



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 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: James Miracky, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: John Mulreany, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, 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, Sheila Creasey,
Fr. Vic de Jesus, S.J., Heather Feola, Kathleen Friel,
Susan Forbes, Ellen Grant, Leyda Grullon and Family,
Jerry Hill, Mary Korbá, Mary Hannon,
Patrick McCartney, Diana Minor, Ralph Nicoletti,
Tim O'Connor, Michael Orza,
Marcy Parlow Pomerance, Marilyn Toneth Pazmino,
Pilar Perez, Ray Ralph, Dolores Roddy, Marie
Saccoccio, Melanie Samoy-Lutz, Dick Schoeller,
Dorothy Shepherd, and Anne Sheridan

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

Patsy Butler, Georgianna O'Connor, Dolores Gettle,
Leon Herskowitz, Philip Kniejski, Jay Olnek,
Johnathan Maestre, Louise Murphy, Joseph Norton,
Carlito Rapada, Sue Reise, Leonor Ripalda, Carlos
Ruiz, Dolores Solhan, Jessica Sonko, Grace Springer,
and Edward Hernaez Yuseco

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

Last week, the publications *City & State* and *NYN Media*, published their “Nonprofit 40 Under 40” list of outstanding leaders in the non-profit world in New York. We are delighted to learn that **Cassandra Agredo**, Executive Director of the Xavier Mission, was one of those selected. The virtual awards ceremony took place last Wednesday.

Under Cassandra’s outstanding leadership, the Welcome Table has continued to provide meals for the homeless every Sunday throughout the pandemic. Naturally, they had to shift from in-person dining to take out bags. Nevertheless, over 800 meals are served each week. In addition, the monthly pantry continued to provide prepackaged bags of food throughout the pandemic and will re-open its Customer Choice model operation in June. Last weekend, the clothing distribution resumed after being closed for a year. The Coughlin Shelter remains closed until further notice but it has been refurbished and new beds and mattresses were purchased so that it is ready to accept guests as soon as health officials permit. The LSEP and Financial Assistance Programs continued without pause, addressing the more complex needs of mental health and financial stability for those experiencing the most severe effects of the pandemic. Although for practical reasons, the Xavier Mission is separately incorporated from the parish, it still remains the most impactful neighborhood outreach of Xavier parish.

Please continue your generous support of the Mission through our monthly collection next week and by volunteering to prepare and serve in this life-giving work.

This week we will have the second ***in-pew collection*** for the *Annual Stewardship Appeal for the Archdiocese*. Since the Pastoral Council will be speaking at each of the masses, I will forego the opportunity to address each mass. To date we are at about 40% of our goal of \$109,500. Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have contributed thus far. I encourage each of you to consider a gift within your means as I have. This annual drive is critically needed to support other parishes and the parochial schools which have been particularly hard hit by the pandemic as well as the outreach by Catholic Charities to the neediest in our midst.

You may make a pledge or contribution through the envelopes available from the hospitality ministers or by giving online by visiting www.cardinalsappeal.org or scanning the QR code to the right.



Thank you.

EASTER COLLECTION RESULTS

Alleluia, He Lives!

We are grateful for your generous support during this Easter season. Whether you give your time to serve during the liturgies or share your musical talents or volunteer to decorate the church or share your financial blessings with the parish...or a little bit of everything, we want you to know it is greatly appreciated! It is only through your gifts can we make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

This Year's Collection: \$58,042

This Year's Goal: \$54,000

Last Year's Collection: \$58,244

Easter Flowers This Year: \$3,088

Easter Flowers Last Year: \$2,329

JOIN YOUR XAVIER COMMUNITY THIS SUNDAY AT 7PM VIA ZOOM: HELP SELECT NEW MEMBERS FOR THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

This Sunday (May 2) and two Sundays from now (May 16), all registered Xavier parishioners are warmly encouraged to participate in the holy, community-wide process of selecting three new members for the Xavier Pastoral Council. Serving as a leadership body with 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.

The selection process unfolds over two meetings, both to be held at 7 pm. This year, both of these meetings will be held via Zoom. Attendance at both meetings is required for all participants, whether they are selecting the new members or seeking to join the Council.

You—yes, you!—are needed to help at this key juncture by attending these two meetings, getting to know our sisters and brothers who plan to offer their gifts as potential Council members—our Xavier tradition is to call these people discerners—and participating in the selection process. Selection of new Council members is always a special, sacred moment for the Xavier community. It's even more so when as many parishioners participate as possible.

The first meeting (this Sunday May 2 at 7 pm at the link found on the Church website www.sfxavier.org) features information about the role of the Pastoral Council and the commitment asked of servant leaders selected for the Council. The discerners briefly introduce themselves to all assembled. Discerners are given four questions about their call to service upon which they will pray with for the next two weeks.

At the second meeting (two Sundays from now, May 16 at 7 pm), discerners provide their responses to the four questions. The personal, prayerful, and heartfelt nature of these responses transform them into sacred testimony. After those assembled have heard from all discerners, selection of Council members proceeds through a process where parishioners anonymously indicate whose gifts are best suited for service on the Council at this time. Finally: if you think you may be called to offer your gifts as a discerning yourself, come to our meeting this Sunday. Learn more about what it means to be a member of the Council, and allow yourself to dwell with the Holy Spirit in asking whether now is the time to take up this role as a servant leader.

