



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:1-3)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Latin America & Home Missions

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 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)

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;

John Karle; Charles Mileski; Deborah Olley Murphy;

PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

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 26th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

Sunday, May 27th

9:00am Mass: *Ronald Amiot, 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

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, Gale Wilkerson

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 Friends,

Can you remember back to the first Sunday of Lent? Do you remember the story of Noah and the sign of the covenant that we heard about that day? In case you have forgotten, it was the rainbow. We tried to keep that symbol alive throughout the Lenten season. I even wore a “rain-boa” on the third Sunday of Lent. :)

Well, this Sunday, Pentecost, whose color is ordinarily red, will also include the colors of the rainbow. It will be most noticeable at the 11:30 a.m. liturgy in which we celebrate and remember the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ministries Catholic Lesbians and Gay Catholics. Beginning with the vision of Sr. Anne Citarella, SC in 1993, parishioners (especially those who were directly involved with the LGBT ministries) modeled compassion for those struggling with HIV/AIDS. They also have been steadfast in their solidarity with the LGBT community members who have been judged and stigmatized by the “institutional” church.

For twenty-five years--and even longer than the LGBT ministries' official beginnings--the Church of St. Francis Xavier has been a parish that has extended welcome to all, no matter what one's race, gender, or orientation. Many of our new parishioners, since I became pastor, have explicitly mentioned the welcome and inclusivity of this faith community as the reason they have chosen to belong. Most of all, on this feast of Pentecost and the anniversary of the LGBT ministries at Xavier, I want to give a “shout-out” for the courage and commitment of all our LGBT parishioners who have not walked away from a church that preaches justice but is unjust to them. Rather, they have chosen to walk together, hand-in-hand, with Jesus Christ. There is much reason for pride in our faith community and our LGBT friends.

On Ash Wednesday, I suggested an alternative to “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.” It was “Remember that you are loved and to love you shall return.” God's love for each and every one of us is unfathomable. Only the Holy Spirit knows the depths of God's love, and She is the one who “reveals” this love in Jesus Christ so that we may “revel” in our God who truly embraces who we are.

Happy Pentecost! Happy birthday of the church! Happy 25th anniversary to our LGBT ministries!

In the Joy of the Spirit!

Bob VerEecke S.J.

READY FOR YOUR SUMMER GETAWAY?

Are you starting to plan your summer vacation? What is the best way to ensure that Xavier receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the summer months? Go Green and enroll in Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. 438 families now use Faith Direct to support Xavier. Enroll today by visiting our parish homepage and clicking the Donate Now button, scanning the QR code below, or mailing in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office.

If you are using envelopes we encourage you to make the switch to Faith Direct. Envelopes are expensive: printing, mailing, handling, donation processing and tax letters. In fact, at least 5 sets of hands handle the envelopes on the parish side, not to mention printing and mailing. If you want to stop receiving envelopes please contact Stephanie Fuentes at sfuentes@sfxavier.org or (212) 627-2100 ext. 222.

Please consider joining the 32 other families who signed up for Faith Direct during the last year. Thank you for your continued support of Xavier with your time and talent as well as treasure.



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.

AN IGNATIAN JOURNEY TO SPAIN

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF IGNATIUS LOYOLA & FRANCIS XAVIER

9-Days: October 13 to 21, 2018

Under the Leadership of Fr. Matt Malone, S.J.
President/Editor in Chief, America Media

Group Coordinator: Mr. James Cappabianca

Associate Director of Advancement, America Media

SPACE IS LIMITED.

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Download a Brochure to Share:

www.GoCatholicTravel.com/18076

Thrive For Life Prison Project is continuing its furniture drive for our Ignacio House initiative!

Ignacio House is a house of studies for 24 formerly incarcerated individuals who are pursuing degrees and job workforce training.

We hope to move in to Ignacio House in the next 6-8 weeks and need your help with the following items:

- New mattresses and box springs
- New or lightly used desks and dressers

Items are also available on our online registries through Bed Bath & Beyond and Wayfair, which can be found on our website's Donate page.

Go to: thriveforlife.org/donate

Contact us at: info@thriveforlife.org

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



**THE IMMIGRATION
INITIATIVE INVITES YOU
TO HELP PLAN
FOR OUR FUTURE**

The SFX Immigration Initiative will be holding a planning meeting on Saturday, June 9 at 2:00 pm in the Mary Chapel. We will review the events of the past year and look ahead to the year to come.

Everyone who has participated in our work, and anyone who would like to learn more about what we do is encouraged to attend.

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

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 **\$27,702.00** 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.



JOIN US

**After 11:30 Mass ~ Mary Chapel~
For an update on the Kings Bay Activists
and To Reflect and to Plan for 2018-2019**

All Are Welcome!!

The Peace & Justice Committee invites you to join us in the Mary Chapel as we reflect on our past efforts and plan for the year ahead. We will also get an update on the Kings Bay Activists, peace activists jailed in Georgia after entering a nuclear submarine base. We will have postcards for messages of support to the activists.

