



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and
whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5, 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 (Communion Service), 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;

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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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 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, August 11th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Tom Feely, SJ*

Sunday, August 12th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Kevin Spinale, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Thelma Alaras, Bridget Blain, Joseph Cali, Vivian Catenaccio, John Kevin Cloonan, Patricia Cunningham, Amor Domingo, Isaac Falci, Sherri Fallon, Anthony Ferrara, Mickey Flood, Maria Formoso, Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia, Mary Hannan, Yvette Hogu, Brigitte Johnson, Robyn Luisi, Manny Lopez, Keith Martin, Mark Martinez, John McLoughlin, Adrienne Montgomery, Amelia Mullings, Joan O'Brien, Eileen O'Keefe, Dean O'Sullivan, Mary Ann Rose, Leonarda Zafra Santos, Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, Toni Spinelli, Jeff Stevenson, 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:

Kate Galeone, Lee Giambruno, Camille Jerome, Marion Elise Kytte, Frances Ann Lisi, Logan Mannigan, Kathleen Mulvaney, David Roben, Sondra "Shevie" Shatsky, Jacqueline Walker, Marge Zwanziger

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

This past Tuesday, July 31st we celebrated the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola. I want to give thanks for all of you who are parishioners of St Francis Xavier and live the Ignatian Motto "Men and Women for Others". Without Ignatius' generous response to God's grace acting in his life, there would be no Society of Jesus, no St. Francis Xavier and no Spiritual Exercises. We are blessed by the life of this one man who was so radically transformed by God's "love and grace" and companionship with Jesus Christ.

One of the highlights of the year for me is my annual retreat that will begin this Saturday at Eastern Point retreat house in Gloucester, Ma. It's my go-to God-encounter place. I'm more than grateful for this time to deepen my relationship with Jesus and hopefully be able to share my prayers with you when I return. I am so grateful to Fr. Dan and the other Jesuits whose faithful service allow me to take this time for spiritual renewal.

I promise to hold you in prayer during this very special time of retreat.

Sincerely,

Bob VerEecke S.J.

FORMER JESUIT VOLUNTEERS!

Help us welcome the new Jesuit Volunteers! Xavier parish will be hosting a new JV welcome gathering and FJV pot luck on **August 19th** after the 5pm mass at Xavier.

The loose schedule for the evening

5pm mass
6pm little social - open to all
6:30pm or so - pot luck JV/ FJV gathering

Please RSVP to *Fr. Dan*
at **dcorrou@sfxavier.org**

INTERESTED IN HELPING A DREAMER (DACA STUDENT)?

St. Peters University is looking for help to support students who are DACA students in the following ways.

- Letters of support and encouragement
- care packages (snack food, study supplies etc)
- book vouchers to help with the cost of text books

If you are interested in helping in these or other ways email

Fr. Dan at **dcorrou@sfxavier.org**

HONDURAS TRIP

A trip to Honduras is proposed for the beginning of November. This will continue the tradition of meeting with the various groups that Xavier parishioners have been supporting over the past 19 years. We anticipate visiting the students who are current scholarship recipients, the women's co-operative and the home for children who are HIV positive. In addition, we plan to visit with Mennonite volunteers who work with the Quakers in efforts to promote alternatives to violence in Central American societies. If you have an interest and would like further information, please contact Brian Hotaling at BHTraveler@AOL.COM.



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT THE COUGHLIN MEN'S SHELTER?

NEXT ORIENTATION WILL BE HELD ON
AUGUST 15, 2018 AT 6:30PM. PLEASE RSVP
TO **CHRISTINA** AT

CBOWMAN@XAVIERMISSION.ORG

*The St. Francis Xavier Environment Ministry
is pleased to present the last film in our Summer Film Series:*

THE WISDOM TO SURVIVE



The film explores the impact of unlimited growth and greed on the life support system of the planet and the social fabric of the society. The film asks: Will we have the wisdom to survive?

It examines the challenges that climate change poses and discusses meaningful action that can be taken by individuals and communities.

*Features Bill McKibben, Joanna Macy, Roger Payne,
Herschelle Milford, Quincy Saul.*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 @ 7 PM

KEENAN COMMONS

ENTRANCE TO RIGHT

OF 35 W 15TH - FERNANDEZ HALL

<https://www.olddogdocumentaries.org/product/the-wisdom-to-survive/>

Free admission. Discussion to follow. Light refreshments. Wheelchair accessible.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you know any parishioner who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist?

Contact: **Jim Fox**

Email: sumiko120@nyc.rr.com

JOAN CHITTISTER

Passion 4 God, Justice, Life

CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



ORATORY CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

are thrilled to partner together in bringing
Joan Chittister, OSB to New York City!

Sister Joan/Dr. Chittister promises to invigorate your mind, stir your heart, move your spirit, and inspire you to action...all in the name of Love.

RSVP BY AUGUST 15TH.

When: Sunday, September 30, 2018

Where: St. Boniface Church

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. 190 Duffield Street

RSVP: SFXWomen@aol.com



THREE WAYS TO STAY COOL THIS SUMMER!

Help Xavier Mission beat the heat of summer, when donations disappear faster than New Yorkers on the hot subway car!

Here are 3 ways you can be super cool, without breaking a sweat...

1) BUY A MISSION T-SHIRT—ALL THE COOL KIDS ARE WEARING THEM!

