



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

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: John Mulreany, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30 am Mass: James Miracky, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Allocca, Lisa Armband, Ana Brewer, Bill Brown, Sheila Creasey, Ellen Diurova, Alesh DuCarma, Ann Finn, Kathleen Friel, Caleb Gocher, Mary Korba, Ladgwan Kanjana Korn, Geri Lisanti-Levi, Richie Levi, Jess Lilly, Manny Lopez, Sylvia Michaels, Hector Moran, Tim O'Connor, Michael Orza, Marcy Parlow, Pomerance, Pilar Perez, Ray Ralph, Dolores Roddy, Mary Saccoccio, Melanie Samoy-Lutz, Anne Sheridan, Grace Springer and Phyllis Walsh

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

Teresita Castillo, Jeanne Grimaldi, Enrique Gonzalez III, Gabriel Gutierrez, Father Francis Laborde, Peter Naidu, Elizabeth Naidu, Augustine Naidu, Paul Vincent Naidu, Joseph Williams Naidu and Magdalena Perrone

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 on Wednesday morning, the country is preparing for the inauguration of a new President. There is a mixture of joyful anticipation for a new chapter and direction in American life and anxiety over the safety of the events in the aftermath of the storming of the Capitol two weeks earlier. The country is deeply divided along political, racial and economic lines. The word “unprecedented” is thrown around in all the media. The poignancy of the moment with the background of the pandemic, the shaky vaccine rollout, as well as economic, racial and environmental concerns can be overwhelming. It’s a time to pause and pray.

Job was sent to the people of Nineveh to warn them of imminent punishment for their lifestyle. To his surprise, they repented and God showed mercy to them. Job was shocked that God could show mercy to Gentiles who acknowledged their evil ways and repented. God’s mercy is always bigger than we expect or deserve. Jesus, in our Gospel, picks up from the ministry of John the Baptist and calls for people to repent. He calls his first disciples to follow him in a ministry of reconciliation.

So, what are we to do?

As I continue to read John Lewis’ book, *Across that Bridge: Life Lessons and a Vision for Change*, he concludes that reconciliation cannot take place without love. We need to know that we are loved and that those who oppose us are loved by the same Creator God. We need to honestly admit our own faults, even as we ask our opponents to admit theirs. Only with a respect for truth and with love in our hearts can we cross the bridge to reconciliation. It’s not easy or simple. It is, ultimately, a life’s work, but it is worthwhile, even necessary.

Let us pray for one another.

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>

**THIS WEEKEND’S
MUSIC**



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SALE. COST OF OUR MASKS
ARE \$12. SEE OUR FRONT DESK
ON 15TH STREET ENTRANCE.**

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SCRIPTURE-BASED RACIAL JUSTICE

MICHAEL ALLOCCA

Michael has a Master's in religious studies from the Divinity School at the University of Chicago, and has taught religion at colleges and high schools, currently at St. Peter's Prep. As a parishioner he is active as a lector, Eucharistic minister, and catechist and sponsor in RCIA.

ROSEANN BONADIA

Roseann is a long-time parishioner and has been devoted to this extraordinary and loving community. She has participated in practically every ministry and feels blessed to work with the parents of Family Faith. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Jesuit Theology school in Massachusetts and an MPhil in Theology from another Jesuit school.

INFORMATION

A prayerful and critical approach to studying the Bible, and other Church teaching documents, that provides a firm foundation and compelling imperative to engage in anti-racist work.

1/24/2021

1/31/2021

2/7/2021 4/11/2021

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2/28/2021 4/25/2021

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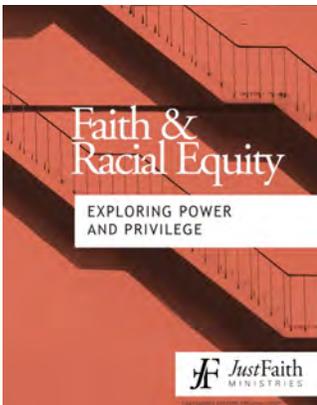
3/28/2021 5/16/2021

SUNDAYS FROM 10:30 AM TO 11:30 AM

In-person participation at Xavier High School 3C1 classrooms (30 West 16th Street between 5th and 6th avenues.)

Virtual participation via zoom.

RSVP TO mallocca@sbcglobal.net.



Faith and Racial Equity is an eight-week formation program for parishioners addressing racial injustice in our political and economic structures and offers practical action steps to work towards greater racial equity in our church and world.

**Opening Retreat will be held on
Saturday, January 30 from 10am–2:30pm**

Co-Facilitators:

Robert Choiniere and Boreta Singleton

The program also includes an opening retreat, guest speakers and an immersion experience.

Sessions will be:

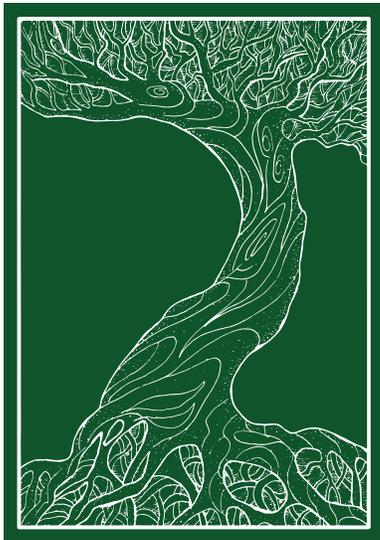
Wednesday evenings

February 3 – March 24, 2021 6:30-8:30 pm

All Sessions will be held on Zoom

For more info or to register: rchoiniere@sfxavier.org

A MULTI-GENERATIONAL CONVERSATION ABOUT ELDERHOOD



... within each tribe elders are repositories of cultural and philosophical knowledge and are the transmitters of information,” including, “basic beliefs and teachings, encouraging...faith in the Great Spirit, the Creator”.¹

There was a time, but certainly not in the recent past, that elders were respected if not revered as the holder of community history, the memory of its rituals, and the consciousness for their sustainability.

