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) - 221
Damely Tino (Dir. of Business) — 201
Receptionist — 201
John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council
Patrick Egan (Chair); John Karle (Secretary)
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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.

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: Kenneth Boller, 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, William Byers,
Robert & Dolores Castle, Charlie Cole, Sheila Creasy,
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 Pérez,
Patricia Precobb, Ray Ralph, Maggie Rodriguez, Marie Saccoccio,
Melanie Sayoy-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:
Patricia Brennan, SC, Dolores Butler, John Carroll,
Frank Crapanzano, Estrella Camilling Diaz, Fr. Roque J. Ferriols,
SJ, Fr. Kiko Glover, SJ., William (Vilya) Kopp, Virginia Jarzynski,
Mary Mastrogiovanni, Maris Anne Mattingly, Bernie O’Neill, Marie
Racciope, Hector Ruiz, 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

For the last couple of weeks, we have exhibited samples of some of the holy women and men which the Art Committee has proposed for installation in the church. I think it is worthwhile to recall the history of this project in order to view the paintings in their context.

For a year or more before I arrived at Xavier a number of parishioners had begun to have serious conversations about racism in our country and in our Church. Part of their activity involved conversations with parishioners at St. Charles Borromeo/Resurrection/All Saints Parish in Harlem as well as workshops facilitated by Fr. Bryan Massingale of Fordham University. These initial conversations led to the formation of a Racial Justice Book Group which has continued to this day.

In the late spring of 2020, in the wake of the murder of George Floyd and the national reconning with issues of race in this country, we at Xavier responded with a number of initiatives to learn more about race relations and inform our reflections by the light of the Gospel. We offered two prayer services, offered Spiritual Conversations on Race, the Just Faith program, Scriptural Reflections on Race and joined with parishioners from St. Charles Borromeo/Resurrection/All Saints Parish and St. Francis De Salles Parish to form the Catholic Anti-Racist Program.

In the midst of these thoughtful and prayerful exercises, we also opened our eyes to our surroundings. We are blessed to have one of the most beautiful churches in the city, even in the country. Built in the 1880’s it reflects the devotional iconography of the time and the largely Irish, German and Italian members of the congregation. In the last 140 years the Church has come to recognize people of heroic virtue from many parts of the world and formally canonized some of them as examples of faith in different cultural settings.

In light of this, the Pastoral Council asked for volunteers to help envision ways in which we could diversify the iconography while maintaining the integrity of our 19th Century gem. A year later, after many meetings, discussions, interviews with potential artists, the Art Committee has settled on and artist, Ms. Patricia Brindle, and asked her to create images of twelve heroic Catholics. We intend to mount the images in the brown marble spaces between the Stations of the Cross. The holy people are: Sister Thea Bowman, St. Rose of Lima, St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Mother Mary Lange, St. Charles Lwanga, St. Lorenzo Ruiz, St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Ven. Pierre Toussaint, St. Oscar Romero, St. Andrew Dung Lac, Rani Maria Vattalil.

As with all works of art, people of good will can differ in their sense of aesthetics. We have been displaying the first draft samples of each person to get the thoughts and comments of the congregation. Many of the suggestions have been incorporated by the artist into a final product. It is our intention to provide descriptions of the lives of each of these holy people in an accessible way so that all of us can come to appreciate the scope of God's grace working in different people in different cultures throughout the world. We also know that some will find particular devotion to one or other of the people depicted. We hope that all of us will grow in our appreciation of how God acts through the lives of our sisters and brothers from all nations and races.

Please take the time to look at the works, learn about the person and offer your suggestions for how we can be the house of God which truly welcomes all.
The Virtual Ignatian Pilgrimage is a series of 5 one-hour Zoom sessions between October 2021 – March 2022.

Each session focuses on moments in the life of St. Ignatius.

