

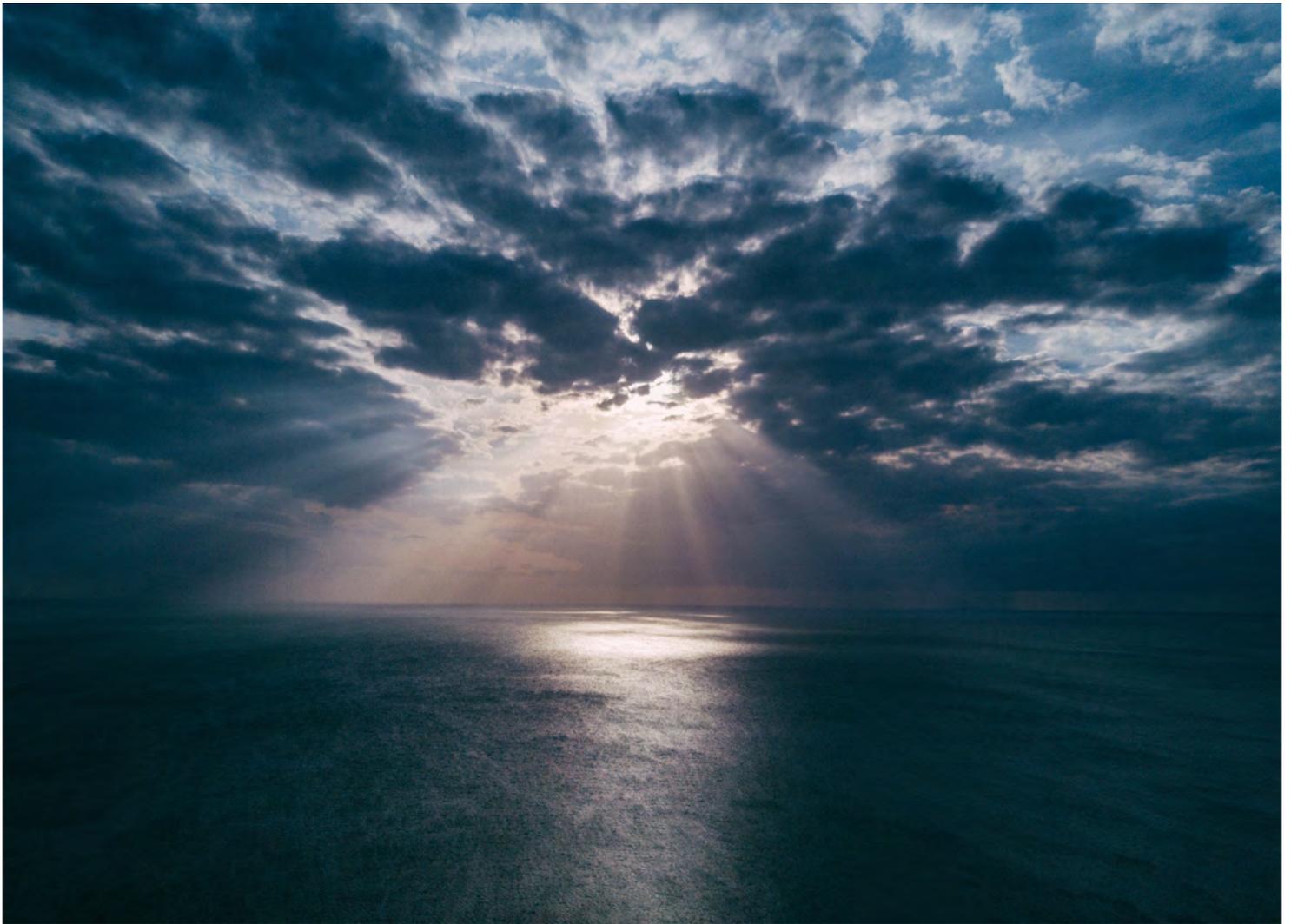


CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit St. Joseph's Seminary

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 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

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

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

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: Kenneth Boller, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Zachariah Presutti, 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, Maggie Rodriguez, 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,
Frank Crapanzano, Estrella Canilang Diaz, Fr. Roque J. Ferriols, SJ,
Fr. Kiko Glover, SJ., William (Vilya) Kopp, Mary Mastrogiovanni,
Maris Anne Mattingly, Bernie O'Neill, Marie Racciopo, 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.

