



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, April 5th

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

Easter Sunday

April 4, 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, and
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 Pastor

In the Gospel according to Mark which we read at the Easter Vigil, we are told that three women, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome, followers of Jesus came to the tomb with burial spices. They were still grieving the cruel and violent death of their beloved teacher and friend. They came without a plan on how to access his body for a proper burial, the stone was large, we are told. Instead of finding Jesus, they discover the tomb is empty except for a “young man sitting on the right side, clothed in white.”

Of course, they're amazed and shocked. “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.”

Throughout Lent we have walked with Jesus as the end of his ministry has drawn near. As a community, we prayed the Stations of the Cross, recognizing in the cruel and inhumane treatment of Jesus the continued violence and abuse of our sisters and brothers through bias, hate crimes, systemic racism and inequality. We have grieved with them. Grief can paralyze us, cast us as bystanders. But Christ is Risen as he said! Jesus conquered sin and death and we who have been baptized into his death and resurrection are empowered to continue His work of reconciliation and forgiveness. At times we are like the three women on that first Easter Sunday, without a clear plan but animated by love. Don't be amazed by God's power.

This is our second Easter in the pandemic. Things are not yet “normal.” Yet, through the power of the resurrection, we have prayed with and supported one another virtually and in-person. In God's grace, we welcome fully into our community, the members of the RCIA whom we have accompanied in their faith journey through the last few months. Even in the darkness of the pandemic, the Spirit has led them to commit themselves to full incorporation into our Church community. We are enriched by their presence and strengthened by their witness of faith.

WELCOME!

May the Risen Christ strengthen and guide us in this journey of faith.

On behalf of the entire parish staff,
HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!!! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA

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



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

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>

and information on how to apply visit

<https://www.contemplativeleaders.org/apply-1>

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.

“Xavier has been my spiritual home for decades. Discerning for the Council was a grace in my life. Being on the Pastoral Council has deepened and broadened my understanding, love, and desire to serve the community of St. Francis Xavier.”

- Belinda Conway, member since 2019

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

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.

RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

At our last meeting, members of the Racial Justice Ministry shared our sorrow about the shootings in Atlanta. We know this atrocity was personally deeply painful for many in our community. In light of this terrible hate crime, we would appreciate the opportunity to listen to the voices of Asian-American Pacific Islander parishioners to know how we can stand with you as allies in our struggle for justice and community building. Therefore, we would like to welcome all Asian-American Pacific Islander parishioners to our next zoom meeting on **April 11th at 3pm**. Please email Fr. John Mulreany at jmulreany@sfxavier.org for the zoom link if you are interested.

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, April 9th
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 for the Zoom link.

THREE E-GIVING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT XAVIER ANYTIME



Faith Direct: Support any collection or make a one-time gift from your checking account or credit card. To enroll go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/NY406>



Venmo: Find us at Username: StFrancisXavier-Church or Phone number: 646-596-5696. For new users download the Venmo mobile app to create an account.



Text to Give: Text any dollar amount to (646)-681-7010 and complete the one-time registration to enroll.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matt 28:8-15.

9:00AM FR. SEAN TOOLE, S.J. (L)

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:
Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18.

7:45AM RICHARD MARKS (D)
12:05PM JAMES HAWKES (D) & PAUL GORRA (L)

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE: *Acts 3:1-10;*
Luke 24:13-35.

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

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE: *Acts 3:11-26;*
Luke 24:35-48.

7:45AM ANA FALCON (D)
12:05PM DIANE NEVIN (D)

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:
Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14;

7:45AM THEODORO PLENO (D)
12:05PM JOHN GORRA (D)

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:
Acts 4:13-21; Matt 16:9-15.

12:05PM RONALD JAMES PIERRO (D)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: *Acts 4:32-35;*
1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31.

*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