



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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1 Thes 4:13-18

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, November 11th

*One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am
in the Main Church.*

*SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission*

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 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: Kenneth Boller, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: James Miracky, SJ

11:30 am Mass: John Mulreany, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Patrick Gilger, 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

As I write this on Wednesday afternoon, the election results are still being counted and it seems as though there will be no clear resolution before the end of the week. Two immediate takeaways from that are the extraordinary number of voters who turned out to make their voice heard and the fact that we are pretty evenly divided as an electorate between the two parties.

We should celebrate the voter turnout as well as the wonderful efforts by election officials to conduct a relatively trouble-free election day. They are signs of the vitality of our election process. Given the closeness of the election and its contentiousness, there will inevitably be court battles over recounts, possibly dragging out the final decision some more.

In the face of the divisiveness, we need to pray for healing and reconciliation in our country. We need to work for unity and civility. While holding fast to our own values and opinions, we need to be open to different viewpoints and attempt to find mutual common ground.

As Catholics we stand for the dignity of each human being which includes loving our enemy, praying for those who disagree with us and always treating people with respect.

Pope Francis, in his recent encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, writes: “A living and dynamic people, a people with a future, is one constantly open to a new synthesis through its ability to welcome differences. In this way, it does not deny its proper identity, but is open to being mobilized, challenged, broadened and enriched by others, and thus to further growth and development.”

We need to work. On being that “people with a future.”

Let us pray for one another and for our country and our world.

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.

REMEMBER XAVIER WHEN CONSIDERING A YEAR-END GIFT

First, we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support us throughout the year. As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. It also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to Xavier. Over the years, it has been the gifts left to Xavier that have helped us to continue to operate as a welcoming community and place of worship where injustice is challenged, where the poor, the alienated and the marginalized find a home, and where people are refreshed, reconciled and renewed. Your year-end gift can help us continue to celebrate vibrant liturgies and support our many ministries. Belonging to Xavier offers many blessings. Those blessings multiply when we commit our time, treasure, and talent to its work.

The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support Xavier for years to come. There are many ways of contributing a gift. Two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. For more information on how you can help make a difference contact the parish office.



Americans with Disabilities Act

DISABILITY JUSTICE PRAYER SERVICE

Please join Ability Xavier and friends on **Tuesday, November 17 at 6:30pm via Zoom** for a Disability Justice Prayer Service in Recognition of the 30th Anniversary of the Passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This prayer service will be closed captioned. (The source says credit: Credit: ADA National Network (adata.org))

Please use the following link to register.

[https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAofumsqT0oGNXmw3aoVYPjA2qQ-FugNKa4Y](https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/join/https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAofumsqT0oGNXmw3aoVYPjA2qQ-FugNKa4Y)

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

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>

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

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

*“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.

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**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Wrapping Party**  
**Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!

Registrations are now open for Mass this weekend, November 7<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.**

## 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>**

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

**MONDAY~FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA:** Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE  
BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM: NELLIE FERNANDEZ CASTILLO  
(D)

**TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. LEO THE GREAT:**  
Tit 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10.

7:45AM: FRANK ADAMO (D)  
12:05PM: WILLIAM BENSON (D)

**WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS:** Tit 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19.

9:00AM: CARLO MONTALBANO (D)

**THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOSAPHAT:**  
Philem 7-20; Luke 17:20-25.

7:45AM: MARGARET MARY MCGUIRE (D)  
12:05PM: MARY A. DEAN (D)

**FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA:**  
2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37.

7:45AM: ANGELO CATANIA (D)  
12:05PM: ANA FALCON (D)

**SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH PIGNATELLI:** 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8.

12:05PM: GLORIA LANDORNO (D)

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**  
TIME: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6;  
Matt 25:14-30.

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)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Marie Bannister, [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com) or Gerry Moss, [gerrymoss@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 6:15pm. Open to all levels. Contact [Ko@nyyogalife.com](mailto: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](mailto:youthministry@sfxavier.org).

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