



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart.
(Psalm 7-8)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 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

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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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 21st

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

Sunday, April 22nd

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, 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, 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, Jeanne Murphy, Sr Doris Pagano, SC, Martino Pietanza 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

Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure that many of you who have had the opportunity of sharing the joy of the members of our parish community who received the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil or this past Sunday at the 11:30 Liturgy. We now have 8 "neophytes" (newborn Christians) and 7 newly confirmed. It is such a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit working with these wonderful people who have been seeking Christ in our parish community through our RCIA Program. In preparation for last Sunday's ritual, I asked those to be confirmed and receive first Eucharist to share their thoughts about the RCIA process. I wanted to share some of them with you. I also want to thank Luz Marina, Sr. Charlotte Raftery, Roseann Bonadia and all the sponsors who make the RCIA such a dynamic process of faith and community.

A few years ago, during a period of spiritual crisis, I passed St. Francis Xavier as mass was starting. I came inside and heard the choir singing "The God of Second Chances". Sitting in a pew at the back, I had a good cry and made a commitment to come to mass every week for a year. The pastors here helped me, in many ways, to center myself spiritually. A couple years later, when I realized how much this community was here for me, I decided to make a commitment to be here for the community. Confirmation has been the first step in this process. And I look forward to the next.

The community and connection with others who are asking the same questions and on a similar journey have been a tremendous gift and have been most responsible for deepening my faith.

There's an old African proverb, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." For quite a while now, I have felt a longing to strengthen my faith and seek God for answers. With today's advancements in technology I could've easily pulled up a sermon from countless churches that broadcast over the Internet. I could've also read books on spirituality. Instead, I wanted to go "old school" and be around likeminded people who were seeking a deeper connection with Jesus.

I think through RCIA I am coming to better appreciate Christ's teaching that "where two or more gather in my name, there I am with them." This space of searching, reflection, and fellowship has been a welcome refuge for me in these anxious days, and has helped start to remember the powerful ordinariness of divine love.

When I moved to NY it was very hard to get any friends to join me for mass. Through RCIA I have found a community and a wonderful group of individuals that support each other's Catholic journey.

I think you can see what a powerful effect this journey has had on the lives of those newly confirmed. Speaking of the sacrament of Confirmation, we are beginning a 5 week program for Catholic adults who have not received their full initiation and desire to be confirmed. The group will meet on Saturday afternoons from 3:00pm to 4:30pm beginning on April 21st. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

In the Risen Christ

Fr. Bob VerEecke S.J.

From Paris to Berlin

April 27th

7:30pm

Main Church



AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2018 Xavier Team

As a parish, we encourage as many individuals as possible to JOIN OUR TEAM and/or contribute online 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

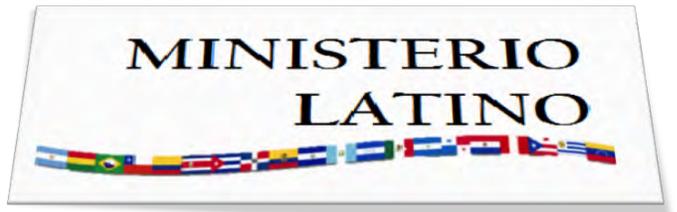
Catholic Lesbians

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.



La Pascua de Resurrección es buen momento para dar inicio al Ministerio Latino en la Iglesia de San Francisco Javier en Manhattan.

Celebraremos una misa en español el tercer sábado de cada mes a partir del sábado 21 de abril de 6 pm a 7 pm en la capilla Maria con un convite después de la misa en la sala oeste. Si puedes, trae algo de comer y/o beber para compartir.

MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Sábado 21 de abril

6 pm – 7 pm

Capilla Maria

Convite después de la misa en la sala oeste

46 Oeste de la Calle 16 (entre las avenidas 5 y 6)

55 Oeste de la Calle 15 (entre las avenidas 5 y 6)

Si tiene preguntas sobre el Ministerio Latino contacte a *Luz Marina Diaz* al

(212) 627-2100 ext. 207 imdiaz@sfxavier.org

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.

