



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in them.
(1 John 4:16)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 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

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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

Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221

Receptionist — 201

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Pastoral Council

Jack Schmitt (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, May 19th

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

Sunday, May 20th

9:00am Mass: *Bishop Gerald Walsh, SJ*

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jesus Andaluz, Joseph Cali, Patricia Cunningham, Amor Domingo, Isaac Falci, Maria Formoso, Juan Garcia, Yvette Hogu, Robyn Luisi, Keith Martin, Mark Martinez, John McLoughlin, Amelia Mullings, Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keeffe, Mary Ann Rose, Anthony Sellitti, Michael Termini, Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers, David Woolwine

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

Barbara Bisch, Charles Bischoff, Oddie De Blois, Lisa Heine, Brian Hodgman, Delia Hechanova, Jane Jones, Marian Lizzio, John Marshall, Jeanne Murphy, Sr Doris Pagano, SC, Martino Pietanza, Rocco Scura, Bobby Tinio and Rafael Tinio

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,

Happy Mother's Day! This weekend we give thanks for the gift of our mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, godmothers and all those who have been life givers to us in the unique way a mother gives life. At least this year we don't have a Gospel that mentions God the Father 12 times! This year there is only one reference ☺ As I said last year in my letter, hearing Jesus speak of his intimate relationship with the Father we can easily forget that God as the source and well- spring of life is "Mother". One of my favorite mystics, Julian of Norwich speaks of "our tender mother, Jesus". She reminds us that as a mother gives her life and nourishes the child of her womb with her own body and blood, so Jesus has not only given his life for us but also feeds and nourishes us with his life in the Eucharist. All of this is to again affirm the mystery of God who nurtures us and sustains us in life with "motherly/ fatherly" care.

It is our "tender mother Jesus" who offers himself to the children who receive their first Eucharist this weekend. I had the wonderful opportunity to share with these children a story that I had written many years ago. It's called "Rachel's and Michael's Miracle". It tells of two children who on their seventh birthdays go fishing (Rachel with her grandfather) and bread baking (Michael with his grandmother). It is this bread and fish that become the gift that feeds the "multitudes". There is a very poignant moment in the story when the children are asked to share what they have and they come to realize that the love that they shared with their grandparents, symbolized by the bread and fish is the "secret ingredient" that they had been wondering about. It is no "secret" that the main ingredient in the Eucharist is Christ's love for these children and for each of us.

I continue to pray the joy of the Risen Christ will fill your minds and hearts during this Easter Season.

In the peace and joy of the Risen Christ,

Fr. Bob



Whether you are expecting your first child or a veteran mom - please, join us for a casual, open, light-hearted conversation on Being a Mom. ALL ARE WELCOME.



WHERE: Mary Chapel

WHEN: Tuesday, May 15
@ 8:30am

THERE WILL BE COFFEE!

Questions, contact Michelle Jung
lee.moonhyung.michelle@gmail.com

MUSIC AND ART WITH THE XAVIER ADULT GROUP



**Wednesday, May 16th
at 1:00 pm**

Join us at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall to hear students from the Juilliard School of Music perform an

hour long concert of chamber music. We will meet in the Alice Tully Hall lobby at 12:15. After the concert we will visit the American Folk Art Museum, just across the street, to hear live jazz as we look at the exhibit "Vestiges & Verse: Notes from the Newfangled Epic." At this extraordinary show we will see the art of twenty-one self-taught artists. Admission to both is free. If you would like more information email xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com or call Tom and Nancy 212-929-3157.

THANK YOU!

The Church of St. Francis Xavier would like to thank *The Board of Figli di San Gennaro, Inc.* for their gift of \$3,000 to our Family Faith Program.

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, June 8th
6:00 pm-9:00 pm
West Room**

"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences."
(Audre Lorde, *Our Dead Behind Us: Poems*)

Paula Acuti and Roe Sauerzopf will be the hostesses for this Pride Month meeting. Please bring a snack or beverage to share with friends, familiar and new. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804.

THE SFX ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY: CARING FOR CREATION

This year, the Earth Day Network sounded the alarm on plastic! Currently, plastic production uses 8% of global fossil fuels (the raw material itself plus the energy used in production). As use of fossil fuels decline for transportation and electricity, the fossil fuel industry is promoting increased uses of plastic in other areas. So it's a double whammy: 1) the 100's-of-years life span of plastic means that it pollutes the environment by breaking down into micro pieces and getting into our soil, fresh water, oceans, the food chain and finally our bodies, AND 2) the CO2 footprint of plastic production. So as we wean ourselves off plastic, we show Mercy2Earth in two ways! A double grace!

More suggestions:

- Reuse bags and containers in your own home or give them to an agency that can use them e.g. SFX Mission. Use a reusable safe plastic or metal water bottle. Donate/buy used plastic toys and furniture.
- Recycle electronics; they contain a lot of plastic. It is now against the law in NYC to put them out for garbage pickup; check with stores (Best Buy is a good option), the city (nyc.gov/sanitation) and Lower East Side Ecology Center for recycling options.
- Remove plastic from the environment. Support organizations that do this (e.g. Riverkeeper, Ocean Conservancy); pick up plastic trash in your neighborhood or organize neighborhood clean-ups. Write to one or two manufacturers to request that they stop using plastic packaging for their products. Support laws that prohibit plastic bags, Styrofoam, and microbeads. Ask your state reps before June to support NY State Senate bill S7760 and Assembly bill A9953, which would ban single-use plastic bags statewide and place a 10-cent fee on paper and newly purchased reusable bags; this policy has worked in California.

