



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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**OFFICE CLOSED**

**MONDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

*One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.*

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
*to benefit India Group*

*Feast of The Most Holy Trinity*

*May 30, 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](http://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](mailto: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: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Bill Cain, 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, Charlie Cole, Tom Collins, Sheila Creasey, Fr. Vic de Jesus, S.J., Heather Feola, Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes, James Gallagher, Ellen Grant, Leyda Grullon and Family, Jerry Hill, Mary Korba, Mary Mastrogiovanni, Patrick McCartney, Diana Minor, Ralph Nicoletti, Tim O'Connor, Michael Orza, Marcy Parlow Pomerance, Marilyn Toneth Pazmino, Pilar Perez, Ray Ralph, 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:

*Mary Bellavia, Patsy Butler, Doris Mary Caravaglia, Miriam Solares de Castañeda, Mary Hannan, Leon Herskowitz, Tommy Keegan, Philip Kniejski, Johnathan Maestre, Louise Murphy, Jaime Nazareno, Joseph Norton, Jack O'Donnell, Leanor 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*

This Sunday the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday. While there are many deeply philosophical attempts to explain the Triune God, the experience of most Christians is that we have experienced God in our lives as Creator/Parent; Savior/Brother and Inspiration/Guide at different times of our lives. The other God-reality we experience is the intimate community of love shared within the Godhead and enwrapping us in their life of love.

We are far from the intimacy of God's communal love in our ordinary lives but we can aspire to it in different degrees. The late congressman and civil rights leader, John Lewis, often referenced the Beloved Community as his goal and inspiration. For Lewis, the Beloved Community is one where all people are treated with love and respect as equals, as beloved children of a gracious and loving God who brought us to life, redeemed us and guides our steps.

I've been reading a biography of John Lewis by Jon Meacham and have reconnected with the power of his non-violent resistance, most notably on the Pettus bridge in Selma. Speaking truth to power in a non-violent but clear way, the horror of the police brutality on that day shocked the nation and led to the passage of the Civil Rights Voting Act of 1965. A great deal of progress was made, especially in voting rights, as a result of that fateful day and, yet, the Beloved Community is far from a reality.

This past week we marked the one-year anniversary of the murder of George Floyd, another tragically brutal event which shocked the nation and led to widespread, inter-generational and interracial protest. There have been calls to reform methods of policing. In the context of the pandemic, inequalities of opportunity, education, income, access to adequate food and health care have all come to the forefront. A year later, we have yet to see real progress on basic issues of equality. We must not let our resolve slacken as we come out of our quarantine and long for familiar routines. The new normal must be better, more just, than the old normal. We must still strive to create the Beloved Community among all of God's people.

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Special thanks to Janet Paist and the members of the Vaccine Ministry. They rose to the challenge to help people gain access to vaccines against Covid-19. Besides helping individuals, they were able to facilitate a partnership with a local community health provider and the Welcome Table for ongoing care of our guests. Now that vaccination rates in our area are very high, the ministry is closing shop and the volunteers are moving on to other challenges. Thank you for your service.

### **LATEST NEWS:**

We received word this week from Fr. Joseph M. O'Keefe, S.J., provincial of the East Coast Province, that he has appointed Fr. John Mulreany, S.J. to be superior of the Fairfield Jesuit Community in Connecticut. While this will be a great blessing for the Jesuits and their works in Fairfield, it is a tremendous loss to our parish community where John has served so faithfully for these two years. We will truly miss him in our daily parish life.

Zachariah Presutti, S.J., who is to be ordained at Fordham on June 12, 2021 and say his first mass at 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 13 here at Xavier, will be joining our staff on a half-time basis while also serving half-time as a chaplain at Rikers Island. Welcome, Zach.



# The India Group (TIG)

TheIndiaGroup.net



## MISSION

Following St. Francis Xavier, who proselytized and is buried in India, we hope to work with the poorest of the poor in India, providing direct, supervised support in the areas of education and health care.

## WHO WE ARE

TIG is a group of sojourners, founded by Xavier parishioners, who travel to India and work with Indian families in 4 communities to identify their most crucial educational and health care needs.

## WHAT WE ARE DOING

Currently we are paying for all school-related expenses for the students in our program: School tuition, tutoring fees, books, uniforms, and the educational technology requirements. The children in our program range from pre-school through high school. Most of our children are the first in their families to attend school and, in some cases, to read or count. We also provide funds for long-term and emergency health care. We have paid for surgeries, pre-natal care, births, health care related to women's issues, and the treatment of alcoholism.



Because of Covid we've expanded our Mission to include basic survival as our families have not been able to work for more than a year and have no savings. To stave off at best malnutrition, at worst starvation, TIG has been sending a food subsidy of \$1.30 per person per day for the past year and will continue this support until our families are able to work again. This subsidy has totaled more the \$30,000.



## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Pray for us to secure funds for our work and discern next steps
- Learn more by visiting our website: [www.theindiagroup.net](http://www.theindiagroup.net)
- Sign up for our mailing list and become a part of the TIG community: [TheIndiaGroupNYC@gmail.com](mailto:TheIndiaGroupNYC@gmail.com)
- Make a tax-deductible donation through our website or by check or money order made out to TIG and send to



The India Group  
C/O Michael Termini  
127 W. 96 St., Apt. 9E  
New York, NY 10025

**Scan QR code to donate now**



Ability Xavier invites you to a Virtual Prayer Service in  
honor of Corpus Christi

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# The Wounded and Resurrected Body of Christ

An hour of prayer, meditation and  
sharing.

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Saturday, June 5, 2021 06:30 PM

<https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/95184948339>

Meeting ID: 951 8494 8339

Or, dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)



## FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

June 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 3:30pm-4:30pm

Main Church

To celebrate what we could not  
celebrate on Holy Thursday.