We have, for the most part, lost not only the elders who both bear and pass their knowledge to younger generations, we have lost much of the substance of elderhood. Elderhood is a 4-week virtual program of conversation and learning at Xavier designed to foster understanding, appreciation and re-awakening of our elderhood.

The intention is to have participants develop greater awareness and understanding of elders and elderhood, recognize where elders exist in our communities and cultures today, and to have participants begin the developing and nurturing of elderhood wherever that may be.

The program will consist of facilitated readings, along with large- and small-group discussion.

Starting the week of January 24, 2021. For more information, contact Rick Raymond, Director, Xavier Lay Spirits at rickraymond@me.com, or call me at 646-594-5587

¹ Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Indian_elder

JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

The SFDS Social Justice Ministry invites you to a virtual Short film screening and panel discussion addressing the connection between Human Trafficking and Immigration Policies.

**Wednesday, January 27th
6:30pm-8:00pm via Zoom**

SPEAKERS:

*Michelle Brane-Women's Refugee Commission,
Migrant Rights and Justice Program Senior Director*

Pat Latona-Zonta International District 3 Governor

***Film presented by Semillita Production
and Liberation Arts Collective***

Must RSVP-SJM@Sfdsnyc.org

PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT FOR NEW MEMBERS

Pastoral Council Discernment for New Members – The Pastoral Council will have two vacancies beginning September 2021. The plan the parish adopted in May 2020 calls for a multi-step discernment process that concludes with the presentation of the new members to the parish at Pentecost. All members of the parish community are encouraged to prayerfully consider whether this might be the time to offer their gifts to the community as a servant leader. The parish particularly seeks leadership candidates of diverse backgrounds, experiences and skills. A person must be at least 20 years old and a registered member of the parish for at least 2 years. Additional information about the selection of new members is available in the Guidelines for Leadership: A Pastoral Council Handbook at <https://sfxavier.org/pastoral-council/>. The first information session about the Pastoral Council, its work and the discernment process will be held on Sunday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. The link is <https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/91849160868>. Prior to the session, questions may be directed to pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH AT 3:00PM

*The St. Francis Xavier Environment Ministry
Will host an online forum on*

**HOW ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES INTERSECT
WITH RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Join us for a look at two environmental justice communities right here in New York City: Brownsville and Red Hook.

Moderator Marian Ronan, a NY Theological Seminary professor and environmental activist, will interview two social justice activists from these Brooklyn neighborhoods, and a third speaker from the environmental justice organization WE ACT, based in Harlem.

Last summer, three people from our ministry participated in a “Toxic Tour” of Red Hook and saw first-hand the problems this community faces: air pollution, toxic fumes, the long-lasting effects of Hurricane Sandy. Two of us joined Brownsville residents in a rally to stop the Northern Brooklyn Pipeline going through their community.

In this webinar, we will look at the health impacts of land-use policies that allow polluting facilities and industries to be located in low-income black and brown neighborhoods, and what these communities are doing in response, and how we as people of faith can be allies.

More information for registration to come.
Save the date! Sunday, Feb. 7 at 3pm.



*Pax Christi Metro New York
invites you to*

PEACEMAKING THROUGH THE ARTS

Saturday, February 13th

10:30am – 12:00pm

Through Zoom*

Featuring

**“The Odyssey Project: Preparing for
Life’s Journey through Theatre”**

*the work of the Magis Theatre Company’s outreach
in prisons and in underserved communities*

Based on performing the story of Odysseus’ journey home, participants learn how actors use their voice, physicality, and imagination to see life from another person’s perspective and practice the choices we make.

George Drance, SJ, artistic director of Magis Theatre has performed “The Odyssey” in Kenya and Kosovo, as well as several places across the US including the Oglala Lakota Nation in South Dakota.

***Contact PCMNy for Zoom link:**

Info@nypaxchristi.org; Suggested donation: \$25

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, February 12th 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

**“What Does It Mean When
They Tell You It’s in the Cards?”**

God has used human channels to communicate prophecy and wisdom. God shared the Word, and the Word is God. And God continues to use creation for wordless revelation. Humans have looked for ways to connect with the energy of the universe; we are made of star dust, after all. Let’s have some fun with Marylee Ray Diamond and consider a tool to tune in. We are not proposing the use of tarot cards for divination purposes. Instead, we will explore the wonder and magic of our universe and what it is saying. Contact **SFXWomen@aol.com** for the Zoom link.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.

MONDAY~FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF
ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE: ACTS 22:3-16;
Mark 16:15-18.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

TUESDAY~FEAST OF STS. TIMOTHY AND
TITUS: 2 Tim 1:1-8; Mark 3:31-35.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

THIRD WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. THOMAS
AQUINAS: Heb 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25.

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

THIRD FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM PETER HAWKES (D)

THIRD SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41.

12:05PM ROSE SCHULTZ (D)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28.

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:LM Diaz@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](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