



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

*One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am in the Main Church.*

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit Xavier Mission

*Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time      September 5, 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

Patrick Egan (Chair); John Karle (Secretary)

Kristen Beckles; Cara Caponi; Belinda Conway;

Joel Dabu; Karen DeMasi; Andrea Foley-Murphy;

Michelle Jung; Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe;

[PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto:PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org)

## 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: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Rose Allocca, Petrona Anorve, Lisa Armband,  
Pat Brennan, William Byers, Robert & Dolores Castle,  
Charlie Cole, Sheila Creasey, Fr. Vic de Jesus, S.J., Sr. Olga Diaz,  
Maira Egan, Heather Feola, Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes,  
James Gallagher, Ellen Grant, Leyda Grullon and Family,  
Bernard Fitzsimmons, Sr., Cassandra Henderson, Justin Herrmann,  
Jerry Hill, Jane Jacobus, Hie-Joon Kim, Mary Korba,  
Rose King Lopez, 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,  
Amelia and Danny Webb, 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, Dolores Butler, Eulogio Capunitan Jr.,  
Frank Crapanzano, Fr. Roque J. Ferriols, SJ, Fr. Kiko Glover, SJ,  
William (Vilya) Kopp, Mary Mastrogiovanni,  
Bernie O'Neill, 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

Many thanks to those who contributed to the special collection for relief in Haiti. We were able to send two thousand dollars to *Magis America*, an organization which sends the money directly to Jesuits and their colleagues on the ground in Haiti.

While we sympathize with the people in Louisiana and Mississippi and the devastation caused by hurricane Ida which also caused flooding in our area, we need to double down on our action on behalf of the environment. ***The Season of Creation*** is a six-week effort co-sponsored by our Environment Ministry to educate, demonstrate and lobby for effective action to halt the climate destruction caused by our misuse of creation. Please take the opportunity to participate in one or more of the offerings to increase your understanding of climate justice and how we impact our carbon footprint.

Next weekend we mark the twentieth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11 which directly touched the lives of many of us through the destruction of the World Trade Center and the loss of life immediately and as a result of the pollution from "the pile." Xavier High School is holding a special memorial mass on Friday, September 10 at 6 p.m. in the church. The New York Disaster Interfaith Services is sponsoring a Peace Walk on Thursday, September 9 from 5 to 7 and an Interfaith Prayer Service at the Salvation Army on Saturday September 11 from 9 to 1. There are details for registration elsewhere in the bulletin. We are also participating in the Pay it Forward effort organized, in part by parishioner Kevin Tuerff, author of *Come From Away*. The idea is to do three acts of random kindness on 9/11 to respond to terror with kindness. There is more information and suggested activities in the bulletin.

With this anniversary we also mark the official withdrawal from Afghanistan. While the pundits debate the pros and cons of the withdrawal and reflect on twenty years of American policy decisions by different administrations, we should continue to pray for peace and lasting justice in this complicated and broken world.



## SEASON OF CREATION

In our faith tradition, we have a positive relationship with fire and water. We light the Easter Vigil fire every year to symbolize the light of the risen Christ. We immerse ourselves in water or pour water on the heads of our babies for baptisms, symbolizing a new life in Christ.

But these days of destructive fire and water should give us pause as we reflect on what is happening to God's oikos, the Greek word for home or shelter.

Drought conditions in the West have increased the wildfires which have now burned close to five million acres, an area almost the size of Connecticut. The warming ocean surface and atmosphere have brought intense rain and hurricane flooding to the east coast and gulf area.

We've had ample warning that global warming was happening. Yet we hesitate to confront it. The California drought motivated the governor to mandate fuel efficient and zero emission vehicles. We know that Prime Minister Modi of India held out on signing the Paris Accord on Climate until he saw photos of a major Indian city experiencing massive flooding.

