



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*Feast of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary*

*August 15, 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

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;

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## 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.

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur: 10:00am to 4:00pm Fri: 10:00am-1:00pm

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: Thomas Feely, SJ

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Allocca, Lisa Armband, William Byers,  
Robert & Dolores Castle, Charlie Cole, Sheila Creasey,  
Fr. Vic de Jesus, S.J., Heather Feola, Kathleen Friel,  
Susan Forbes, James Gallagher, Ellen Grant, Leyda Grullon  
and Family, Bernard Fitzsimmons, Sr., Justin Herrmann,  
Jerry Hill, Jane Jacobus, Mary Korba, Mary Mastrogiovanni,  
Rosemarie McGrath, Adolph Mills, Cecille Mills, Diana  
Minor, Amelia Mullings, Ralph Nicoletti, Ryan Nieves,  
Michael Orza, Marcy Parlow Pomerance, Marilyn Toneth  
Pazmino, Pilar Perez,

Patricia Precobb, Ray Ralph, Marie Saccoccio,  
Melanie Samoy-Lutz, Dick Schoeller, Brigid Scott,  
Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan, and Br. Philip Zeller

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

Eulogio Capunitan Jr., Thomas J. Ahif,  
Georgia Papageorgiou and Shirley Sabin

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*

In mid-June, after it was announced that I would be assigned to the Church of St. Francis Xavier, I was moved with gratitude by the numerous emails welcoming back to this parish community of faith. Your warmth, care, and hospitality have been a great gift to the early days of my priestly ministry. I was delighted to have the opportunity to preside at Eucharist for the very first time on Sunday, June 13th, within a sacred space that has become my spiritual home during my religious life as a Jesuit. I cannot express enough my sincere thanks to all who made that liturgical celebration so prayerful and festive. My family and friends who traveled here for this special day are so indebted to your gracious hospitality. As one of my uncles was preparing to return home that weekend commented, “now that is a vibrant Catholic community!” I hope that you all know that your prophetic witness to the Christian faith is felt by all people who enter through the doors of this beautiful Church. Your commitment to the poor and marginalized is an inspiration and source of encouragement for many; I am grateful to walk with you in this journey of faith.

Last week, I was out with a Jesuit brother who asked me, “How was your first month as a priest?” I responded, “I’m learning a lot.” And, I’m grateful to be learning a lot, especially here in this faith community. I trust that your gifts, talents, and expertise will support me in these early days of ordained ministry. Thank you for your patience with my corks and foibles. Thank you for your generosity and support while I am finding my way. Above all, thank you for your forgiveness when I am not living out of my genuinely loving and generous self. I promise you this same love in return.

I am reminded of chapter 6 of John’s Gospel that we continue to reflect upon. Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” (John 6:51). My prayer is that we will grow in our intimacy with Christ through our sharing of bread around the table of the Lord and that through our shared mission as a baptized priestly people, we will not offer stale, moldy, or old bread to the world, but fresh bread. Only this bread will give life in abundance, especially to those who are most in need.

Thank you again for the opportunity to minister with you in my role here at the Church of St. Francis Xavier. I look forward to our collaboration in the great work already begun at the parish. As I split my time between sacramental ministry at the parish and our brothers and sisters behind the prison walls, I hope that these ministries are not disjunctive but always working together for the greater glory of God and service to those who are most in need. I trust that these days ahead will be truly blessed because we will be laboring with our loving God together. Thank you for your prayer, and please trust mine in return.

AMDG!

*Fr. Zachariah F. Presutti, SJ*

## **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>



“Youth Ministry is the response of the Christian community to the needs of young people, and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community.”

For the 2021-2022 academic year, Xavier Youth Ministry (XYM) is seeking adult volunteers to help out with various aspects of this ministry, particularly:

- Faith growth companions, who will provide doctrinal, spiritual and liturgical guidance to the youth, walking together on the path to Emmaus, as disciples of Jesus.
- Community services organizers, who will help the youth embrace the Church’s preferential option for the poor, effectively materializing their living faith.
- Social events organizers, who will facilitate social activities where friendship can flourish while having fun and learning.
- Website designer, who will guide XYM in the best ways to share our love for Christ and the world on the internet.

