



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Family Faith

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 12, 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 Diaz (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;

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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

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: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Samuel Sawyer, 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, Moira 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, Tim Kennon, Hie-Joon Kim, Rose King Lopez, Rosemarie McGrath, Adolph Mills, Cecille Mills, Diana Minor, Amelia Mullings, Ralph Nicoletti, Ryan Nieves, Michael Orza, Enrique Passarge, Marilyn Toneth Pazmino, Pilar Perez, Patricia Precobb, Ray Ralph, Marie Saccoccio, Melanie Samoy-Lutz, Dick Schoeller, Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan, Stout Family, Asher Tung, Amelia and Danny Webb, Susan Weems 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 Mastrogiiovanni, Bernie O'Neill, Hector Ruiz, Shirley Sabin, Chris Stout, and Br. Philip Zeller

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

As the nation commemorates the tragic events of September 11, 2001 twenty years ago, it is a matter of particular intimacy for us as New Yorkers. Each of us has our own memories of the day, where we were when we first heard of the planes crashing into the Twin Towers and most of us know people who perished then or subsequently as result of the destruction of the towers. We have also heard the many stories of those who managed to escape with little or no harm. Let us pause to pray for those who perished and for those who continue to mourn them. Let us also pray for the first responders who continue to bravely confront danger to protect us all.

The events of 911 shattered our sense of security and put us on notice that acts of terrorism and violence can happen anywhere and anytime. We have learned to live with that feeling and with the enhanced measures of security in place whether getting on a plane or just going into an office building. The wariness which comes with a sense of threat can feed into fears and prejudices, make us view those who are different from us a threat, perhaps even, treat them as not worthy of our respect and compassion. Our faith challenges us to do better; to be better. Parishioner Kevin Tuerff is one of the organizers of *Pay it Forward 911* which promoted doing random acts of kindness on the anniversary as a way to commemorate the day and, in a small way, promote kindness in the face of hatred. The Gospel calls on us to offer compassion and kindness every day as part of Christ's mission of healing and reconciliation. Are we up for the challenge?

As we commemorate this twentieth anniversary, let us renew our commitment to work for peace and justice for all peoples, near and far.

The theme of this year's Season of Creation prompts us to reflect on whether God's home is "A Home for All?" or have we made it a home for some.

Have we've honored the fullness of God's creation? We include ourselves as human beings in our reflection. Species of plants and animals are going extinct at an alarming rate. Draught and deforestation are killing off entire ecosystems so we now talk about ecocide. We humans let some people starve in Yemen and parts of Africa, and kill one another in wars, and treat some unjustly because of race. Our not paying attention or not caring about the warming of our planet has brought increased frequency and intensity of destructive weather events. We haven't yet opened our tent to include all.



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

During this Season of Creation, let's participate in opening God's tent wider. Let's welcome the Afghan refugees, and also provide assistance to their devastated country. Let's make the covid vaccine more available globally. Let's advocate for policies that acknowledge and correct the environmental injustices in poor communities and communities of color. God's plan for salvation includes all; and we are invited to participate in God's plan.

The Sacred Space Ministry will create a tent or shelter to represent the oikos of God... an Abrahamic tent where all creatures will be welcomed and protected. During the season we invite you to bring a drawing or photo of a creature that you want to be included in God's oikos. We invite you to pray that those gifts of creation will be protected.

We also invite you to participate in advocacy with the Healthy Planet, Healthy People petition (<https://thecatholicpetition.org/>) directed at the leaders of the U.N. Biodiversity Summit, in October, and the U.N. Climate Summit in November. The petition asks them to take the steps needed to protect the planet and God's creation. We also invite you to participate in our legislative work with the Adopt-A-District teams to advocate for climate action and environmental justice with your elected officials. Contact us at SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com.



HELP CREATE 20,000 GOOD DEEDS FOR THE 20TH 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

Returning to Xavier: ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Saturday, October 2, 2021 10:30 am.

SFX ART PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

On August 17 the SFX Art Committee hosted a parish wide Zoom meeting to bring the Parish up to date on our progress. The main topic of the Zoom was the work we will be commissioning in the Church. These will be artistic representations of 10-12 Black and brown holy people, who an inclusive Catholic Church should prominently recognize in the Communion of Saints. Recognizing these saints in our Church is a first step in the Art Project's effort to establish racial equity and justice in the Church art our faith community cherishes. One suggestion coming out of that meeting was to solicit Parish ideas as to who should be included in that group that will best reflect the devotions of SFX parishioners. Herewith is the list of saints we have been working on:

*St. Kateri Tekakwitha - Native American
St. Lorenzo Ruiz - Philippines
St. Josephine Bakhita - Sudan
St. Charles Lwanga - Uganda
St. Andrew Kim Taegon - Korea
St. Rose of Lima - Peru
St. Oscar Romero - El Salvador
St. Maria Natividad Venegas de la Torre - Mexico
St. Paul Miki - Japan
Servant of God - Mother Mary Lange - U.S.
Blessed Augustus Tolton - U.S.
Sister Thea Bowman - U.S.
Blessed Pierre Toussaint - U.S.*

Please let us know if you'd like to see any other saints included at pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org

At Masses THIS WEEKEND of September 11/12 we will be exhibiting the initial drawings of some of the above saints as well as a rendering of what they will look like installed. Many thanks to all who have already contributed their ideas.