XAVIER OUTINGS - Xoutings is a relatively new parish group for gay parishioners and friends who are interested in gathering informally for social events, lectures, performances. If you are interested in knowing about events please contact xoutings@gmail.com



**THANK YOU!!
FOR HELPING
STAMP OUT DESPAIR**

Thank you for your generosity last weekend! We collected hundreds of stamped envelopes, along with writing paper, pens and other writing supplies for asylum seekers being held in detention in the NY metro area. In addition, we received over \$600 in donations for First Friends of NJ/ NY, who provide many kinds of assistance and support to asylum seekers and detainees.

You can learn more about First Friends and ways to support their work at: <https://firstfriendsnjny.org>.

For more information on supporting immigrant rights, contact us at sanxnyc@gmail.com

Para celebrar la fiesta de Pentecostés, habrá una Misa en Español el sábado, 19 de mayo. Por favor, acompáñenos y disfrutemos de esta experiencia de la venida del Espíritu Santo. La Misa tendrá lugar a las 6 y media de la tarde en la capilla Mariana.

“The prayer of Faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up.” James 5:16

**HEALING MASS
FRIDAY, MAY 25TH
7:30PM**

There will be an opportunity for individual prayers for healing and anointing with blessed oil. (This is not the sacrament of the sick) The mass is sponsored by the Xavier Company. *Father James Sheehan* will preside. All are welcome to come and pray for healing of mind, body and spirit.

The Xavier Company is seeking new members to help with their quarterly healing mass. Eucharistic ministers, ushers and singers are needed. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Carol Ferrone at 212-627-2100 ext. 217 or thexaviercomany@gmail.com.



JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND

For an update on the Kings Bay Activists and to Reflect and to Plan for 2018-2019

**Sunday, May 20th
Mary Chapel, after 11:30 Mass**

All Are Welcome!!

The Peace & Justice Committee invites you to join us on May 20 as we reflect on our efforts over the past year and plan for the year ahead. We will also get an update on the Kings Bay Activists, and postcards will be available for messages of support to the 7 peace activists being held in a Georgia jail.

Please come with your ideas and suggestions on activism and education for justice next year.

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



Mary: #metoo

The Lay Spirituality Program invites you to an evening with

Fr. Francis Gargani

Lay Spirits invites everyone to an evening of reflection on this preeminent figure in our faith tradition, **Mary, the mother of the Christ.** We will consider Mary's historical background, scriptural evidence and the theological evolution in our relationship with her from suffering woman and maternal icon to a woman of liberation and justice.

Date: Wednesday, May 30

Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm

Place: Mary Chapel

Free Will Donation

Fr. Francis Gargani, a Redemptorist priest and rector of the Redemptorist provincial community in Brooklyn, has been a friend of the Xavier community and Lay Spirits since the early 1990's. Currently, Fr. Gargani gives a variety of programs on social justice and spirituality in the metropolitan area.



COMING ATTRACTIONS!

**L-STEP GRADUATION:
MONDAY, MAY 21
6:00PM**



Graduation in the Church followed by dinner and dancing in Hurtado Hall. RSVP to rjohnson@xaviermission.org.



**ROSA MEXICANO
"GUAC FOR GOOD":
TUESDAY, MAY 29
ALL DAY**

Have lunch or dinner at Rosa Mexicano on 18th St. and 15% of your total bill will be donated to Xavier Mission! Pick up a card at the back of the church or just mention "Xavier Mission".

**BLOCK PARTY:
SATURDAY, JUNE 16
11:00AM — 5:00PM**

Join us on 16th Street for a BBQ lunch, music, dancing, fairway games, a photo booth, face painting, a bouncy house and a dunk tank! Bring the whole family to celebrate!



**ANNUAL REPORT,
HOT OFF THE PRESSES!**

Check out the Xavier Mission 2017 Annual Report, highlighting our work and successes last fiscal year. You can grab a copy in the back of the church or read it online at www.xaviermission.org!



XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

&

THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

**WELCOME
FR. GREG BOYLE, SJ**

WITH HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES MANAGERS
STEVE AVALOS & JOSE ARELLANO



ENTER KEENAN COMMONS AT 31 W. 15TH ST.



BOOK SIGNING TO FOLLOW

I would like to thank the many families in our parish who have contributed to the Cardinal's Appeal thus far. To date, we raised \$27,147.00 in pledges towards our \$106,000 goal. We are getting closer, but we still have a ways to go! Remember, 60% of any cash raised over goal is returned to our parish. Please take a moment this week to make your contribution. Thank you all for your generosity and support.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16;
John 17:11b-19.

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17.

7:45AM ROBERT F BALZARINI (D)
12:05PM JOHN MARSHALL (D)

SEVENTH TUESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM GEORGE SPLAIN (D)

SEVENTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19.

7:45AM DEREK RAYMER (D)
12:05PM DONNA ROHLING (L)

SEVENTH THURSDAY OF EASTER : Acts

22:30, 23:6-11; John 17:20-26.

7:45AM MICHAEL TEAGUE (D)
12:05PM ROBERT JOEDICKE (D)

SEVENTH FRIDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19.

7:45AM DANNY WOODS (D)
12:05PM RICHARD MARIANI (D)

SEVENTH SATURDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25.

12:05PM WINIFREDO D. SAMOY (D)

PENTECOST SUNDAY:

Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; John 15:26-27.

**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