Please come with your ideas and suggestions for 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

"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.

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 thexaviercompany@gmail.com.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND
JORDAN WITH FR. JOE COSTANTINO, S.J.**

DATE: October 2-12 COST:\$3,695 (guaranteed till June 1st or for the first 20)

Please contact *Angie Cruz* at angiecruzphd@gmail.com or 917-607-0937.



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 the theological evolution in our relationship with Mary 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

PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT

JUNE 4TH AND 11TH
6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.
MARY CHAPEL

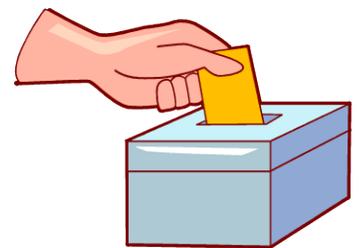
Have you ever considered being part of the Pastoral Council? If not, now is the perfect time! One seat will open soon as *Deborah Olley Murphy* will complete service to the parish community. At this time we are asking parishioners to prayerfully consider serving the parish in this capacity.

Note: Term of service is initially for three years with an opportunity to renew for an additional three years. Terms beginning in September and go until the end of August.

To be considered for the pastoral council an individual must be:

- a baptized Catholic;
- a registered member of the parish for at least two years;
- a participant in the ongoing life of the parish, especially at the Eucharist;
- be willing to participate in two evenings of discernment (June 4th and 11th);
- a person with a capacity to listen that outweighs the need to speak;
- be able to attend a monthly meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.;
- be able to attend a three day business meeting/retreat on a weekend in the Fall.
- available for periodic ad hoc committee assignments;
- be willing to discontinue or not assume a leadership role in any parish ministry during your tenure on the pastoral council so as to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

All members of the parish are invited and encouraged to participate in the discernment process for the selection of new pastoral council members and all registered parishioners are eligible to vote. However, in order to vote for new council members, parishioners must attend both meetings (June 4th and 11th) beginning at 6:30pm.



Membership on the Pastoral Council is a great opportunity to use your gifts in a vitally important role. Please consider whether this is a good time for you to serve the parish in this way.



TOMMOROW!

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.



SUCCESS STORIES

As we prepare to celebrate another class of graduates from L-STEP tomorrow, please enjoy Venus's story. Hers is just an example of the kind of impact our LSEP programs have.

"I grew up just outside of Atlanta, Georgia. In high school my father introduced me to the streets, and I ended up doing a lot of things that I knew were not right. Eventually I was arrested and received a felony charge that carried up to 20 years in prison, but I went into drug treatment instead. After several cycles of treatment and relapse, my mother told me that she couldn't watch me kill myself and that I had to leave her house. I had nowhere to turn, so I bought a one-way ticket to New York City, and started the process of rebuilding my life.

Joining the Coming Home Program was a turning point in my journey. While at Coming Home, I met a lot of resilient people that had so much to offer the

world if they could just have another chance, like me. They helped me to open up, and I learned that I was not alone and that I could trust others without fear of being judged. Talking about what happened to me allowed me to bring light to parts of my life that I thought would stay in the dark. Most importantly, sharing my story allowed me to recognize that making bad decisions does not mean that I am a bad person. I knew that I was on the path to greatness.

In 2016, I returned to Coming Home as a peer facilitator, where I helped others to open up and get comfortable with sharing. I am currently employed as a junior associate at Housing Works, where I have connected over 500 clients to vital resources that can help restore order to a life of chaos. Most importantly, I am currently in the process of returning to college to be a social worker. I think that it is a great way to continue to grow, and to help others see the light and know that they are destined for greatness too."

COMING SOON!

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!

WE NEED BLOCK PARTY HELP!

Unless we discover how to clone ourselves between now and June 16th, my staff and I need your help! The Block Party won't be possible without the entire community taking part.

Please sign up for a shift by visiting www.xaviermission.org/blockparty

Shifts are only 1 hour (2 in the kitchen) so you'll still have plenty of time to enjoy the fun!

Scriptures & Announced Masses

PENTECOST SUNDAY:

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

SEVENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29.

7:45AM DENNIS ROCHELLE (D)

12:05PM MICHAEL EBECLE (D)

SEVENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37.

7:45AM RICHARD R. HEGER (D)

12:05PM TIMOTHY PODMORE (D)

SEVENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40.

7:45AM LINDSEY PARIS (D)

12:05PM CUONG HOANG (D)

SEVENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME : James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50.

7:45AM WALTER JONES (D)

12:05PM RODNEY CAPUNITAN (D)

SEVENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12.

7:45AM SHIRLEY(SUI HONG) LEE (D)

12:05PM GERALD LEPISKO (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. PHILIP NERI:

James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16.

12:05PM FRANCIS SCHULTZ (D)

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY

TRINITY: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17;

Matt 28:16-20.

**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, alloccarose@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