COLLECTION FOR ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

St. Joseph's Seminary at Dunwoodie has served the Archdiocese of New York for 125 years. It is currently the regional center for the study of theology for the Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Center. It also offers advanced degrees and certificates in theology, scripture and liturgy for lay students. Unlike many colleges and universities, it does not have wealthy alumni to provide the additional support schools need. Please be generous in the second collection this weekend in support of the seminary.

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>



*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).

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

BUSINESS MANAGER OPENING:
Our faithful *Business Manager, Damely Tineo*, will be leaving us to pursue other opportunities. We are currently looking to fill this full-time position. Please see the website for the complete job description and online application at <https://sfxavier.org/director-of-business-position/>



SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a time to reflect and evaluate our own personal footprint on the earth while at the same time advocate for policy changes. Here is one tool for that reflection: www.ecologicalexamen.org.

The problem of climate change may seem so huge that we are tempted to throw our hands up in despair. As we witnessed the wildfires, floods and hurricanes these past months, we might have asked ourselves how our individual efforts could possibly impact the climate emergency.

Yet, as consumers, we have the power of the purse, and as people of faith, we have the power of hope, while as a community, we have the power of persuasion.

What I do influences others around me to adopt new sustainable lifestyle habits. It's a ripple effect.

The habit to turn off unused lights, to walk or ride a bike instead of using Uber, to compost our food scraps, to use less plastic, to tend a green space with plants, to pray gratefully for the gifts of Nature, to be more conscious of conspicuous consumption, to reuse, repurpose, and recycle things, to switch our electricity to a renewable source, to not buy bottled water, etc.

The list can be long, but let's keep in mind that we're not doing this alone, that our individual efforts are added to the collective effort of our parish, other parishes, and other houses of worship. As each ecological action becomes a habit, it forms part our integral ecology lifestyle, and brings us more in tune with God's creation. And each of our individual actions radiate out as a message and model to those around us. As members of a faith community, we can influence and support one another in developing new ecological habits in an effort to support a planet flourishing with life.

Who would have thought 30 years ago that we'd have bike lanes, recycling and compost pick-up, donation centers for old electronics, and solar panels and gardens on rooftops, etc. The seed for these programs started with the actions and vision of one.

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 for the Zoom link.

THIS WEEKEND'S MUSIC



Scan me

ART FOR AID

Natasha Avenis started "Art for Aid" because she was disturbed by the events in Afghanistan and Palestine. Here are links to articles that have lists of organizations you can donate to to provide relief aid.

<https://www.npr.org/2021/08/17/1028483700/help-afghanistan-refugees>

<https://www.buildpalestine.com/2021/05/15/trusted-organizations-to-donate-to-palestine/>

Send Natasha screenshots of receipts for any amount you contribute to one of these organizations, and she will take your art requests. Some examples can be Tarot Cards, portraits, even comic strips. Each digital artwork will be personalized. For a single donation, she will make single-line art. For multiple donations, she will make a watercolor or a digital painting. Contact *Natasha* at (347) 469-6339 or nmravenis@gmail.com.

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 and pick up the MCIP book from the Parish House at St. Ignatius (84th Street and Park Avenue) by **September 26, 2021**.

CALLING ALL DOGS, CATS, RABBITS, BIRDS, HAMSTERS, HERMIT CRABS AND ALL OTHER FEATHERED, FURRY OR FINNED CREATURES

Come to SFX's annual Blessing of Animals in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi. The ceremony starts on the front steps of the church on Saturday, **October 2nd at 10:03 a.m.** In case of inclement weather, we will move indoors.

All animals and their human companions are welcome. IF your BFF can't come, bring a picture or a stuffed animal as a stand-in. We are celebrating all of creation.

Animals do not have to be Catholic to be blessed.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:
Zech 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50.

7:45AM SUSAN FORBES (L)
12:05PM MONINA MACALINO (D)

TWENTY SIXTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Zech 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM TERESITA L. CASTILLO (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL,
AND RAPHAEL: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM ANA FALCON (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. JEROME: NEH 8:1-4A,
5-6, 7B-12; Luke 10:1-12.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM ALEXANDER PAUL GROSS (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD
JESUS: Bar 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16.

7:45AM GEORGE DEAN (D)
12:05PM FRANK CRAPANZANO (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN
ANGELS: Zech 2:5-9, 14-15A; Luke 9:43b-45.

12:05PM TOM VERDILLO (D)

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16.

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