



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Palm Sunday

March 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

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: John Mulreany, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

Guest Homilist: Deacon Ricardo Da Silva, SJ

1:30 pm Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Allocca, Sheila Creasey, Kathleen Friel,
Susan Forbes, Jerry Hill, Mary Korba,
Patrick McCartney, Ralph Nicoletti,
Tim O'Connor, Michael Orza, Marcy Parlow
Pomerance, Pilar Perez, Ray Ralph, Dolores Roddy,
Melanie Samoy-Lutz, Anne Sheridan, Grace Springer,

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

Joan Brooks, Judy Heffernan Crawford,
Georgianna O'Connor, Dolores Gettle,
Josefina Ibire Okamoto, Jay Olnek, Manny Lopez,
Louise Murphy, Lucia Muzio, Joseph Pietroburgo,
Carlito Rapada, Sue Reise, Rob Riefstahl and
Shanna Wilson

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 Associate Pastor

This week our nation was again gripped in horror at two mass shootings. The first, in Atlanta, targeted women of Asian descent, killing six women of Asian descent as well as two others. This attack came after a year of increasing numbers of hate crimes targeting Asians. The second attack, in Boulder, killed ten people. We stand in solidarity with all those who are mourning and in anger at these outrageous acts of violence.

If our nation is ever to break its addiction to racism and gun violence, we must have a national conversion to acceptance and love for one another. As members of this faith community, we have an important role to play in this conversion and the building of a national community of love.

As we enter into Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum, we are reminded of our call to work with all people of goodwill for peace, inclusion, reconciliation and justice. Building intentional communities of mutual love and respect must be one element in ending mass shootings forever.

We are also called to personal conversion from whatever keeps us from love of all God's children. To this end, on Reconciliation Monday, Saint Francis Xavier will be open from 3pm to 8pm for individual confession. Throughout Lent, many have been involved in the Lenten Racial Justice Examen; others have examined the environmental impact of their lives; and still others have taken more personalized journeys. Monday is an opportunity to gather the graces from these self-examinations and seek reconciliation for the ways in which we may have contributed to alienation in our world.

On Holy Thursday, we recall the institution of the Eucharist, when Christ took bread, blessed it broke it, and gave it to his disciples. We who receive the Eucharist are made into one community standing in solidarity with all who suffer. As a diverse people gathered as one, we affirm that all people share the same dignity regardless of country of origin, gender identity, economic status or sexual orientation. Let us be mindful of how we live out the Eucharist in our daily lives.

On Good Friday, we recall Jesus' suffering and death for the sake of sin and injustice. By his crucifixion, Christ suffered the reality of violence and humiliation by the powers that be. Yet violence and humiliation did not have the last word. Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday followed Good Friday. May the coming celebration of the Resurrection give us hope in our day-to-day struggle against bigotry, violence and injustice and in the building of a just community for all.

Triduum and Easter Schedule



The Mass of the Last Supper: Holy Thursday

April 1st at 7:30 pm

Live Stream & Main Church

(The washing of the feet will be omitted)

Good Friday Service with

Veneration of the Cross

April 2nd at 3 pm

Live Stream & Main Church

(People will have the opportunity to approach the cross to venerate it without touching it.)

Easter Vigil

April 3rd at 7:30 pm

Live Stream & Main Church

(The use of small lit candles during the lucernarium and the renewal of baptismal promises will be omitted.)

Easter Sunday Masses

April 4th at 9 am, 11:30 am and 1:30 pm

Main Church(11:30am Mass Live Stream)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN PERSON MASSES. SEE OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER VIA EVENTBRITE.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

March 29th

3:00pm-8:00pm

Confessions available here and all Churches in the city.



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—in Ignatian language, to discern—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 found at www.sfxavier.org. Questions may be directed to any Council member or to pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org.

New Council members will be chosen over two parish-wide meetings to be held on Sunday May 2 and Sunday May 16. Attendance at both meetings in May is required to either discern as a potential new Council member or to participate in the selection process of choosing new Council members. The meetings will be held via Zoom; stay tuned for more details.

“Being a part of the wonderful, hope-filled community of St. Francis Xavier fills my heart and sustains me in more ways than I can count. The opportunity to serve our thriving parish in its mission to be a reflection of God’s presence in the world is something I am continually grateful for.”

- John Karle, member since 2016

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



APRIL 2ND ~ NOON
MAIN CHURCH AND FACEBOOK LIVE

organized by the RCIA and the Music Ministry

39th ANNUAL PAX CHRISTI
METRO NEW YORK

Way of the Cross
The Way to Peace



April 2nd 9am -11am via Zoom

Join with hundreds of people in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. The Pax Christi Metro New York Good Friday Way of the Cross is a modern-day enactment of the Stations of the Cross, praying for peace and justice on the streets of our city. This year our theme is “As we look to the Cross, Jesus is our Hope.” The Walk will take place on Zoom from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 2nd. Details on how to register and get the link will be on our website and Facebook page or contact our office at info@nypaxchrist.org.

**DO YOU NEED HELP
SCHEDULING YOUR
COVID VACCINE APPOINTMENT?**



The *Xavier Vaccine Ministry* is ready to help. We are offering assistance to members of our parish — and others.

Email your name and contact information to [**vaccineministry@sfxavier.org**](mailto:vaccineministry@sfxavier.org)

Please write VACCINATION HELP in the subject line.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, write VOLUNTEER in the subject line.

We will do our best to assist you. Let us pray for the perseverance of our generous volunteers.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, April 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

***“The Metamorphosis of Narcissus”
by Salvador Dalí in its Cultural Context***

Mary Douglas Edwards, professor of History of Art and Design at Pratt Institute, will relate the three ancient versions of the myth of Narcissus, explain the roles of the various players in the story, and focus on three current interpretations of Salvadore Dalí’s version: the alchemical, the psychoanalytic, and the Christian. Edwards will illustrate the talk with many images, from Roman wall painting to contemporary installation art, and various drawings, paintings, and sculptures in between. Contact [**SFXWomen@aol.com**](mailto: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>

**THIS
WEEKEND’S
MUSIC**



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CONTEMPLATIVE LEADERS IN ACTION

(CLA) is now accepting applications for new cohorts forming in nine locations. If you are a young adult (20’s and 30’s) or you know someone who may be interested, I urge you to learn more. We have added some new and exciting features. Information about the CLA experience is available at

[**https://www.contemplativeleaders.org/about-cla**](https://www.contemplativeleaders.org/about-cla)

and information on how to apply visit

[**https://www.contemplativeleaders.org/apply-1**](https://www.contemplativeleaders.org/apply-1)

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~FEAST OF PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: *Isa 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mark 15:1-39.*

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK: *Isa 42:1-7; John 12:1-11.*

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM NINA ENDLER (L)

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: *Isa 49:1-6; John 13:21-33,36-38.*

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

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: *Isa 50: 4-9a; Matt 26:14-25.*

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM LUIZ GULHERME ARAUJO FOZ (D)

HOLY THURSDAY: *Exod 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.*

FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: *Isa 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42;*

SATURDAY~THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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