Why do our leaders wait until disastrous floods and fires impact us to take necessary measures to stop climate change? Why are we not paying attention to the latest report from the IPCC warning us that the planet is warming at an alarming rate and saying that if we keep going with business as usual, we will pass critical thresholds that mean there's no turning back. No way to repair the harm we have done to God's oikos. And we will face more catastrophic events that completely destroy ecosystems and people's lives.

What part do we play in contributing to global warming with our life styles that directly or indirectly create the fossil fuel emissions that are warming our planet. How do our actions, as individuals, as a community, and as a nation impact our brothers and sisters in other communities and in the rest of the world.

And more importantly, how can we contribute to creating a flourishing oikos for all, as God intended, with fire and water being life-sustaining forces.



*Are you a teenager?  
Are you confirmed?  
Are you interested in growing  
as a friend and disciple of Jesus?*

The Church of Saint Francis Xavier is happy to invite you to the Youth Ministry!

Together, we will deepen our life of prayer.

Together, we will find Jesus in the sick, the poor, and the foreigners.

Together, we will raise our voices for those in need.

Together, we will learn more about our Faith.

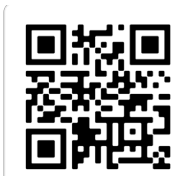
Together, we will sing and praise God.

Together, we will have a lot of fun, learn new songs, watch movies, explore NYC and meet marvelous people.

To join, please register at  
<https://bit.ly/XYMregistration>

If you are interested to know more, contact  
Pablo Jimenez ([youthministry@sfxavier.org](mailto:youthministry@sfxavier.org)).

**THIS  
WEEKEND'S  
MUSIC**



*Scan me*

## 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**

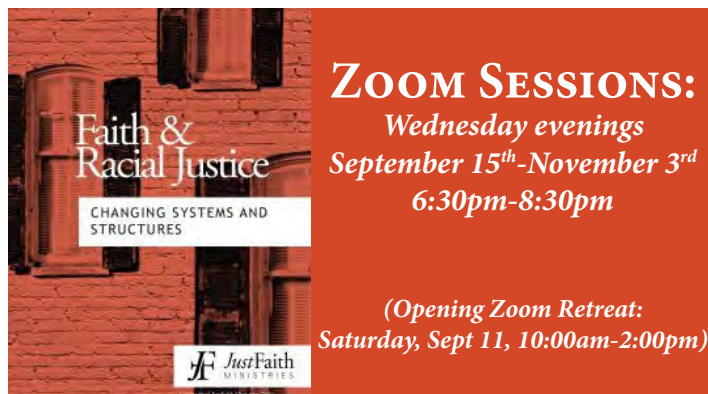
To register please contact [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com) by **Friday, September 10, 2021**

*Sponsored by ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)*

**I-Fong Wu, spiritual director/parishioner:** *“For someone who is looking for God, spiritual direction is a process to deepen one’s relationship with God. With the companionship of a spiritual director, the directee shares and reflects on one’s own experience of God. Through this process, the directee learns how to find God in daily life and how to accept and respond to God’s grace and love.*

*“From my own experience, spiritual direction helps me to walk with God in my journey, love myself, and love others. I am very grateful to learn how to discern God’s love, deepen my relationship with Christ, and live in this love. To find more details, visit <https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/making-good-decisions/spiritual-direction/>.”*

# COMING THIS FALL ON ZOOM!!



**Faith & Racial Justice**  
CHANGING SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES

**ZOOM SESSIONS:**  
Wednesday evenings  
September 15<sup>th</sup>-November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30pm-8:30pm

(Opening Zoom Retreat:  
Saturday, Sept 11, 10:00am-2:00pm)

**JustFaith MINISTRIES**

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.

For more information or to register contact  
Robert Choiniere at [rchoiniere@sfxavier.org](mailto:rchoiniere@sfxavier.org)

## CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 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](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com).

