



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

*A JESUIT APOSTOLATE*

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**OFFICE CLOSED**  
MONDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am in the Mary Chapel. Please use 15<sup>th</sup> Street entrance.

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

May 27, 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)

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;

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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, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00am Mass: *Robert VerEecke, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, 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, 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 Parishioners,

It finally feels like Spring! After such wonderful celebrations of Pentecost, it's a gift to feel the warmth of summer beginning to arrive. I realize that many of you will be away this weekend for the "official" beginning of the summer season. I hope wherever you are that this Memorial Day Weekend will be "memorable" for you and for your loved ones. It's also Trinity Sunday, a day on which we remember the one who is Love. We may not be able to understand the mystery of God's triune life but we do know something about life and love. As I stand before the mystery of the "three-in one" God I'm 'remembering' a poem of Mary Oliver about prayer, which is really about standing before the ultimate mystery of life and love.

*"Praying"*

*It doesn't have to be  
the blue iris, it could be  
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few  
small stones; just  
pay attention, then patch*

*a few words together and don't try  
to make them elaborate, this isn't  
a contest but the doorway*

*into thanks, and a silence in which  
another voice may speak."*

Speaking of "thanks", I wanted to thank those of you who were able to make contributions to the Brooklyn Jesuit Prep summer program that I wrote to you about. I received a note of thanks from BJP President, Patricia Garvey. She is very grateful for the support of Xavier.

Speaking of "support", I would like to ask you to consider a contribution to the Cardinals' Annual Stewardship Appeal. There are so many ways in which we as a parish benefit from the various offices and ministries of the Arch. Here at Xavier our most immediate contact is with those that deal with the sacrament of marriage, youth and young adult ministry and religious education. David Brown, Director of Real Estate facilitated the process of 'renewing' and extending the lease to the Parish school, the income of which is used to pay off our loan for the Church Renovation. Xavier Mission is a recipient of funding from Catholic Charities. For all of these and many more ways in which we benefit from the work of the Arch, I'm hoping that we can show our gratitude as a parish by increasing our participation in this year's CASA. More on this to come!

Prayers and blessings for a "Spirit-filled" Memorial Weekend!

**Fr. Bob**

## 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto: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](http://www.GoCatholicTravel.com/18076)

### SEEKING EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR HOSPITAL MINISTRY AT MOUNT SINAI BETH ISRAEL (MSBI)

MSBI's Department of Spiritual Care Education seeks Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion and comfort to patients at Mount Sinai Beth Israel.

What do I need to do to get involved?

- Contact Rabbi Jo Hirschmann at 917-842- 6091 or [jo.hirschmann@mountsinai.org](mailto:jo.hirschmann@mountsinai.org) to let her know you are interested in this.

- Be willing to make a minimum weekly time commitment of one hour of ministry at MSBI. We are especially looking for people who can make a commitment on Mondays.

- Complete MSBI's onboarding process and go through an orientation and training.

If you would like to participate in the ministry of bringing Holy Communion to the sick, we would love to hear from you.



**THE IMMIGRATION  
INITIATIVE  
INVITES YOU  
TO TWO UPCOMING EVENTS**

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.

On Wednesday, June 13, at East End Temple (245 E 17th St.), First Friends of NJ/NY will introduce their work with immigrants and asylum seekers. Following a brief overview of their work, First Friends will conduct a training session for people interested in visiting asylum seekers being held in detention.

All are welcome!

For more information about either of these events, or more info on supporting immigrant rights, contact us at [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@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 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



**AIDS WALK NY  
GRATITUDE AND GRACE**

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our AWNY 2018 Campaign.

The fire of your love, as always, radiates what it means to be a member of this community.

We collected over \$27,000.00 and exceeded our goal. We are companions on this ongoing fight against HIV/AIDS, and we will win because of you.

*“People don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care...about them.”*

~ St. Francis Xavier  
God Bless You, John Weber

**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](mailto:xoutings@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 1<sup>st</sup> or for the first 20)

Please contact *Angie Cruz* at [angiecruzphd@gmail.com](mailto:angiecruzphd@gmail.com) or 917-607-0937.

The Pastoral Council invites you to join us for a

**PARISH-WIDE COFFEE HOUR**



as we welcome parishoners  
New to SFX on

**Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

in the **Mary Chapel**  
(following the 11:30 Mass)

All are welcome.



## ROSA MEXICANO “GUAC FOR GOOD”: TUESDAY, MAY 29 ALL DAY

Have lunch or dinner at Rosa Mexicano on 18<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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!



**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](http://thriveforlife.org/donate)

Contact us at: [info@thriveforlife.org](mailto:info@thriveforlife.org)

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY

**TRINITY:** Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17;  
Matt 28:16-20.

### EIGHTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Pet 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27.

### EIGHTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Pet 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM FELIX HERNANDEZ (D)

### EIGHTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** 1 Pet 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45.

7:45AM BABY EDITH(EDIE) NEUMANN (D)  
12:05PM MARIAN LIZZIO (D)

### THURSDAY~FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY : Zeph

3:14-18a; Rom 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56.

7:45AM SHIRLEY JONES STAMPER (D)  
12:05PM ELSIE SCHUTTE (D)

### FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. JUSTIN:

1 Pet 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26.

7:45AM NOREEN MEEHAN (D)  
12:05PM FABIAN JOSE GARCIA

### EIGHTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Jude 17, 20b-25; Mark 11:27-33.

12:05PM ANTHONY & MARY PORTELLI (D)

### SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY

### BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:

Exod 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26.

**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)

**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).

### 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)

**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)

**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, [sumiko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto: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](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).

**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)

**XAVIER ADULT GROUP:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com)

**THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE:** Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact [sanxny@gmail.com](mailto:sanxny@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)