Additional information about service on the Council and the selection process is available in the Pastoral Council's Guidelines for Leadership found at <https://sfxavier.org/pastoral-council/>. Questions may be directed to any Council member or to pastorcouncil@sfxavier.org.

CATHOLIC ANTI-RACISM PROJECT PRESENTS:

SPEAKER SERIES

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

The Realities of Immigration

Speakers: Nana Gyamfi, Executive Director of Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)

Fr. Rudy Casals, S.J. Former US Navy

When: May 4th, 2021

Time: 7pm EST

Where: Catholic Anti-Racism Project YouTube Live

Anti-Racism Guide - June 1st

Broadcast Link: <https://youtu.be/axnb8H6urxQ>

"FIRST, WE MUST RECKON WITH THE TRUTHS OF OUR HISTORY...THE RECKONING REAL"

RACHEL SWERNS, AN NYU PROFESSOR AND NYTIMES CONTRIBUTOR

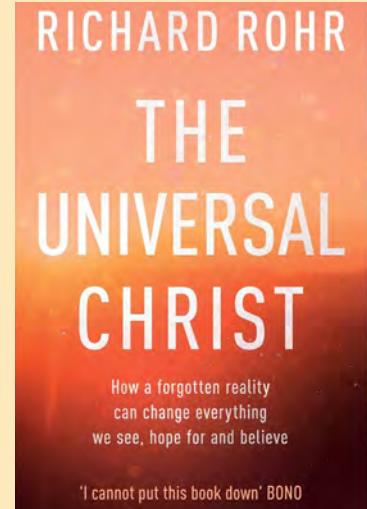


Mid-Week Book Group Series:

Eight 1-hour Zoom sessions – Wednesdays at 11:00am
Join fellow parishioners for facilitated discussion and prayer

**May 5
May 12
May 19
May 26
June 2
June 9
June 16**

To Register or for more info contact:
Robert Choiniere – rchoiniere@sfxavier.org



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>

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>

A ZOOM CELEBRATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE PERSON, POLITICS, AND PASSION OF DOROTHY DAY

Date: Wednesday May 19th

Time: 7:00pm–8:30pm

Cost: \$25 per household/screen

**PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A SPONSOR FOR
THIS EVENT (SEE BELOW)**

Hope that you register to support IVC and those among us who will be celebrated for their work for the Cause of Canonization of Dorothy Day: John Dowd, Nick Farnham, Patrick Figorito, Jodee Fink, Joe Sclafani and Bill Woods.

Perhaps you would consider sponsoring the event – to be a member of the Men & Women for Others Circle would be a donation of \$100, the Magis Circle would be \$250 (please scroll down below for the various categories).

This evening will also honor the Dorothy Day Guild with the Madonna della Strada Award. We really have an exceptional panel and are very delighted that Colleen Dulle of America Media will be the moderator. Robert Ellsberg, Editor and Chief of Orbis Books and Dorothy Day biographer. George Horton, Vice-Postulator for the Cause and Director of the Department of Social and Community Development for Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New York will also be present along with Melissa Cedillo, Harvard Divinity student. Our own Joe Sclafani will be on the panel as well and will speak about the unique relationship between IVC and the Dorothy Day Guild. Fred Boehrer, Co-founder of the Catholic Worker Emmaus House in Albany, NY will also be on the panel.

Here is the link to register:

<https://ivcusa.org/dorothy-day/>

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, May 14th, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

“Synchronicity and Signs” with Gail Kennon

Gail Kennon is fascinated by synchronicity and its signs. She will introduce us to a bit of science, showcase two recordings, including one with flutist Ulla Suokko, and open up the evening for discussion. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com for the Zoom link.



Do you - or someone you know - need help booking your COVID-19 vaccine appointment?

Xavier Vaccine Ministry

Fill out the Help Request Form, and one of our volunteers will follow up to help book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment for you.

For more information, contact us at vaccineminystry@sfxavier.org

VACCINE MINISTRY: If you need help getting a Covid-19 vaccine appointment, you can either fill out the Help Request Form at bit.ly/xaviervaccinehelp, call us at (646) 598-6216 or email your name and contact information to vaccineminystry@sfxavier.org

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: *Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8.*

MONDAY~FEAST OF STS. PHILIP AND JAMES: *1 Cor 15:1-8; John 14:6-14.*

7:45AM ETTA DAVIS CARDILLO (D)
12:05PM RON GRAYSON (D)

FIFTH TUESDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM RICHARD BALDELLI (D)

FIFTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER: *Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8.*

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

FIFTH THURSDAY OF EASTER: *Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11.*

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM HELEN DOUGHERTY (D)

FIFTH FRIDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17;

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM FERNANDO DEL RIO PENICHE

FIFTH SATURDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21.

12:05PM NETTIE HENRY (D)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: *Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17.*

You may reserve an available Mass for your intentions by contacting the parish office at 212-627-2100.

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, kcoff5th@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 nlgnyc@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 xaviersharingandlearninggroup@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

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