Come and spend some time in silence  
With the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus.

### CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom

“Pride during a pandemic” is where Paula Acuti will  
lead us. Contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) for the Zoom  
link.

## THIS WEEKEND'S MUSIC

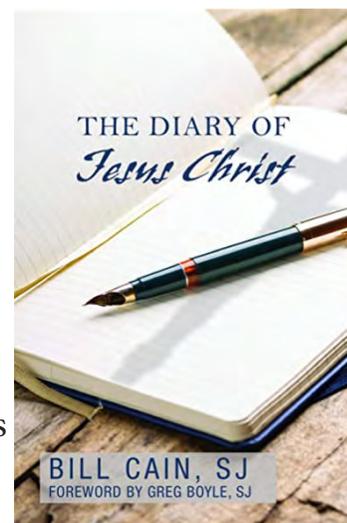


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**Bill Cain, S.J.** will be celebrating the 11:30 mass on **June 6<sup>th</sup>** and, after, doing a reading and book signing of his new book *The Diary of Jesus Christ*, an Orbis Press publication.

The book is a series of Ignatian contemplations on the events of the gospel as imagined through Jesus' eyes. As

it were – his diary. This is a homecoming in many ways. Bill was a parishioner and celebrant at St. Francis Xavier for roughly 20 years, 1983 to 2003. The Diary entries were created as weekday homilies for the 7:45 daily mass over more recent years. The 7:45 mass community was extremely kind, creative and helpful in the development of this book and Bill is very grateful to return to the Mary Chapel with *The Diary*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.



## 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>



**INFO SESSION**  
**June 16<sup>th</sup> & June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00pm on Zoom**

A program beginning September 2021 for developing a deeper relationship with the Divine and learning how to discern God's will in our lives and bringing these fruits out into the world. Join us for an info session on Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm via Zoom.

CONTACT: [LaySpiritsX@gmail.com](mailto:LaySpiritsX@gmail.com)

***The India Group***

was founded by SFX parishioners more than 10 years ago to provide education and health care to low-caste Indian families, the poorest of the poor. Each year, until this past, we have taken a group to India during Lent to work with our families. This past year we have also had to provide our families, unable to work because of the virus, with a Food Subsidy, \$1.32 per day per person. We have had to send more than \$30,000 just for food, and in light of the current dire situation we will have to provide for food for the foreseeable future. We are asking the parish that guided the foundation of our Charity to help us continue helping our families. Please make a donation through [www.theindiagroup.net](http://www.theindiagroup.net) or send a tax-deductible contribution to



TIG  
Dr. Michael Termini  
127 W. 96 St. Apt. 9E  
New York, NY 10025



Xavier Youth Ministry is happy to announce its new Youth Ministry Coordinator, *Pablo Jimenez*.

Welcome Pablo! We thank Philip Waldrop for two years of service in that role, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

**SPRING SERIES**

**SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS  
ON RACE, RACISM AND  
RACIAL JUSTICE**

**FRIDAYS  
7PM - 8PM**

**ZOOM LINK: <https://bit.ly/3b0R5d2>**

Participants will receive weekly emails with information and questions on race, racism and racial justice to prepare to the zoom conversations.

We will engage in an hour of weekly, safe, inclusive and respectful Zoom conversations by sharing the fruits of our reflections and insights.

We will use the Ignatian Three Rounds Conversation Method.

TO PARTICIPATE CONTACT LUZ MARINA DIAZ  
AT [LMDIAZ@SFXAVIER.ORG](mailto:LMDIAZ@SFXAVIER.ORG)

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY

**TRINITY:** *Deut 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Matt 28:16-20.*

### MONDAY~FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

**MARY:** *GEN 3:9-15, 20; PS 87:1-2, 3 & 5; John 19:25-34.*

### TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. JUSTIN:

*Tob 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17.*

**7:45AM** LEO & ANTIONETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

**12:05PM** ROSANNE FREDICO (D)

### NINTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER:

*Tob 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27.*

**7:45AM** JAIME NAZARENO (D)

**12:05PM** ARLENE WOLHFARTH (D)

### THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. CHARLES LWANGA

**AND COMPS:** *Tob 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a;*

*Mark 12:28-34.*

**7:45AM** ANGELA & FAMILY (L)

**12:05PM** LEAH ENDLER (L)

### NINTH FRIDAY OF EASTER: *Tob 11:5-17;*

*Mark 12:35-37.*

**7:45AM** ANGELA & FAMILY (L)

**12:05PM** ENA & ISMAEL RODRIGUEZ (D)

### SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. BONIFACE:

*Tob 12:1 5-15, 20; Mark 12:38-44.*

**12:05PM** ROBERT CURRY (D)

### SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY

**AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:** *Exod 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15;*

*Matt 14:12-16, 22-26.*

**YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.**

#### XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLOTHING ROOM: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, contact Ann Mary: [xmClothingRoom@gmail.com](mailto:xmClothingRoom@gmail.com)

FOOD PROGRAMS: Every Sunday soup kitchen and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday food pantry, contact Christine: [xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com](mailto:xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com)

L-STEP: Spring and Fall semesters, contact J: [xmLSTEP@gmail.com](mailto:xmLSTEP@gmail.com)

SHELTER: Every night, contact Jim: [xmShelter@gmail.com](mailto:xmShelter@gmail.com)

## Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact [abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com](mailto:abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com)

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room (offsite July & August), [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) (929) 333-5011.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto: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: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Marie Bannister, [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com) or Gerry Moss, [gerrymoss@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com)

XAVIER ADULT GROUP: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com)

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

XAVIER YOGA: Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Open to all levels. Contact [Ko@nyyogalife.com](mailto: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](mailto:youthministry@sfxavier.org).

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays and Fridays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com)