



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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All Saints Day

November 1, 2020

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. Kenneth Boller, S.J. (Pastor) - 204

Rev. John Mulreany, SJ (Associate Pastor) - 206

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) —
208

Robert Choiniere (Dir. of Adult Faith Formation)-225

Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) —207

Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to

the Pastor/Dir. of Communications) — 222

Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

James Martinez (Assistant for Financial Planning)

Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201

Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221

Receptionist — 201

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Chair);

Patrick Egan (Vice Chair); John Karle (Secretary)

Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Belinda Conway;

Karen DeMasi; Andrea Foley-Murphy Michelle Jung;

Ron Oberdick;

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

Mon-Thu: 10:00am to 4:00pm Fri: 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturday: 11:30am to 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am to 6:00pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices and Space Requests send e-mails to sfxbulletin@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's Presider Schedule

NEXT SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: John Mulreany, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: James Miracky, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Lisa Armband, Sari Bartling, Brian Becker, Robert & Dolores Castle, Judy Cole, Sheila Creasey, Sr. Joan Curtin, Dorothy Danzi, Ellen Diurova, Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia, Ellen Gatto, Jeanne Grimaldi, Caleb Gocher, James Held, Dr. Deborah Hoyle, Jane Jacobus, The Kamus Family, Richard Kielar, Davida Kilgore, Mary Korba, Joyce Maresea, Paul Marshall, Sylvia Michaels, Hector Moran, Michael Orza, Teresa Pucciarelli, Brian Scott, Anne Sheridan, Patricia Stella-Rivera and Eleanor Sundaram

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

Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Kim Townsend

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 Pastor

In the midst of the fears and uncertainties we are experiencing from the pandemic, the economy and the election, it is a delight to share some genuinely good news. On Sunday afternoon, at a special liturgy at 1:15 p.m. we officially welcome into our parish faith community 16 adults who have completed the RCIA program. We rejoice to welcome them as the newest members of our community.

Accompanied by their sponsors for the last year, these sisters and brothers of ours would normally have been received into the Church, baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Due to the pandemic, we had to postpone the ceremonies until today, the Feast of All Saints. Because of space restrictions, they are being received at a special mass time.

It is an extraordinary act of faith and of courage to make a public commitment to the Church in the midst of the chaos and stress of these days. We hail them for their commitment and promise to support them with our prayers as they grow in the practice of the faith as members of the Xavier community.

Beginning today at the 11:30 a.m. mass, we will have the services of a Sign Language Interpreter from Inclusive Communications Services. We expect that this service will be a critical step towards greater online and in-person accessibility for parishioners able to read American Sign Language.

On the weekend of Sat. Oct. 31 and Sun. Nov. 1, the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, New York/Toronto Province, will assemble for their 2020 Province Chapter in Glastonbury, CT.

The Sisters are an international, apostolic religious institute whose commitment to reconciliation sends them to be a presence of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, toward those persons whose condition in life cries out for healing and salvation which Jesus alone can bring. Their commitment urges them to promote justice and peace in a world disturbed by sin and conflict. In collaboration with their Partners in Mission, they seek to help bring about change in whatever condemns others to live a marginalized life.

The Sisters' Province Chapter of 2020, through dialogue and prayer, enables them to assess the life of their province, to renew its fidelity to their charism, and plan for the future of their mission in North America – and globally.

The Sisters will attend 11:30AM Mass at Xavier via live stream on Sunday, November 1st.

A CALL FOR XAVIER'S VOICES OF COLOR

Among Xavier's blessings is a rich community of people of color whose experiences of life and faith are integral to the Xavier mission. This is a call for the formation of a group to give expression to these many voices - a Multi-Racial Team for Social and Economic Justice comprised of Xavier's people of color. One project we will undertake is to build an oral history remembrance archive to give lasting historic voice to our individual and collective experiences as people of color in New York. Once we gather, this will be a springboard for other efforts. If interested, please contact *Lynda Stewart-Kennedy* at multiracialteam@sfxavier.org.

HELP NEEDED

SFX is in need of 3-4 people to assist in the preparation of purificators for weekly masses.

If you like to wash and iron, and you're willing to do so on a rotational basis once every other month, please contact *Susan Faggiani* at sfagg29@gmail.com. Thank you.

Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Día de Muertos, or *Day of the Dead*, is the Mexican holiday that honors and reveres deceased family, loved ones, and ancestors. The cultural celebration can be traced back to the time of the Aztecs, 3,000 years back. It is NOT the Mexican version of Halloween. Though the theme is centered around death, it is about remembrance, respect, and life-affirming joy for our beloved dead. This tradition is rooted in the native Mexican belief that life on earth is a preparation for the next world and of the importance of maintaining a strong relationship to the dead. It is a time for families to gather and welcome the souls of the dead in their annual journeys back home. The holiday is celebrated throughout Mexico and over the years has become popular in some regions of the U.S.A. and other parts of the world. The multi-day traditional celebration officially begins on Oct. 31st (All Hallows' Day), followed by Nov. 1st (All Saints' Day), and ends on Nov. 2nd (All Souls' Day).

In observance of this very important culturally-rich festival, this year, our Día de Muertos altar was created on the main church altar. The traditional custom is to build altars called "ofrendas" (offerings) - honoring the memory of our beloved who have passed. The altars are typically adorned with Marigold flowers (Cempasúchil), calaveras (skulls), catrinas (richly dressed skeletons) incense (copal), candles, papel picado (intricate tissue paper banners), sugar skulls, pan de muertos (bread of the dead), photographs, and other mementos to honor those who have passed, including their favorite food and drink. It is a means of always keeping the departed alive in our hearts and memories by celebrating their lives.

Marking our second anniversary of the celebration here at Xavier, this year we are dedicating the altar in the memory of Black individuals who have been brutally killed at the hands of various law enforcement officers/police throughout our country, as well as to the communities who have been disproportionately impacted during this horrific pandemic, largely Latinas/os, African-Americans, Native Americans, and Asians. May we honor their memories and hold them and their families in our prayers and consciousness.

Join in this special traditional celebration of remembering those who have died by bringing in a photo of your lost ones... pets included. Please place the photos in the basket by the altar, or leave with the parish office front desk. Your photos will be incorporated into this year's altar.

**PLEASE do NOT touch or place anything on - nor remove anything from - the altar.
The Día de Muertos altar will remain on display through mid November.**

Día de Muertos vs Día de los Muertos :

The frequent use of *Día de los Muertos* in the U.S. is a back-translation of Day of the Dead into Spanish. In Mexico, traditionally, this holiday is known as Día de Muertos (dropping the article "los" from the festival name).

*La Calavera Catrina or Catrina La Calavera Garbancera (1910-1913)
by Mexican printmaker, cartoon illustrator and lithographer
José Guadalupe Posada*



PARISH TOWN HALL LIFE IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Please join us on **Monday, November 9 at 7:00pm** to share reflections on how our parish can meet your spiritual needs during these turbulent times.

Zoom link:

<https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/3795305453>

Xavier Yoga Tuesday's session is on break until 2021.



Registrations are now open for Mass this weekend, October 31st and November 1st. Reserve a seat by visiting our website at:

<https://sfxavier.org/news/weekend-mass-sign-up>

DEADLINE ON FRIDAYS AT NOON

OTHER WAYS TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

By email: massreservations@sfxavier.org Send an email with your name, the day and time of the mass, and the number of people who will be coming with you. You can reserve six seats (yourself and five family members.)

By phone: *Front Desk* at 212-627-2100 ext. 201

MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL MASSES. CHILDREN ABOVE THE AGE OF 2 YEARS OLD ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS.



SFX MASKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE. COST OF OUR MASKS ARE \$12. SEE OUR FRONT DESK ON 15TH STREET ENTRANCE.

VIRTUAL MASS COMMUNITY

You are invited to join fellow parishioners in virtual community each Sunday for the live stream mass!

Each Sunday, a Zoom conference will be available for those who wish to join with others for the live stream mass at 11:30 am. The Zoom will open at 11:15 am for some socializing time before the mass. During the mass, the screen will be focused on the live stream. Participants will be able to see one another and share a sign of peace during the mass.

The Zoom link is:

<https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/92250692524>

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THE RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY sent a letter of support to Bishops Louis Kihneman, Bishop of Biloxi, and Joseph Kopacz, Bishop of Jackson, for their public commitment to eradicating the sin of racism. The ministry received responses from Bishops Kopacz and Kihneman. All three letters can be read on our website at www.sfxavier.org.

The group is currently reading, discussing and doing healing exercises from *My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies* by Resmaa Menakem. New participants are welcome to join us.

Members of the Racial Justice Ministry are also involved in other work such as collaborating with the Poor People's Campaign, working to pass the HALT bill to end solitary confinement, collaborating on interfaith initiatives for racial justice, and exploring the effects of microaggressions.

