of the Vatican's observatory (co-author of *Would you Baptize an Extraterrestrial?*), as he takes us on a tour through the cosmos and some of his favorite (and not-so-favorite) science fiction stories and movies, exploring the spiritual themes they contain. Joining him for this conversation about faith, science and imagination is Dr. Charles Camosy of Fordham University. This is sure to be an out of this world event!

MONDAY, APRIL 16TH AT 7:30PM:

Fr. George Drance will host an evening of *Mystical Poetry in Performance* at the Sheen Center. These beautiful poems from the Jewish, Christian, and Sufi traditions focus on Divine Love. They will be performed in their original languages and in translation.

Tickets: <https://sheencenter.org/calendar/>

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 4:32-35;1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31.

MONDAY~THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD: Isa 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10.

7:45AM JOHN GORRA (D)
12:05PM CHRISTINE WRIGHT (D)

SECOND TUESDAY OF EASTER: Acts 32-37;
John 3:7b-15.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM ARTHUR CUNNINGHAM (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. STANISLAUS: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21.

7:45AM BARRY BANDUR (D)
12:05PM EDWARD RIGUARDI (D)

SECOND THURSDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36.

7:45AM ROBERT VERECKE, SJ (L)
12:05PM FREDDY GIOIA (D)

SECOND FRIDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15.

7:45AM JOAN HOFFMAN (D)
12:05PM BRIAN GILLESPIE (L)

SECOND SATURDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21.

12:05PM LUIS CONDE (D)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19;1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48.

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

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 sfxcggroup@gmail.com

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact Jose Ramon, joseramonperezlopez@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.

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

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

XAVIER ADULT GROUP: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact xaversharingandlearninggroup@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