Sessions include:

- Scenes from the life of St. Ignatius
- Photo journal of the Way of St. Ignatius in Spain
- Short talks on the spiritual journey of St. Ignatius
- Small group reflection sessions
- Shared prayer and song

**Pilgrimage Dates and Themes:**

*All Zoom gatherings will be on Sunday evenings between 6:00-7:00pm*

**October 17, 2021 – Early Life in Loyola**

**November 21, 2021 – The Cannonball Experience in Pamplona**

**January 16, 2021 – Montserrat and the Black Madonna**

**February 20, 2022 – The Cave in Manresa and the Vision at the River Cardoner**

**March 20, 2022 – Salamanca to Paris and Beyond – Meeting the First Jesuit Companions**

Come for One or All!! To register and receive the Zoom link:

Please email Luz Marina Diaz (lmdiaz@sfxavier.org) or Robert Choiniere (rchiniere@sfxavier.org)
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).

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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

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.

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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/

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This Weekend’s Music

Scan me
Tomorrow is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It’s also two weeks before
the UN Summit on Biodiversity starts. How can we bring Saint Francis
to the Summit? By signing the Catholic petition, “Healthy Planet,
Healthy People,” we can bring the eco-spirituality tradition of Saint
Francis and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha to the Summit. Our signatures
carry with them the immense respect that our saintly role models had
for all of God’s creatures. If you didn’t already sign the petition, please
use the QR code below to access it.

Most of us have experienced having a pet, gone birdwatching in Central Park, visited zoos or the butterfly garden
room at the Museum of Natural History. We appreciate the warmth and beauty of the animals. We cringe when
we see them mistreated. Yet we seem indifferent to what scientists call the Sixth Mass Extinction our planet is
experiencing, which, unlike previous extinctions, is caused by humans. Some use the term ecocide.

Last year, 32 orchid species in Bangladesh went extinct, along with 22 frog species in Latin America. The annual
count of the Western monarch butterfly dipped from several hundred thousand in 2017 to a mere 2,000 this year.
Rising temperatures are thought to be the cause.

The climate crisis and biodiversity collapse are twin crises. A warming world is exacerbating the spiraling loss of
species.

Animals and plants form part of a web of life and are integral parts of diverse biodomes. Damage to one part of the
web impacts the whole. Cutting down the Amazon rainforest trees not only destroys one of the greatest plant and
animal biodiversity regions of the world, it also impacts the streams of water in the air that go all the way to Africa.
In its 2020 report, Saving Life on Earth, the Center for Biological Diversity recommends that the U.S. rejoin
international efforts to halt extinctions and protect wildlife; protect key habitats; restore full power to the
Endangered Species Act; use the Clean Water Act to establish strict limits on toxic and polluting discharges into
waterways; and stem the tide of invasive species.

Let’s support these efforts. Pope Francis, echoing his saint name says, “Nature as a whole not only manifests God, but
is also a locus of his presence.” LS88

St. Francis Xavier’s Racial Justice Book Group
invites you to join us in reading, sharing and
social action.

On Sunday, Oct. 24 @ 2:30pm we will be meeting
on Zoom to discuss Part One of CASTE, The
Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson.
This NYTimes bestseller is available on Amazon,
Kindle, Audio and at the New York and Queens
Public Libraries.

An invitation to a Zoom link will be provided.

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
**Scriptures & Announced Masses**

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

**MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:**

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM CARMEN & BARBARA (L)

**TWENTY SEVENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

7:45AM SUSAN FORBES (L)
12:05PM JAMES & SHENIQUE MCGEE (D)

**TWENTY SEVENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

7:45AM CAMILLE TALIA (D)
12:05PM JOSE PAMINTUAN (D)

**THURSDAY~FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY:**

7:45AM ANN DOLAN (D)
12:05PM CIRILO ROMAN (D)

**TWENTY SEVENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

7:45AM VICTORIANA GARAVATA (D)
12:05PM S. JEROME MARTIN (D)

**TWENTY SEVENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

12:05PM JUAN COTTA FIGERO (D)

**TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**
Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-27.

You may reserve an available Mass for your intentions by contacting the parish office at 212-627-2100.

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**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 nlgnyc@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

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

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**XAVIER YOGA:** Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Open to all levels.

**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

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