



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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And do not get drunk with wine, which is debauchery,  
but be filled by the Spirit, speaking to one another  
in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs,  
singing and making music in your hearts  
to the Lord, always giving thanks  
to God the Father for each other in  
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

*Ephesians 5:15-20*

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 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](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

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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***

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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.



## ***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](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, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, 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'Keeffe, 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, Clint Winant, David Woolwine*

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

*Kate Galeone, Marion Elise Kytte, Frances Ann Lisi, Logan Mannigan, Kathleen Mulvaney, David Roben, Mary Anne Rose, 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 Desk of The Youth Ministry*

### **YOUTH ARE OUR PRESENT AND FUTURE**

*By: Luz Marina Diaz*

It is generally said that children and young people are the future. This adult-centric thinking is the leading cause that in all areas of life, including our churches, we relegate young people to the background, considering them subjects who can only participate in secondary matters. The truth is that young people have been, are and will be a vital presence in our society and in the Christian faith story. It is true that young people in the Bible do not appear as a social group as we understand it today since young people as a social group emerged in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. But there are many biblical narratives where young people appear. Among young people in the Bible, we have Ruth, Esther, the maid of Naaman's wife, Jeremiah, Samuel, and David in the Old Testament. In the New Testament we know about Mary, the 14-year-old woman who assumes the responsibility of being the mother of Jesus; the 12-year-old girl, daughter of Jairus, whom Jesus takes by the hand to resuscitate; John Mark, the young man who becomes the spiritual son of Peter; Timothy, the young pastor of the Church of Ephesus; and the boy who offered Jesus five barley loaves and two small fish to feed 5,000 people.

Given the need to include young people in our Xavier community, a group of adults has been chosen by Xavier adolescents to help to create a Youth Ministry. These adults are meeting periodically to study and discern ways to create spaces that give an account of the reality of young people and their lives; to consider ways in which the youth participate actively in the life of the church; and to welcome their self expression in a way that communicates their loves, hopes, dreams, frustrations. These adults are preparing themselves as leaders who understand the world of youth and as missionaries in a culture with its own language.

A Youth Ministry, like every ministry in the church, participates in every aspect of the life of the church, giving and receiving, teaching and learning. It is then that the church becomes a Teacher. Starting from this metaphor of the church as Teacher, the religious educator Maria Harris indicates the different aspects that make up the life of the church.

- Koinonia, Greek for community, is about gathering together for social activities.
- Leiturgia, liturgy (the work of people,) prayer, including both corporate worship and personal spirituality.
- Didache, teaching, concerns both the doctrines and traditions we receive and pass on but also the manner of this transmission. So catechesis is a part of teaching, but so is preaching, discussion, reinterpretation, or any activity that gets us critically engaged.
- Kerygma is proclamation, the message of scripture and our sharing it with others. Harris reminds us of the way Jesus understood his own proclamation, with special attention to "the unheralded, the unsung."
- Diakonia, loving service: caring and gathering, empowering and advocating.

The youth ministry will officially start next year. But this year, Xavier adolescents have prepared some activities for all young people from ages 13 to 21. They have planned a movie night on **September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM in Keenan Commons**, to watch the movie *The Greatest Showman* and enjoy pizza and snacks. Please e-mail [YouthMinistry@sfxavier.org](mailto:YouthMinistry@sfxavier.org) for additional information.



Xavier youth ministry will not only benefit the young people of our community but all the members of Xavier. By favoring the participation of each person within the framework of a community for all ages, all generations will benefit from each other. We can learn a lot from young people, and we can offer much to them. I firmly believe that a community is enriched when becoming more diverse. Each member of a community is the present and the future. The young are present and future!

# 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](mailto:BHTraveler@AOL.COM).

## XAVIER ADULT GROUP PLANNING MEETING

**Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**West Room at 1:00 p.m.**

At this important meeting we will plan upcoming activities; places you would like to go, speakers you would like to hear, and subjects you would like to learn more about. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your suggestions. All are welcome.

## CATHOLIC LESBIANS

**Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**  
**West Room**

"Mysticism in the Modern Age: Simone Weil" Dr. Jackie Starkey continues her series on mysticism. This time how mysticism has changed and remained the same over the centuries. We will look at its expression through the life of Simone Weil, a modern mystic. Please bring a snack and/or beverage to share, and BYOCups (Cup, Utensils, Plate, Serviette). For more information, contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (929) 333-5011.



**Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00pm Church**

**COMPLINE ANGELOI**  
*a serious evening prayer service  
with instruments and soloist*

**Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30pm Church**

**SONGS FOR THE EARTH II**  
*an ecological Lessons and Carols  
for the Environment*

*sponsored by the Xavier Music Ministry  
and the Ecological Justice Committee*

## BENEFIT CONCERT FOR BROOKLYN JESUIT PREP

**Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

Larry Kirwan, formerly of Black 47, will be performing *Ireland – A History in Song* at **Keenan Commons** at Xavier High School (39 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC) at **7:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be purchased at [www.brooklynjesuit.org/benefit-concert-for-bjp](http://www.brooklynjesuit.org/benefit-concert-for-bjp).

Please help Brooklyn Jesuit Prep continue its mission of breaking the cycle of poverty and low expectations by developing young leaders who are intellectually competent, open to growth, loving, religious and committed to doing justice. Your support ensures educational success for our students. Please purchase your tickets today!

For more information on Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, please visit our website at [www.brooklynjesuit.org](http://www.brooklynjesuit.org)

# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW  
SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Is over the age of fourteen and unbaptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experiences of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

You are welcome to participate in this process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information please contact Dr. Luz Marina Diaz at (212) 627-2100 ext. 207 or [Imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:Imdiaz@sfxavier.org)

**RCIA 2018 - 2019**

55 West 15th Street NY, NY 10011

**SESSIONS  
START**

**September  
16, 2018**

**SESSIONS  
END**

**June 9, 2019**

**WHERE**

**X-Cafe**

Xavier High School  
30 West 16th Street  
NY, NY 10011

**WHEN**

**1 PM to 3 PM**



## **THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE INVITES YOU TO HELP A FAMILY RECENTLY REUNITED AFTER BEING SEPARATED AT OUR SOUTHERN BORDER**

The Xavier Immigration Initiative is sponsoring a family affected by the U.S. government's policy of separating parents and children at the southern border. The family we sponsor comes from Guatemala. Mother, Candelaria, and 8-year-old Pablo, were separated in March and only recently reunited.

We have an opportunity to offer this family support and comfort as they struggle to begin their lives again. We are in the process of establishing a GoFundMe Page where we will be collecting funds to help them with general expenses including, but not limited to legal fees, food, clothing and shelter.

Please join the Xavier Immigration Initiative in providing a mother and son with the resources to start again. We can walk in Jesus's footsteps, offering them compassion and hope through our gifting.

Watch for the GoFundMe link in next weekend's bulletin. Want more information on other ways you can get involved? Contact us at [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

Church of St. Francis Xavier & Church of St. Ignatius Loyola  
with the Ignatian Solidarity Network & Campaign for Hospitality

# LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

PILGRIMAGE AND VIGIL TO THE  
ELIZABETH DETENTION CENTER  
IN SOLIDARITY WITH MIGRANTS

SEPT  
**16**

**2 - 4 PM**

Meet at the NJ Transit  
112 Bus stop at  
North and Down



For more info contact:

Fr. Dan Corrou, [dcorrou@sfxavier.org](mailto:dcorrou@sfxavier.org)

Teresa Cariño, [cariño@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:cariño@saintignatiusloyola.org)

Visit: [campaignforhospitality.org/pilgrimages](http://campaignforhospitality.org/pilgrimages)



## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.

### **MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. BERNARD:**

Ezek 24:15-23; Matt 19:16-22.

12:05PM GIORGIO FERRANTE (D)

### **TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. PIUS X:**

Ezek 28:1-10; Matt 19:23-30.

12:05PM ROSE MARZANA (D)

### **WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN**

**MARY:** Ezek 34:1-11; Matt 20:1-16.

12:05PM ANTHONY FERRARA (D)

### **TWENTIETH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Ezek 36:23-28; Matt 22:1-14.

12:05PM ROBERT WADE (L)

### **FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW:**

Rev 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE

12:05PM DAN CORROU, SJ (L)

### **TWENTIETH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Ezek 43:1-7ab; Matt 23:1-12.

12:05PM NED JERMES (D)

### **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Josh 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; John 6:60-69.

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

#### **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)

## 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 (offsite July & August), [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) (929) 333-5011.

#### **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 [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

**XAVIER YOGA:** Tuesdays at 6pm. Open to all levels. Contact [Ko\\_ko@nyyogalife.com](mailto: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](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

**ZEN MEDITATION GROUP:** Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com)