If you are interested to know more or if you would like to help and don’t know how, contact **Pablo Jimenez** ([youthministry@sfxavier.org](mailto:youthministry@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)

## IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY INFORMATION SESSIONS 2021-22



*Grant me, O Lord, to see everything now with new eyes, to discern and test the spirits that help me read the signs of the times...*

-Pedro Arrupe, SJ

ISEL invites you to attend an information session to learn what is happening this year in Ignatian Spirituality at Xavier

- Spiritual Direction
- The Spiritual Exercises: 19<sup>th</sup> Annotation
- Advent Retreat
- Meeting Christ in Prayer Retreat
- Lenten Retreat
- Stations of the Light
- Applications and Interviews Sessions

**Sunday, September 19 at 1:30pm in the Church**

*No registration needed*

**Tuesday, September 14 at 6:30pm on Zoom**

To register please contact [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com) by **Friday, September 10, 2021**

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**THIS  
WEEKEND’S  
MUSIC**



*Scan me*



# Register Today!

## Our Program Offers

- Children Liturgy of the Word
- Catechetical sessions
- Adult sessions
- Parenting sessions
- Altar Servers
- Family Faith Choir
- Sacramental Preparation
- Interministerial activities
- Community services



<https://www.xavierfamilyfaith.org/>  
Luz Marina Diaz      [Imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:Imdiaz@sfxavier.org)  
212-627-2100

*Xavier Family Faith Program  
in need of  
catechists, co-catechists and assistants*

*Do you feel called to share your faith with children?*

*Contact Luz Marina Diaz [Imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:Imdiaz@sfxavier.org)*





## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ART PROJECT - A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Late last Summer we asked for volunteers to form a Committee to address and rectify the lack of diversity of the artwork here at Xavier.

Nine dedicated parishioners volunteered and along with four Pastoral Council members and Fr. Boller we set out to accomplish that goal.

We settled on approximately 20 artists and sent them solicitations. Fourteen responded positively, and submitted some wonderful ideas. We selected four finalists and had Zoom meetings with all of them.

The project will take place in stages, and the first artist we have commissioned is Patricia Brintle <https://www.patriciabrintle.com/>

Her proposal is to paint 12 separate Saints/Blesseds of various ethnicities on birchwood panels. The current plan is to place them in the recessed marble panels between the Stations of the Cross. Alternatively, they can be installed in the same recessed marble panels in the back of the Church and near the Sacred Heart and Boys Saints Altars.

### *Other proposed Saints/Blesseds to be included are:*

*St. Josephine Bakhita - Sudanese Italian, St. Charles Lwanga & Companions - Uganda, Blessed Augustus Tolton - first African American Catholic priest, St Oscar Romero - El Salvador, St Alberto Hurtado - Chile, St Maria Natividad Venegas de la Torre - Mexico, St Lorenzo Ruiz - Philippines, St Andrew Kim Taegon - Korea Chinese Martyrs, Vietnamese Martyrs or St Andrew Dung Lac and companions, St Paul Miki- Japan, Blessed Pierre Touissant, Blessed Mother Mary Lange*

The hope is to have most of these completed and installed by All Saints Day

We look forward to your comments and suggestions. Please send your responses to [pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org). We also invite you to join us on a Zoom call on **August 17 at 6:30PM** if you'd like to know more. Zoom Link: <https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/91268334033?pwd=cmxrVWtsZWgyNkhsa3ZIM3BjVEM5QT09>

Thank you.

The members of the organization Desfile Mariano de New York, Inc. and affiliated associations, Dominican Sunday, Marian Ministry, and Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta Award continue to fail to comply with the policies and procedures of the Archdiocese of New York and are distributing information inaccurately suggesting that they are affiliated with the Archdiocese of New York. They are not. Members of these organizations have been actively present at the parishes and/or Catholic institutions.

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Effective immediately, any and all parish activities purportedly associated with Desfile Mariano de Nueva York, Inc. and/or its associations are hereby suspended.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27a; Luke 1:39-56.

TWENTIETH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
JUDG 2:11-19; Matt 19:16-22.

7:45AM JAMES PATRICK HANNAN (D)  
12:00PM NELSON FIGUEROA (D)

TWENTIETH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Judg 6:11-24a; Matt 19:23-30.

7:45AM FRANCIS SCHULTZ (D)  
12:05PM CLARA SPRAGUE (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. ALBERTO HURTADO CRUCHAGA: Judg 9:6-15; Matt 20:1-16.

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

TWENTIETH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
JUDG 11:29-39A; Matt 22:1-14.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM ALEX NUNEZ (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. BERNARD: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matt 22:34-40.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM AVAILABLE

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. PIUS X: RUTH 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matt 23:1-12.

12:05PM THOMAS KEEGAN (D)

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Josh 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32;  
John 6:60-69n.

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.

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)