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

Did you know that Cremation is an acceptable form of Christian burial? Did you know that Cremated remains must be cared for reverently and properly interred in a sacred place?

Did you know that there is only one Catholic Cemetery in Manhattan? It is "The Basilica of Saint Patrick's " Old Cathedral at 263 Mulberry St New York N.Y. Over a century ago due to lack of space the practice of interring on Basilica grounds was suspended and limited to the interment of former Catholic Pastors. The Basilica revised the tradition with the introduction of a Columbarium. Due to the overwhelming demand for the niches in the first outdoor Columbarium, more will be added to the Basilica's historical cemetery, as well as adding many more in the indoor catacombs. Each Columbarium will be hand built by stone artisans and contain niches for the internment of cremated remains. They will fit impeccably into the historic design of the Basilica creating a solemn refuge for the faithful departed and a sanctuary for the bereaved. The urns will be reverently placed inside a secured niche and memorialized with a granite stone face plate on which the names will be meticulously engraved.

For over 200 years the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral has been preparing Catholics for eternity. With the introduction of the Columbaria, they are preparing a sacred and historical place in which to spend it.

**WE THE CHURCH OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER
HAVE OUR OWN SECTION IN THE CATACOMBS.**

Want more information? Our next meeting is on **April 29th after our 11:30am Mass in the West Room.** If you are interested in attending please contact *Peter Ranello* directly at [peterranello@hotmail.com](mailto:peteranello@hotmail.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



How safe are the workers who pick your tomatoes?

Come learn about the Fair Food Program and efforts to protect women agricultural workers from harassment and sexual violence.

~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.

On Sunday, after 11:30 Mass, 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.

If you have questions or want more information, email us at: xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com

Do You Want to Make a Difference in the World?

JustFaith is an inspiring and energizing, small group program that encourages a new or renewed commitment to work for social change. JustFaith provides a safe place to discuss social issues, through the lens of our Catholic faith. In community with others, JustFaith invites participants to take a spiritual journey into compassion. This 24-week program which includes study, discussion, retreats and immersion experiences will begin at Xavier this September.

An Information Session will be held on
Sunday, April 22 at 1:00 pm in the West Room.
If you are interested, please come and learn more.

If you are interested, but unable to attend the information session, you can email *Bob Choiniere* (rchoiniere@sfxavier.org) or *Jack Schmitt* (schmittjps@aol.com) with any questions.

**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.

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/>

JESUITICAL LIVE!

Join America Media's Associates Board for an evening of drinks, networking, and a live recording of the hit podcast Jesuitical with special guest Mary Karr.

Wednesday, April 18

6:30-8:30pm

**America Media Offices
(1212 Avenue of the Americas)**

Tickets are \$25 and still available. For more information, please visit www.americamagazine.org/jesuitical or email parishioner Cara Caponi at cara.caponi@gmail.com.

**THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

IN PEW WEEKEND: APRIL 21-22

The Cardinal's Appeal helps spread the Good News. The Appeal supports the many programs that nurture our faith through each stage of spiritual development in 12 Ministry Offices, which include: Adult Faith Formation, Family Like/Respect Life, Hispanic Ministry, Black Ministry, Liturgy, University Apostolate, Prison Apostolate, Young Adult Outreach, Youth Ministry, and Hospital Apostolate. Please help sustain these vital programs by making your pledge to the Appeal today. Your commitment will help us reach our parish goal of \$106,000. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER:

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

THIRD MONDAY OF EASTER: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29.

7:45AM CAROL BEKKEDAHL
12:05PM JOHN MARSHALL (D)

THIRD TUESDAY OF EASTER: Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM ANTHONY CIVALE (D)

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40.

7:45AM JENETTE OLSEN (D)
12:05PM MARGARET WEBER (D)

THIRD THURSDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51.

7:45AM WILL DEMPSEY (D)
12:05PM WILLIAM BACCAGLINI SR. (D)

THIRD FRIDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59.

7:45AM WILL DEMPSEY (D)
12:05PM JOHN MARSHALL (D)

THIRD SATURDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69.

12:05PM ETHEL SCHEMBRI (D)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18.

**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