



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit Parish Maintenance

*Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time      September 19, 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;

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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.



## OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur: 10:00am to 7:00pm Fri: 10:00am-7:00pm

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: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Thomas Feely, 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., Sr. Olga Diaz, Moira Egan, Heather Feola,  
Stacy Fitzsimmons, 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, Olivia Papageorgiou,  
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, Patricia Brennan, SC, Dolores Butler,  
Eulogio Capunitan Jr., Frank Crapanzano, Fr. Roque J. Ferriols, SJ,  
Fr. Kiko Glover, SJ., William (Vilya) Kopp, Mary Mastrogiovanni,  
Maris Anne Mattingly, 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

The new school year is in full swing, Broadway is reopening and the local streets are bustling with activity. There are many signs that life is coming back, if not the same as before, at least with the “new normal.”

I'm happy to report that more and more people are attending mass in person both on the weekend and during the week. Most ministries have plans to restart, some fully in person others with a blend. These are signs of our resilience individually and as a parish community. The pandemic of 1918, called the Spanish Flu, lasted until 1925 in some form or another and we have to expect that we will learn more letters of the Greek alphabet beyond delta, gamma and mu. Blessedly, our area has some of the highest vaccination rates in the country and the lowest hospitalization rates. With prudence and masks, we can continue to adapt to the Covid threat and resume life giving activities to help our spiritual, mental and physical health.

Even as we restart many activities, it is important to be mindful of those who are homebound or otherwise restricted because of the pandemic and their current health status. If you are aware of anyone who would like to have a pastoral visit from one of the staff or to have a eucharistic minister bring communion to them, please contact the parish office. Likewise, if you would like to assist in ministry to the homebound, please let us know.

As we have supported one another in prayer and presence for these last nineteen months, let us continue to do so.

### 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>

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)

**THIS  
WEEKEND'S  
MUSIC**



*Scan me*



## SEASON OF CREATION

The influx of migrants on our southern border is widely recognized as being fueled by poverty, violence, and impunity; but in the last five years, drought has played a major role in motivating people to leave and go north. The cropland of small farmers has dried up, creating the Central American Dry Corridor affecting 2.2 million people with food insecurity in Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.

Many of those making the trek north are from campesino families whose dry fields no longer support their family's needs for food. Young sons in particular are encouraged to go north to earn money to send back to their families to buy food staples that they previously cultivated. We've seen these young men, some as young as 10 and 11, riding dangerously on top of trains. Increased food assistance is needed to stave off malnutrition and impoverishment. Advocacy to prevent drought is also urgently needed.

The warming of the planet is a global phenomenon. What we do in our daily lives and with our government policies has repercussions around the world. We don't have much time to prevent feedback loops from coming into play and causing more havoc on the climate and more cause for migration.

**Sept. 20 – 26** is *National Migration Week*, and Sept. 26 is World Day of Migrants and Refugees. We invite you to join Catholic Charities and the Sisters of Charity of NY for an interfaith prayer service on Sept. 26 at 2 pm EDT. To register, e-mail: [infonmwny@gmail.com](mailto:infonmwny@gmail.com)

Let's join in prayer for migrants and also advocate for more humane immigration policies and for policies that stem the warming of our planet.

You can start by calling your representatives to simply say you want strong action on climate (switchboard: 202-224-3121) and by signing the petition, "*Healthy Planet, Healthy People*", an appeal to the leaders of the UN Climate Summit which starts Oct. 31. Join your voice with other Catholics to raise our concern.

**VISIT THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN THE PETITION.**



***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)).

### 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 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!



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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  
[lmdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:lm Diaz@sfxavier.org)

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

## 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*

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

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

### **Catholic Lesbians**

**Friday, October 8th 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Online via Zoom**

Join us for a presentation and discussion of lesbian feminist poets through the ages, led by Jackie Starkey. Bring one of your favorites. For as Mary Oliver wrote in *A Poetry Handbook*: "Poetry is a life-cherishing force. For poems are not words, after all, but fires for the cold, ropes let down to the lost, something as necessary as bread in the pockets of the hungry. Yes, indeed." Contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) for the Zoom link.

*Are you longing for a deeper relationship with God through Christ? Is your childhood way of relating to God insufficient now that you are an adult?*

If you answered yes, please join us in

### **MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER**

At St. Ignatius Loyola in New York City, via Zoom

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing, via Zoom.

**Wednesdays, Sept. 29 – Nov. 17, 2021  
7:00pm – 8:30pm**

A good faith offering will be appreciated, as the cost of materials ranges between \$30-\$50.

To register, email [MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org) and pick up the MCIP book from the Parish House at St. Ignatius (84th Street and Park Avenue) by **September 26, 2021**.

### **THE TRADITION CONTINUES: ANIMAL BLESSING**

We will have a ceremony celebrating and blessing our animal companions on **Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:30 a.m.** Come! Celebrate the joy and blessing your animal companion has been for you. It's a "howl" and "the cat's meow". All creatures, great and small and their human companions are invited.

Feel free to pass the word about this event to people in the neighborhood: put a notice in your building's newsletter or post a flyer on your building's bulletin board or a local business that you patronize.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

MONDAY~FEAST OF STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG, AND COMPS:  
EZRA 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18.

7:45AM SUSAN FORBES (L)  
12:05PM JAMES H. BRASSEL & MARY VINING BRASSEL (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Matt 9:9-13.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM DOROTHY DANZI (D)

TWENTY FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM JAMES MCMAHON (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA:  
HAG 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9.

7:45AM DENISE LEPRINE (D)  
12:05PM MARGARET MEEHAN (D)

TWENTY FIFTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Hag 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM BARRY GARFINKEL (D)

TWENTY FIFTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
ZECH 2:5-9, 14-15A; Luke 9:43b-45.

12:05PM KARL PETER DREWS (D)

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Num 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.

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, [LM Diaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:LM Diaz@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)