Show your Xavier Mission pride with one of our awesome t-shirts! We have two options, 'Volunteer' & 'Supporter' in fitted or regular sizes (S-XL).



Visit www.xaviermission.org/donate and click on the 'Visit Our Store!' tab or email Cassandra at cagredo@xaviermission.org to purchase your t-shirt today!



2) SET UP A RECURRING DONATION—MAKE YOUR MONEY WORK EVEN WHEN YOU'RE ON THE BEACH!

Our expenses stay pretty stable from month to month but our income varies wildly depending on the time of year. Summer is a significant down time. Help us make it through the end of the fiscal year with a gift that we can count on every month!

VISIT WWW.XAVIERMISSION.ORG/DONATE TO SIGN UP NOW!

(Faith Direct users can make a monthly gift through the Mission's separate Faith Direct account, code NY522)

3) SIGN UP FOR OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER—STAY IN THE KNOW WHILE YOU'RE DREAMING OF SNOW!

Our new monthly e-newsletter keeps you up-to-date on everything that's happening with your favorite for-impact organization. We include a recap of past events, upcoming events, our monthly service statistics, and real-life stories of our guests and the impact of our programs.

To sign up, email *Cassandra* at cagredo@xaviermission.org!



PARTNER NEWSLETTER | JULY 2018

Dear Xavier Mission Family and Friends,

I hope you all had a relaxing and rejuvenating fourth of July. I know that it may have been difficult for some to celebrate given the current state of our nation. Every day there seems to be another sad or dangerous event taking place in our world. Summer should be a time of fun, and relaxation, and exploration, especially for children. Yet so many people are struggling every day just for their basic human rights and dignity. It can be difficult to know what to do and how to respond, especially when there is so much to respond to.

In light of the constant barrage of negativity that we face, and the feeling of being overwhelmed by it all, I hope you will allow me to share with you a reflection that I wrote for the parish bulletin at the Church of St. Francis Xavier for the weekend of July 5. It was cathartic for me to write and I hope will be helpful for you to read. Your feedback and thoughts are, as always, welcome.

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE ASKS: WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR OUTRAGE?



Many people have expressed their outrage over current immigration policies.

Here are some things you can do to support people adversely impacted by these policies:

1. Join us as we welcome undocumented friends for support and fellowship in Hurtado Hall every Thursday at 5:30.
2. Attend a New Sanctuary Coalition Accompaniment Training, then stand in solidarity with undocumented friends and their loved ones, when they face immigration court hearings or ICE check-ins. (<http://www.newsanctuarynyc.org>)
3. Visit asylum seekers and undocumented friends fighting deportation, who are being held in detention in Elizabeth, NJ. A Xavier group organizes regular Saturday visits to offer these detainees a compassionate ear and to affirm the dignity of our Sisters and Brothers caught in a dehumanizing system.
4. Donate time, clothing, or funds to Catholic Charities' response to separated families (<https://catholiccharitiesny.org>)

Want details on any of the above, or info on other ways you can get involved? Contact us at sanxnyc@gmail.com



We have available replicas of the newly installed bas relief of Mary of Magdala in our Mary Chapel, sculpted by Sister Margaret [Peggie] Beaudette, SC and given by Rita Houlihan. Made of resin, they will be available next Sunday after the 9:00 am Liturgy. You can also find them on the website www.kathleenaucoin.com after Sunday. The plaques are \$25; on the web they are \$30. The website uses PayPal. The plaques are in a bronze patina or ivory and are 6.25" x 8.25", cash or check. The plaques made a wonderful gift for those who are named after Mary of Magdala, for confirmation, baptism, and for our girls and women who see in her the fulness of power, love, suffering, devotion to Jesus, compassion and zeal directed to the service of the Church. Welcome Mary to our home, teach us to be Women of the Church!

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, August 10th

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Trump Tower & Astro Restaurant

Sometimes you've gotta stand for something! We will stand in front of 725 Fifth Avenue (56th & 57th streets) to protest all that does not follow the way of Christ--prayerfully, powerfully, peacefully, passionately. Afterward, we will head to 1361 Sixth Avenue (55th & 56th streets) to process what this all means in our faith lives.

SUMMER LITURGY SCHEDULE

During the months of July and August, the parish will be going to a summer weekday schedule. There will be a 12:05pm Mass Monday through Friday. There will be a 7:45am Mass on Fridays and liturgy of the word/communion service Monday-Thursday.



MARGE ZWANZIGER MEMORIAL MASS

**Saturday, August 11th
10:00am
Main Church**

Scriptures & Announced Masses

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Exod 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35.

MONDAY~FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD:

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10.

12:05PM MARK AINSWORTH (D)

EIGHTEENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matt 14:22-36.

12:05PM ESTER LAGOS (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. DOMINIC:

Jer 31:1-7; Matt 15:21-28.

12:05PM HOWARD NELSON (D)

EIGHTEENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Jer 31:31-34; Matt 16:13-23.

12:05PM GIORGIO FERRANTE (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE:

2 Cor 9:6-10; John 12:24-26.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE

12:05PM BARBARA PILLARELLA (D))

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN

VIANNEY: Hab 1:12-2:4; Matt 17:14-20.

12:05PM STANLEY TOLKIN (D)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Exod 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35.

YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.

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

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 (offsite July & August), SFXWomen@aol.com (929) 333-5011.

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

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

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

XAVIER YOGA: Tuesdays at 6pm. Open to all levels. Contact Ko_ko@nyyogalife.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