



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 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

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;

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

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: Dennis Baker, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Rose Allocca, Petrona Anorve, 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, Hie-Joon Kim,
Mary Korba, Rosemarie McGrath, Adolph Mills,
Cecille Mills, Diana Minor, Amelia Mullings,
Ralph Nicoletti, Ryan Nieves, Michael Orza,
Enrique Passarge, 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, Asher Tung,
Susan Weems, Br. Philip Zeller and Christine Zotti

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

Thomas J. Ahif, Eulogio Capunitan Jr.,
Mary Mastrogiovanni, Bernie O'Neill,
Georgia Papageorgiou, Hector Ruiz 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.



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.

From the Desk of the Pastor

In a typical year, the last weeks of August are a slow time of year with many people on vacation before Labor Day brings the academic year and also the business year back in full swing.

This, of course, is not a typical year.

The fall of the government in Afghanistan, the destructive earthquake in Haiti, the fires in the West and the surge in Covid cases all vie for primacy of coverage in the news media. At times we can feel like helpless spectators as these events unfold beyond our capacity to change the course of events. There is certainly a lot of hand wringing and blaming going around as political leaders watch decades of failed policies in Afghanistan play out. There is plenty of bipartisan blame to share but it will be years before we have a true understanding of flawed policy and analysis over America's relationship with Afghanistan and that whole area of the world. In the meantime, we should look for opportunities to support efforts to maintain the human rights and especially, women's rights gains made in the last two decades. We can contribute to humanitarian aid to the people of Haiti. We can get involved in the Season of Creation environmental awareness and lobbying efforts which will start again in September.

With respect to Covid and the Delta variant, we can follow the directives of our public health authorities to promote vaccination and continue to wear masks until the current spike has passed.

We remain a people of hope as we look forward to restarting and refreshing our parish ministries. Although we hope that most activities can resume in person gatherings, we continue to maintain the technology to creatively adapt to the emerging pandemic realities.

When we feel confused and anxious at all of the tragedy around us, let us recall the words of Peter in today's Gospel speaking to Jesus: "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Let us pray for one another and for the victims of disease, violence and destruction around the world.

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>

LAY SPIRITS: A program beginning in September 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. The group will meet via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7 PM. Applications are now being accepted.

CONTACT: LaySpiritsX@gmail.com



“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).

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

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: 19th 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 by **Friday, September 10, 2021**

Sponsored by ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)

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**THIS
WEEKEND’S
MUSIC**



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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
212-627-2100

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

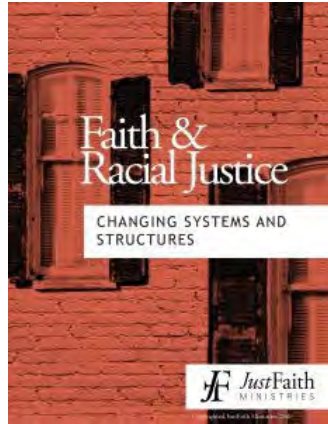
Do you feel called to share your faith with children?

Contact Luz Marina Diaz Imdiaz@sfxavier.org



COMING THIS FALL ON ZOOM!!

Do you want to learn how to advocate for racial justice within your family, church and community? Presented through the lens of the Christian faith, Faith and Racial Justice: Changing Systems and Structures gives you the tools needed to address racism at a systemic level. In this eight-session program by JustFaith Ministries, participants learn about key obstacles to racial justice that are embedded within our institutions, systems, and structures. They then develop tools to mobilize people and resources to dismantle those obstacles. This is part two of our last Just Faith Racial Equity program. Participation in the prior program is not required to participate in this program.



ZOOM SESSIONS:

Wednesday evenings
September 15-November 3
6:30pm-8:30pm
(Opening Zoom Retreat:
Saturday, Sept 11, 10:00am-2:00pm)

For more information or to register contact
Robert Choiniere at rchoiniere@sfxavier.org

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, September 10th ~ 6:00 p.m.--8:00 p.m.
Online via Zoom

Take two! We've waited a year-and-a-half, and now Ann F. is going to do a slice of her one-woman show, *The Cross, The Sword, The Gun: Live Life Up*. "Bring your handkerchiefs because there will be tears," says Ann, "and bring an open heart because there will be laughter." For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com.

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RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

2021-2022

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for:

Anyone who has never been baptized.

Anyone who has been baptized into another Christian faith and would like to convert to the Roman Catholic faith.

Anyone who was baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

Any Catholic who has received all the sacraments but would like to deepen his or her faith by attending the RCIA sessions.

For more information contact Luz Marina Diaz
lm Diaz@sfxavier.org

Register at:
<https://form.jotform.com/21146349174150>

ENTER THE CHAOS: ENGAGE THE DIFFERENCES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 7-10, 2021

ST. ALPHONSO RETREAT HOUSE, LONG BRANCH, NJ.

Can we respond to a world in chaos as persons committed to contemplation as a transformative process? To social justice in all its dimensions? And to the belief in our interconnectedness as a global community? Enter the Chaos: Engage the Differences to Make a Difference helps to do just that. It invites participants to deepen their interior lives through contemplative practice and to integrate skills for engaging people with differing worldviews sourced from a contemplative heart. The program consists of time for contemplation, presentations, and small and large group processes.

For more information and registration form go to: https://www.sanalfonso retreats.org/media/1/EntertheChaos2021_Brochure.pdf

Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

TWENTY FIRST MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 THESS 1:1-5, 8B-10; Matt 23:13-22.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:00PM AVAILABLE

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW:
Rev 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM ELIZABETH A. MCMAHON (D)

TWENTY FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Thes 2:9-13; Matt 23:27-32.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

TWENTY FIRST THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 THESS 3:7-13; Matt 24:42-51.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. MONICA: 1 Thess 4:1-8;
Matt 25:1-13.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE:
1 THESS 4:9-11; Matt 25:14-30.

12:05PM JOHN KERRIGAN (D)

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8,
14-15, 21-23.

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.

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
Pablo Jimenez at youthministry@sfxavier.org.

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