



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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to benefit Music Ministry*

Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 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: Thomas Feely, SJ
Guest Homilist: Deacon Ricardo da Silva

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ
11:30 am Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ
5:00 pm Mass: John Mulreany, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Allocca, Lisa Armband, Ana Brewer, Bill Brown, Joe Chartier, Sheila Creasey, Katherine Crook, Ellen Diurova, Ann Finn, Kathleen Friel, Caleb Gocher, Allie Greenberg, Jerry Hill, Sung Kim, Mary Korba, Ladgwan Kanjana Korn, Geri Lisanti-Levi, Richie Levi, Jess Lilly, Patrick McCartney, Sylvia Michaels, Hector Moran, Ralph Nicoletti, Tim O'Connor, Michael Orza, Marcy Parlow, Pomerance, Pilar Perez, Ray Ralph, Sue Reise, Dolores Roddy, Mary Saccoccio, Melanie Samoy-Lutz, Christine Scinaldi, Anne Sheridan, Grace Springer, Phyllis Walsh, Emilie Ward and Kevin Ward

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

Ventura Batista, Kathleen Connolly,
Delia Ciervo Cosmiano, Alesh DuCarmo,
Josefina Ibire Okamoto, Manny Lopez,
Dave Martinidez and Lucia Muzio

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

The first week of Lent has gotten off to a fine start. Many thanks to those who helped run the prayer services and help with the distribution of ashes. The three masses and three prayer services were all well attended. The various options for prayer and reflection are under way. If you haven't yet found one for your Lenten journey of prayer, please review the offerings in the bulletin and join us. Last Sunday, February 21, we had a special mass for the Rite of Election for our RCIA candidates. Normally this would take place in the cathedral but Covid restrictions allowed us to have a more intimate celebration with the candidates and their sponsors. Let us continue to pray for the fifteen candidates in the program this year. Saturday, February 27, twenty of our first communion class made their first reconciliation. We look forward to welcoming them to the Lord's Table on June 6.

There are different opportunities for service in our parish community coming up. The **Pastoral Council** has already begun information sessions for parishioners to discern whether they would like to serve on the Pastoral Council. We also have openings on the Finance Council beginning in June. Like the Pastoral Council, the **Finance Council** is required by canon law to advise the pastor on all matters related to the financial condition and operation of the Church of St. Francis Xavier. Meeting six times a year, the Financial Council reviews monthly statements of the parish's finances and advises on capital and other spending issues. Working in conjunction with the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council seeks to provide the resources needed to fund the apostolic priorities of the parish. Full details of the Finance Council's charter can be found on a link on the parish home page. The charter describes the qualifications looked for in council members: "We endeavor to bring together men and women of high integrity, with skills and experience in accounting, business, management, finance, planning, administration, law, and other areas of professional expertise, who are willing to carry out the responsibilities of servant leadership in the area of parish finances." Members serve for three-year terms, once renewable. If you are interested in helping us on the Finance Council please contact me (kboller@sfxavier.org) or a member of the Council. Thank you.

On a more somber note, this week marked the **500,000th death** from Covid in our country. We join in prayer for them and the hundreds of thousands who have perished worldwide. Let us also pray for the millions of their family and friends who continue to mourn them.

Locally, we have started a **Vaccine Ministry** to help folks navigate the sometimes-bewildering process to register for the vaccine. Please see the bulletin for details and consider helping.

A NOTE FROM SACRED SPACE MINISTRY ABOUT OUR INSTALLATION FOR LENT

While this year's Lenten installation is meant to speak to St. Xavier Parish's theme of Racial Justice: Exploring Racism and White Privilege, inspiration sometimes comes from unexpected places. This year the kitchen of Oil heiress, philanthropist and art collector, Dominique de Menil gave us aesthetic pause. In 1948 the de Menil's commissioned architect, Philip Johnson, and designer, Charles James, to design a home for their family. The design included a utilitarian, if not monastic, eat-in kitchen. Underneath a large wall-mounted cross, sat a spare, wooden dining table with eight chairs. A large ornate balance scale loomed on the counter behind.