If you are interested in any of these initiatives or to receive the link to our next meeting, please contact Fr. John Mulreany at jmulreany@sfxavier.org. Our next meeting will be **November 8th at 3pm via Zoom**.

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, November 13th 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Remembering Transgender Lives

"whoever you are, however you are, you are equally valid, equally justified, and equally beautiful."
--Juno Dawson

Join us for a two-part evening: a time of prayer, led by Tess, commemorating Transgender Day of Remembrance, followed by a presentation on queer and transgender culture in precolonial Philippines by Natasha, based on Stuart A. Schlegel's Wisdom from a Rainforest: The Spiritual Journey of an Anthropologist. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (929) 333-5011 for the Zoom link.

18th Annual Christmas Wrapping Party
Saturday, December 12th 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
Outside 55 W. 15th St.

Kids and Christmas are stronger than COVID-19! We will have a physically distanced "wrapping party." Bring a brand-new toy (wrapped or unwrapped), marked "Girl," "Boy," "Girl/Boy" and the age range, to one of Saint Nic's SUVs parked outside the church's 15th Street entrance. Or bring a check, payable to one of the organizations to which we give the gifts: Picture the Homeless, Life Experience & Faith Sharing, STEPS to End Family Violence. Contact SFXWrap@gmail.com or (929) 333-5011 if you have any questions and/or comments. We look forward to seeing you there. Ho! Ho! Ho!

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES FINDING CHRIST IN THE WORLD 18TH ANNOTATION

A Twelve Week Ignatian Retreat in Everyday Life: Advent–Lent–Resurrection

The 18th Annotation is the shorter form of the Spiritual Exercises. The purpose of the retreat is to find God in your everyday life through prayer and reflection. There will be 2 weekly group meetings with sharing on Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, in person at Xavier and also on Zoom.

This retreat has a workbook with daily scripture, writings and questions for reflection, prayer and journaling. The introductory meeting will be November 22 on Zoom at 6:30pm. The first gathering is Wednesday, December 2 for both groups.

- Registration deadline is November 2
- Suggested donation for the workbook \$40.00

To register or questions, contact

Marie Bannister mariebannister1@gmail.com (917 301 2426) or Gerry Moss gerrymoss@gmail.com

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:
Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12a.

MONDAY~FEAST OF THE
COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Matt 5:1-12a.

THIRTIETH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Phil 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE
BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM: MADELINE SWEENEY (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. CHARLES
BORROMEIO: Eph 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16.

7:45AM: GISELLE VINAS (D)
12:05PM: PATRICK REEGAN (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ALL SAINTS OF THE
SOCIETY OF JESUS: Deut 30:11-14; John 12:23-
26.

7:45AM: MICHELE VINAS (D)
12:05PM: CARMEN VIERA (D)

THIRTY-FIRST FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 16:1-8.

7:45AM: BERTHA DUQUE DE HEREDIA (D)
12:05PM: CHARLES SMYLEY (D)

THIRTY-FIRST SATURDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Phil 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15.

12:05PM: LOUIS BEATO (D)

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13.

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

THE ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY: promotes care
for all of God's creation, and follows the message of
Laudato Si. For more information refer to the link on
the parish website under Outreach Programs or contact:
SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.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

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTRY FOR THE SICK AND
HOMEBOUND: Eucharistic Ministers bring Communion
to parishioners who are sick, homebound, hospitalized, or
in care facilities in local proximity to Xavier. To arrange
visits or to become a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and
Homebound, please contact Nick Grimaldi at [nlgny@gmail.
com](mailto:nlgny@gmail.com). To arrange for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and/
or Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending
religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer,
education and other activities. Contact
Xavierinterfaith@gmail.com

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 Marie Bannister,
mariebannister1@gmail.com or Gerry Moss,
gerrymoss@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 [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

XAVIER YOGA: Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Open to all levels.
Contact Ko@nyyogalife.com

XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Spiritual, service, and
social activities for parishioners 20s-30s, and the young in
spirit. We meet every 3rd Sunday of the month in the West
Room after the 5pm mass. Contact [sfxavier.youngadults@
gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

XAVIER YOUTH MINISTRY: Social, service, and spiritual
community for post-confirmation youth through 12th grade.
Activities about twice a month September - June. Contact
Philip Waldrop at youthministry@sfxavier.org.

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm.
Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul
schubertnyc@gmail.com