



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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OFFICE CLOSED
Friday, November 27th

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

*SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit the Campaign for Charity & Justice*

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ

November 22, 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-Thur: 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: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Allocca, Lisa Armband, Sari Bartling,
Brian Becker, Robert & Dolores Castle, Teresita
Castillo, 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, Pilar Perez, Teresa Pucciarelli,
Brian Scott, Anne Sheridan, Patricia Stella-Rivera,
Grace Springer, and Eleanor Sundaram

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

Ana Ramona Bravo, Kim Townsend
and Jason Vermonty

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 early in the week, we are watching anxiously as the Covid infection rates rise throughout the country and here in the city. None of us wants to return to the lockdown especially with the holidays upon us. Yet again 2020 is upending our sense of the normal.

The readings for the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday in the liturgical year, give us a vivid image of the last judgment and, in doing so, remind us of what is really important in our lives. According to the Gospel of Matthew, we will be judged on whether we fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, clothed the naked, cared for the sick and visited those in prison. Along with burying the dead, these acts of compassion form the list of the Corporal Works of Mercy, as we used to discuss them. They are the practical articulation of our call to love our neighbor.

The companion set of works is the Spiritual Works of Mercy: admonishing the sinner, instructing the ignorant, counselling the doubtful, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offenses willingly, comforting the afflicted and praying for the living and the dead.

As described elsewhere in the bulletin, we place the souls of those who have perished because of Covid under loving care of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, patron saint of plague victims. Next Sunday we will officially add the dedication for the Covid victims to our memorial of the victims of AIDS at the altar of the Boy Saints in the West Transept of the Church.

The very real threat from Covid overshadows us and, very likely, will continue to through the Spring when reliable vaccines are widely available. We will take all prudent precautions to avoid spreading the virus. We can let it get us down out of weariness or, as a people of faith, we can continue to look for the face of Christ in the face of our sister or brother in need and, through small acts of mercy, build up the kingdom of God. Let us strive to be a community of faith, light and hope now, as always.

The Second Collection
during Mass **THIS**
WEEKEND November
21st & November

22nd will help us give
back to the community
around us, especially to
our most vulnerable neighbors. Help us
raise funds for grants that can help our
communities. Save the date and give back.
Visit catholiccharities.com/ccj for more
information



Thanksgiving Mass



November 26th
10:00am
Main Church

Registrations are now open for Thanksgiving Mass
please visit our eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/thanksgiving-mass-tickets-129494322003>

XAVIER INTERFAITH COMMITTEE

25TH NOV - 7 PM - ZOOM

<https://sfxavier.org>

INTERFAITH

THANKSGIVING EVE PRAYER SERVICE

2020

GRATITUDE

Gratitude is a universal value found in all religious traditions. Let us come together to celebrate our religious diversity and express gratitude for the blessings of our life.

ZOOM PRAYER SERVICE

NOVEMBER 25

7:00 PM

GUEST SINGER: LADD BORIS

RSVP at Imdiaz@sfxavier.org to receive the zoom link

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BOY SAINTS ALTAR HIV/AIDS AND COVID-19 ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

On November 29, at 11:30 am Mass, the Xavier community will re-dedicate the Boy Saints Altar altar to all living with HIV/AIDS and those who have died from this disease and dedicate it to all those who have died from the Covid—19.

The Boy Saints Altar, from left to right, contains the statues of SS. Stanislaus Kosta, Aloysius Gonzaga, and John Berchmans. Aloysius de Gonzaga was an Italian aristocrat who became a member of the Society of Jesus. While still a student at the Roman College, he died as a result of caring for the victims of a serious epidemic. He was beatified in 1605 and canonized in 1726. He is known as a patron saint for times of plague. The altar includes the painting “Mother of God, Light in All Darkness,” the names of unclaimed victims of Covid-19 buried in Hart Island, and a book of prayer. Parishioners are welcome to write down the names of family members and friends who have died from these diseases in the book of prayer.

Only 11 miles from Manhattan, Hart Island has been the final resting place for New York’s unclaimed and poor for over a century and since early April 2020 for unclaimed victims of covid-19.



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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.

CELEBRATE THE LIVING LEGACY OF DOROTHY DAY: *A Hunger for God. A Striving for Goodness. A Passion for Justice.*

Sunday, November 29th 6:00pm

Join the Dorothy Day Guild and America Media as we commemorate the 40th anniversary of the death of Servant of God Dorothy Day.

PANELISTS INCLUDE:

David Brooks, Op-ed Columnist, The New York Times
Anne Snyder, Editor in Chief, Comment magazine
Paul Elie, Senior Fellow, Georgetown University

Convener: Robert Ellsberg, Publisher, Orbis Books

Interviewer: Colleen Dulle, Assistant Producer, America Media

To register and for more information: <https://www.americamagazine.org/celebrating-dorothy-day-2020>

**THIS
WEEKEND'S
MUSIC**



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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!

HONDURAS DISASTER

Severe flooding from Hurricane Eta has devastated areas of Honduras, particularly in the area around San Pedro Sula where many people have lost their homes and many are missing. Assistance is urgently needed as people in Honduras say the situation is worse than Hurricane Mitch in 1998. A good organization to contribute to is Friends Peace Teams, a Quaker organization whose website is <https://friendspeaceteams.org/donate/>, Select “Peacebuilding en Las Americas” and if you use PayPal, type “Honduras” in the comment line before you confirm. Credit or debit cards can also be used.

Registrations are now open for Mass this weekend, November 21st and November 22nd. 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.**

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

SUNDAY~FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Matt 25:31-46

THIRTY-FOURTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Rev 14:1-3, 4b-5; Luke 21:1-4.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE
BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM: ERIK CHARLES CRUZ (L))

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. ANDREW DUNGLAC AND COMPS: Rev 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11.

7:45AM: GABRIELLA RIVVIA CORTEZ(D)
12:05PM: ETHEL LABISSIERE (D)

THIRTY-FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Rev 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: WILLIAM REILLY (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN BERCHMANS: Rev 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Luke 21:20-28.

THIRTY-FOURTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Rev 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Luke 21:29-33.

THIRTY-FOURTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Rev 22:1-7; Luke 21:34-36.

12:05PM: GIGI ROSADA & JOSEPH GARCIA (D)

SUNDAY~FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:
Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Matt 25:31-46

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

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. 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

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

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