



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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**SECOND COLLECTION**  
*to benefit Parish Maintenance*

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*June 27, 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: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Rose Allocca, Lisa Armband, William Byers, 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, Justin Herrmann, Jerry Hill, Jane Jacobus, Mary Korba, Mary Mastrogiovanni, Patrick McCartney, Diana Minor, Ralph Nicoletti, Ryan Nieves, Tim O'Connor, Michael Orza, Marcy Parlow Pomerance, Marilyn Toneth Pazmino, Pilar Perez, Ray Ralph, Marie Saccoccio, Melanie Samoy-Lutz, Dick Schoeller, Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan, and Br. Philip Zeller*

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

*John Albanese, Rogelio Aspirin, Marc Bayford, Mary Bellavia, Norm Bowsler, Doris Mary Caravaglia, Mickey Flood, Miriam Solares de Castañeda, Mary Hannan, Dr. Deborah Hoyle, Tommy Keegan, Philip Kniejski, Johnathan Maestre, Louise Murphy, Jaime Nazareno, Joseph Norton, Jack O'Donnell, Amora Ollivierre, Stephen Poutier and Lazarus Rosa*

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

## *From the Desk of the Pastor*

We bid a heartfelt farewell to two members of the community who have served so faithfully.

Fr. Paddy Gilger, S.J. completed his doctorate at the New School last week and moves on the Loyola University in Chicago to join the sociology program there. He mentioned in the community last week that the five years he has lived and worked at Xavier represent the longest time he has continuously lived and worked in one place since early childhood. He has definitely established roots here and shared his many gifts with us. Thanks, Paddy.

Fr. John Mulreany, S.J. has certainly had a major impact for good in his two years as the Associate Pastor. Whether visiting the sick and the homebound, counselling parishioners and visitors, facilitating the Racial Justice Book Club or preaching justice fearlessly, John has touched the lives of all of us in the community in many and varied ways. He will be greatly missed as he moves up the Fairfield University to serve as the superior of the Jesuit Community. There are not enough words to say thanks to John for sharing his gifts and life with us.

As previously announced, newly ordained Fr. Zach Persutti, S.J. begins serving as half-time Associate Pastor beginning Monday, June 28. Please be sure to welcome Zach into our community.

Ricardo DaSilva, S.J., will return to South Africa in mid-July for his ordination to the priesthood which was deferred a year because of the pandemic. I am happy to announce that, when he returns to New York in October, he, too, will be half-time as an Associate Pastor. I'm sure you join me in welcoming Ricardo back in a new role.

Community is built through creating reciprocal ties and the LGBTQ community at St. Francis Xavier is no exception. Like so many others, we are people who have found a home at Xavier. That home has been a safe haven since the 1980s, even before the official establishment of an LGBTQ focused ministry in 1993. In fact, Xavier has been proving you can be LGBTQ and Catholic since before some of our youngest members were born! These moments of intergenerational connection truly create a familial environment that permeates throughout the church. We share our stories with new members as we invite them in and create new memories to one day share with the future. In having this home for LGBTQ Catholics, we also work to build our larger home, the Church of St. Francis Xavier. We are eucharistic ministers and lectors, we are singers and hospitality ministers, we are members and leaders of other ministries and enthusiastic participants in mass. We preach a gospel of love through our care for the entire Xavier family because we are the Xavier family. We are proud to be part of this community, and we hope to continue to grow a joyful place to gather for generations to come.





## From the Desk of the Associate Pastor

Dear St. Francis Xavier Community,

I write this parting note to express my profound gratitude to you for my two years here at Xavier. From the first moment I got here, you made me feel welcome.

I have been inspired by your prophetic commitment to justice for all God's people. Thank you for challenging me to grow as a witness to the Gospel. I am grateful to have shared your joys and sorrows, and I'm blessed to call so many of you friends.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers and know that you will remain in mine. Let us remember that God always gives us what we need for the next stage of our journey. Be assured that I take with me fond memories of this time.

May the easing of the pandemic be a source of joy for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

*Fr. John Mulreany, SJ*

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### GRATITUDE AND PRIDE

The Pastoral Council will be hosting a celebration to bid farewell to our Associate Pastor, John Mulreany, S.J. immediately following the 11:30am mass. The festivity will take place in **Keenan Commons**, accessed by the 15<sup>th</sup> street entrance. Space is limited, please register via the eventbrite link via the calendar on our website, or the Upcoming opportunities email that is distributed every Thursday. Food and Drinks will be provided.

A second celebration on the same day will also be hosted in **Keenan Commons** to say goodbye to Father Paddy Gilger, S.J. and Ricardo da Silva, S.J. after the 5pm mass. Food and drinks will also be provided. Please register via the calendar on our website or the Upcoming opportunities email that is distributed every Thursday.

Anyone who requires accessibility needs, please email the **Pastoral Council** at [pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org).