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 14th at 7 PM via Zoom.**

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

Why We Need Your Support, Now More Than Ever

Thank you for your generous support this past fiscal year that ended on August 31st. We know these are challenging times for many parishioners. You should know your continued generosity especially since the COVID-19 crisis began has made a tremendous difference. You might ask, "Does the parish really need my gift? Does my weekly financial contribution make any difference? What are the parish's expenses?" Without your support we simply would not be the vibrant parish community that we are today. Our operating expense budget for the fiscal year that started on September 1st is \$2.26 million. In addition, we will spend \$955,000 on capital projects. Below is a breakdown of our budgeted expenses and the ways your support is needed and does make an impact. We need your increased financial support in the coming year through your Sunday offertory, maintenance 2nd collection, and Christmas and Easter gifts to ensure we cover these expenses.



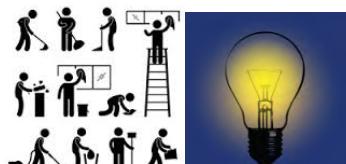
Capital Projects: We will spend \$955,000 to complete the roofing and other exterior repairs at our 17th Street property, repair and refurbish our elevator at the 15th St. entrance of the church, refurbish the bathrooms in Hurtado Hall, and fund new art installations in the church.

Clergy and Lay Administrative/Maintenance Salary & Benefits: The budget of \$715,368 includes the salary and benefits costs of our priests, five full-time and seven part-time lay administrative and maintenance employees, and stipends for visiting priests. Benefits include healthcare and retirement costs and payroll-related taxes. Living expenses plus travel and retreat allowances are also included for our priests.



Archdiocesan Assessments: The Archdiocese funds its pastoral and administrative functions through an assessment on all Parishes equal to 8% of revenue. Our estimated assessment this year is \$210,000. We also contribute \$42,423 for the capital needs of the Archdiocese. Additionally, we contribute \$244,000 annually to support elementary schools within the Global Regional School System of the Archdiocese.

Music Ministry: Our budget of \$227,643 funds the salaries and benefits of the Director and Assistant Director of Music, stipends for Cantors, musicians for special liturgies, upkeep of our organ, pianos & hand bells, purchase of music related supplies and equipment, and our Performing Arts at Xavier musical events.



Maintenance, Repairs, and Utilities: Our budget of \$110,000 covers our maintenance and repair expenses of \$66,000 and utilities expenses of \$44,000. Utilities include electricity used for lighting, powering office equipment and air conditioning, steam for heating, and telephone and internet services.

Support Expenses (Non-Salary): Our Support Expenses budget of \$162,000 covers a wide range of expenditures in support of church and back-office operations. These expenses include live streaming of Masses and Lessons and Carols, copier, printing, computer, postage, office supplies, flowers & decorations, liturgical & sacristy supplies, and fees paid to our parish accountant and FaithDirect.



Religious Education and Youth Ministry Program: Our budget includes our Family Faith and RCIA programs and our new Youth Ministry Program. The budget of \$169,318 covers the salary and benefits of our Director of Religious Education, stipends for the Youth Ministry Coordinator, catechists and guest speakers, books & supplies, and other program costs.

Insurance: To minimize any financial loss from a property damage or liability claim we purchase a wide variety of insurance policies. Our budget of \$100,000 includes the costs of our property, flood, earthquake, liability, employee dishonesty & crime, and equipment breakdown policies in addition to the retainer paid to our insurance consultant.



Other Program Expenses: The budget of \$178,500 includes expenses not covered above such as parish and special events, food & beverages, Spiritual Direction and Stewardship Programs, stipends for guest speakers and charitable contributions to other organizations.



**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).

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)

"For me the Spiritual Direction journey has expanded my love of self, others, the world exponentially! I bring my desire to know, to see, to hear God in my life to conversations with my Director, who walks with me and supports me in discerning the Call to God's love in my heart. I have experienced many graces since entering direction which have helped me to be a better parent, friend and partner! And I continue to deepen my relationship with God in ways I never would have imagined!"

Mary Hurson, spiritual director, parishioner

GAY CATHOLICS "WELCOME HOME"

**September 17th 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 17th.

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

Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM:
1 Tim 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10.

7:45AM AMOR PAN LA SIGUI (D)
12:05PM STANLEY LEPISKO (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE
HOLY CROSS: Num 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; John 3:13-
17.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS:
1 Tim 3:14-16; John 19:25-27.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM EULOGIO CAPUNITAN JR. (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. CORNELIUS:
1 Tim 4:12-16; Luke 7:36-50.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE:
1 Tim 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM PEGGY CEKORIC (D)

TWENTY FOURTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Tim 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15.

12:05PM LEONARD IACONO (D)

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37.

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

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, kcoff5th@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 nlgnyyc@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 xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact sanxnyyc@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

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