Our installation of the cross, balance scale, and two flanking chairs, draped in "black" and "white", invites the Xavier community to contemplate: What does sacrifice mean to me? How do I understand racial justice and equity? Where do I sit in a society of us versus them? What does this look like in my immediate life? What does reconciliation and conversion mean to me? What more can I do? What does Jesus's example teach me?

We encourage you to find YOUR seat in the sanctuary. To contemplate. To pray. To listen. To walk the Lenten journey with Jesus, your community, and ALL the people of God's most holy chosen family.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2021

MARCH 5TH

"Justice for All Women"

Offered by Catholic Lesbians and
The Women Who Stayed

MARCH 12TH

*"The Crosses We Bear Together -
Light the Path, Lighten the Load"*

*Collaborative Offering lead by Gay Catholics,
the Sacred Space Ministry, and Xoutings*

APRIL 2ND

"Good Friday Stations of the Cross"

Offered by the R.C.I.A. Program

**ALL OFFERINGS OF STATIONS
ARE ON FRIDAY EVENING AT
6:30PM IN THE MAIN CHURCH,
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
GOOD FRIDAY, WHICH IS
AT 12:00 NOON
IN THE MAIN CHURCH.**

VOLUNTEER



VACCINE MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you may have seen, thousands of people are helping neighbors navigate through the daunting task of scheduling their Covid vaccinations.

Here at SFX - we are answering the call by creating a new and timely ministry to assist those in our parish community.

We need your help!

We are forming a Vaccine Ministry. We need a variety of volunteers: to help us build the program, and to work one-on-one with members of the Xavier community to help them find vaccination appointments. We also need someone to help manage Google forms and spreadsheets to collect and manage data for the Vaccine ministry.

If you are interested, please contact: vaccineministry@sfxavier.org or (646) 598-6216

Please leave your name, contact info & interest/expertise (e.g., making appointments, creating Google Docs, finding resources, etc.)

STAY TUNED: once we form the Vaccine Ministry - we will be able to help members of the Xavier community set up appointments for their Covid vaccines.

ARE YOU CALLED TO SERVE ON THE XAVIER PASTORAL COUNCIL?

The Pastoral Council seeks three new members to join us beginning in September 2021. All members of the parish community are encouraged to prayerfully consider whether this might be the time to offer their gifts as a servant leader. Serving in an advisory role to the pastor, the Council collaborates with the Xavier community to set parish goals and develop objectives; empowers parishioners to implement pastoral plans; and oversees and evaluates them in light of fulfillment of the parish mission.

Pastoral Council members commit to a three-year term of service. At the conclusion of this term, they may serve a subsequent three-year term if they choose to do so. To be eligible, you must be a registered member of the parish for at least two years and at least 20 years old. Additional information is available in the Pastoral Council's Guidelines for Leadership. The next information session about the Council, its work and the discernment process will be held on Sunday, March 15th by Zoom; stay tuned for additional details about this meeting. Questions may be directed to any Pastoral Council member or to pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org.

"Becoming a servant leader of our wonderful St. Francis Xavier community has enabled me to deepen my faith and relationship with God. It has been a true gift to learn to see and better understand the beautiful ways in which the Holy Spirit works throughout our parish and our lives."

- Michelle Jung, member since 2017

For Immediate Release: St. Ignatius Loyola Church, NYC, will award Kerry Alys Robinson the parish's Loyola Medal and will celebrate women of the parish. As honoree, Ms. Robinson will deliver the Laetare Lecture on **March 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm**.

St. Ignatius Loyola Church, 980 Park Avenue, New York City, continues its 2021 lecture series, Catholic Women: Agents of Peace and Justice, by presenting Kerry Alys Robinson on the topic "New Voices. New Talents. Time for New Roles for Women in the Church?" The talk promises to be a provocative discussion of ways the Church can further its mission by tapping into women's gifts—spiritual, intellectual, moral, decision-making, and management skills.