### CATHOLIC PARISHES CELEBRATING PRIDE'21

**Sunday, June 27th at 10:30 am Mass**

*Our Lady of Grace and Church of St. Joseph Hoboken, NJ*

[www.olghoboken.com](http://www.olghoboken.com)

<https://www.lgbt-ipc.org/2021events/our-lady-of-grace-amp-st-joseph-of-hoboken-pride-mass-2021>

**Sunday, June 27th at 12:30pm**

*St. Joseph Church Maplewood, NJ*

**Rainbow Rosary and Ice Cream Social**

<https://www.sjcmplewoodnj.org/open-arms.html>

### CATHOLIC LESBIANS

**Friday, July 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**

**Online via Zoom**

McKenna Coyle will present stories uncovered from her work at the New York Botanical Garden's William and Lynda Steere Herbarium. Learn about botanizing nuns and the unique ways botany and the queer community intersect. Contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) for the Zoom link.



The Church of St. Francis Xavier will begin a reflection on our communal racial justice ministry beginning Juneteenth, June 19, 2021. This will mark the one-year anniversary of our July 12, 2020 prayer service “*Action From Lamentation, Fury and Hope*” and our adoption of the Pledge for Racial Justice.

Our communal reflection will focus on (1) what we accomplished, what we fell short of accomplishing and how to integrate the year into the story of our community; (2) whether, and how, the principles set out in the Pledge for Racial Justice should be adapted to better reflect our uncompromising commitment to dismantling systemic racism; and, (3) how we

shall re-affirm our commitment to achieving racial equity and justice by actions taken together with our marginalized sisters and brothers.

The first event will be a parish-wide town hall on **July 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom**. In addition, reflections, suggestions, questions and prayers may be submitted to [pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org). Ministries are encouraged to prepare a group response based upon the ministry’s experience of the past year. Individuals also are invited to contribute their personal thoughts. Reflection materials for town hall are the recent America interview with Fr. Bryan Massingale <https://youtu.be/TOLfWNycD4A> and Sr. Christine Schenk’s NCR column, “White Catholics must lead the way to end white supremacy” <https://www.ncronline.org/authors/christine-schenk>

Faithfully,

*Your Pastoral Council Sisters and Brothers*

In response to requests from religious women working at the frontiers of the church on every continent, and also Church leaders in the Pan-Amazonian region, Pope Francis has established two different commissions to study the question of ordaining women to the diaconate. Discerning Deacons is an organization formed, in partnership with the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College, to provide parishes throughout the country an opportunity to offer reflection, thoughts and feedback as a means of moving this endeavor forward. The meetings are designed to gather people’s real hopes, stories, prayers and concerns. We will share them with Discerning Deacons to be incorporated into a report that will be presented to Pope Francis and members of the Papal Commission before they meet this fall. A meeting will be held here at Xavier on **Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the Main Church**. This meeting is open to all and is sponsored by the parish. If you’re thinking of coming please let us know so we will have enough of the hand-out materials.

Register by emailing *Roseann Bonadia* at: [DiscerningDeacons2021-Meeting@yahoo.com](mailto:DiscerningDeacons2021-Meeting@yahoo.com).

For more information check the website: [DiscerningDeacons.org](http://DiscerningDeacons.org).



Xavier Youth Ministry (XYM) strives to provide genuine spiritual accompaniment to young people in their journey of faith, particularly after receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. XYM guides young people in considering their own talents to serve God in the most vulnerable, through prayer and social services, while building relationships of friendship.

For the 2021-2022 academic year, XYM is seeking adult volunteers to help out with various aspects of this ministry, which vary in the degree of involvement they require, from a few hours during certain events to continuous support throughout the year. If you are interested to know more, contact *Pablo Jimenez* ([youthministry@sfxavier.org](mailto:youthministry@sfxavier.org)) and/or *Luz Marina Diaz* ([lm Diaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:lm Diaz@sfxavier.org)).

Applications are now being accepted for the **Spiritual Director Formation Program**. The 18-month parish-based formation program is open to anyone who has completed the 19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises and feels called to become a spiritual director. The program will begin in January 2022.

More information and the application can be found on the parish website. For more information contact: Robert Choiniere - [rchoiniere@sfxavier.org](mailto:rchoiniere@sfxavier.org)

# LAY SPIRITS

THE LAY SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM  
OF THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## NEXT INFO SESSION

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 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm via Zoom(found on our Events Calendar at [www.sfxavier.org](http://www.sfxavier.org)).

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

## 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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## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

*Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43.*

### MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. IRENAEUS:

*GEN 18:16-33; Matt 8:18-22.*

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

**12:05PM** JOANN MAIORANO (D)

### TUESDAY~FEAST OF STS. PETER AND PAUL:

*Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18; Matt 16:13-19.*

**7:45AM** 215 1ST NATIONS CHILDREN AT KAMLOOPS SCHOOL (D)

**12:05PM** MARY ELLEN HANNAN

### THIRTEENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** *Gen 21:5, 8-20a; Matt 8:28-34.*

**7:45AM** SOPHIE KELLY (D)

**12:05PM** ANA FALCON (D)

### THIRTEENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

*Gen 22:1b-19; Matt 9:1-8.*

**7:45AM** FRANCINE ROJAS & MARK LOPEZ (L)

**12:05PM** MARTIN J. KEANE (D)

### THIRTEENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

*Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matt 9:9-13.*

**7:45AM** JOAN THOMPSON (D)

**12:05PM** ESTEPHEN POUTIER(D)

### SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. THOMAS:

*Eph 2:19-22; John 20:24-29.*

**12:05PM** CAROL MAGGIO

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

*Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a.*

**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 [xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:xaversharingandlearninggroup@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 Pablo Jimenez 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)