To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or [victimsassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimsassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



HELP CREATE 20,000  
GOOD DEEDS  
FOR THE 20<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Most people can't believe it's been 20 years since the September 11, 2001 terror attacks in America. Immediately following, the world was united, saying "Never Forget." Kindness to strangers and community service were heightened across the world.

In 2021, the world is polarized, struggling through the pandemic and in need of compassionate action. To honor the lives lost and get the longed-for spirit of kindness back, St. Francis Xavier is participating as a parish in Pay It Forward 9/11, to help recruit 20,000 good deeds for the 20th anniversary of 9/11. We invite all parishioners and Xavier ministries to join in this effort, by planning to do three good deeds on Saturday, September 11.

- Post your plans in advance on social media with the hashtag #PayItForward911 to spread the word and inspire others.

- Tag St. Francis Xavier, @SFXavierNYC on Facebook or Instagram, to show you're part of the parish's participation.

### IDEAS FOR HELPING OTHERS

- Healthcare Heroes, Teachers and First Responders - offer gift cards, food or snacks (delivered safely).
- Buy lunch or coffee for the person behind you in line.
- Seniors - Run errands for or provide grocery gift cards to seniors.
- Community - Donate blood, plasma or platelets
- For more ideas, visit [PayitForward911.org](http://PayitForward911.org)

## Returning to Xavier: ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Saturday, October 2, 2021 10:30 am.





## 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  
lmdiaz@sfxavier.org

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

**LAY SPIRITS:** A program beginning in late 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. Join us for an info session on **Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM via Zoom.**

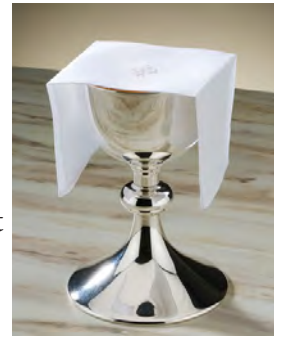
CONTACT: [LaySpiritsX@gmail.com](mailto:LaySpiritsX@gmail.com) or <https://sfxavier.org/faith-formation/#lay-spirits>

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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)

## HELP WANTED!

The Purificator Team is seeking new members to assist with the preparation of purificators used during celebration of the Eucharist at Mass.



Are you are willing to volunteer 2-3 hours every 6-8 weeks to lend us a hand?

Please contact *Susan Faggiani* at [sfagg29@gmail.com](mailto:sfagg29@gmail.com) or call 917-282-2062.

Many thanks!

## GAY CATHOLICS "WELCOME HOME"

**September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
in the Mary Chapel**

We have longed to be together for over a year and are happy to announce that the men's group will meet for the first time in person on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

We will use the evening to catch-up and discuss plans for the coming year.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [sfxgcgroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgcgroup@gmail.com)

**Benedict XVI Institute for Sacred Music & Divine Worship presents "Malcolm Muggeridge and Mother Teresa: A Play By Charles Gallagher"**

Hear, enjoy, learn, be amazed. Register to attend September 5, 5:30 pm Pacific. Suggested donation of \$50 to attend, or any free will donation you are comfortable with.

Eventbrite link: <https://bit.ly/3gMpgYH>

*Malcom and Teresa is "a play for thinking people. It deals with big themes. How, the atheists ask, can there be a God in a world in which millions of people starve to death. On the other hand is education alone enough to teach people right and wrong?" Palo Alto Daily News*

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Isa 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37.

TWENTY THIRD MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
COL 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11.

TWENTY THIRD TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Col 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM CASSANDRA HENDERSON (L)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Mic 5:1-4a; Matt 1:1-16,  
18-23.

7:45AM GEORGE WITT, S.J. (L)  
12:05PM JULIE BROWN (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. PETER CLAVER:  
COL 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM AVAILABLE

TWENTY THIRD FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM AVAILABLE

TWENTY THIRD SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
1 TIM 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49.

12:05PM JANE & FRANK MILLER (D)

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Isa 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35.

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)