Doors open at 6:30pm to view photographs and faith stories. The event may be attended in person or via livestream.

This event is free and open to the public. Social distancing rules will be in effect, masks and registration are required for this event.

Register online at: <https://ignatius.nyc/event/celebrating-women>

Catholic Anti-Racism Project Presents: SPEAKER SERIES

**"CAN WE USE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO
PROVIDE FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION?"**

**THE HISTORY OF RACE IN THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH WITHIN THE U.S.**

**March 2nd at 7:00pm EST
on Catholic Anti-Racism Project YouTube Live
Speaker: Boreta Singleton MA, MS**

Implicit Bias; Structural Racism; What is White Privilege? April 6th

*The Realities of Immigration-May 4th
Anti-Racism Guide-June 1st*

Broadcast Link: <https://youtu.be/5b4SXnqNAn0>

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St. Charles Borromeo, Catholic Charities**

SFX ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

Lenten Offerings

1) SFX'S CARBON FAST CALENDAR: SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com

Back by popular demand. This is our third year producing a daily Lenten calendar with inspirational quotes from Laudato Si' and other sources, and with practical actions one can take to go on a "carbon fast" to lessen one's CO2 footprint. Daily themes are Sustenance Sundays, Mindful Mondays, Turnaround Tuesdays, Wisdom Wednesdays, Thankful Thursdays, Footprint Fridays and Simple Saturdays. We thank Mary Jane Gocher who does the major work for this calendar. Please look on the www.SFXavier.org website home page and scroll down to "Latest News" to find the calendar. It will also be on the Environment Ministry page.

2) GLOBAL CATHOLIC CLIMATE MOVEMENT'S LENTEN PROGRAM: <https://laudatosilent.org/>
The Global Catholic Climate Movement, GCCM, is offering an online Lenten Program with weekly themes based on Laudato Si' followed by a week of concrete action suggestions. Weekly themes include consumerism, meat, electricity, plastic and advocacy. Overlaid on these themes are Reflection, Repentance, Renewal and Community.

SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL DATES DURING LENT:

Feb. 27: *A Lenten Retreat with Global Catholic Climate Movement*

March 11: *Green Faith's Sacred People, Sacred Earth Day of Action*

March 19: *Fridays for Future Global Strike*

March 22: *World Water Day*

March 27: *Earth Hour*

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, March 12, 2021, 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

"Healing Practices for Troubled Times"

Maureen Anderson will guide us in exploring simple and varied practices to heal the mind and soul. Some of the tools that are available to us are apps that teach us stress-reduction and contemplation, the writings of female mystics who have survived war and pandemic, breathing exercises, and simple rituals to bless our days and heal our souls. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com for the Zoom link.

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>



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

THIS WEEKEND'S MUSIC



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Scriptures & Announced Masses

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT:

Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10.

SECOND MONDAY OF LENT: DAN 9:4B-10; Luke 6:36-38.

7:45AM MARY LOU BAIKAUSKAS (D)
12:05PM FR. VINCENT BUTLER, S.J. (D)

SECOND TUESDAY OF LENT:

Isa 1:10, 16-20; Matt 23:1-12.

7:45AM GERRY KOONTZ (D)
12:05PM JOSEPHINE LESNIAK (D)

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF LENT: Jer 18:18-20; Matt 20:17-28.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM ENRIQUE GONZALEZ (D)

SECOND THURSDAY OF LENT: Jer 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31.

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

SECOND FRIDAY OF LENT:

Gen 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matt 21:33-43, 45-46.

7:45AM FRANCIS DOYLE JR. (D)
12:05PM RICHARD BALDELLI (D)

SECOND SATURDAY OF LENT: Mic 7:14-15, 18- 20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

12:05PM GLORIA LANDORNO (D)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT:

Exod 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; John 2:13-25.

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 and Fridays at 7pm.
Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul
schubertnyc@gmail.com