



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit Parish Maintenance

*Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*October 31, 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); Belinda Conway (Vice Chair);

Andrea Foley-Murphy (Secretary); Kristen Beckles;

Cara Caponi; Joel Dabu; Karen DeMasi;

Michelle Jung; John Karle; Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe;

[PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](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: Kenneth Boller, 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., Didi D'Errico, Sr. Olga Diaz, Moira Egan,  
Heather Feola, Stacy Fitzsimmons, Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes,  
James Gallagher, Joseph Giannetto, Ellen Grant,  
Leyda Grullon and Family, Bernard Fitzsimmons, Sr.,  
Cassandra Henderson, Justin Herrmann, Jerry Hill, Jane Jacobus,  
Tim Kennon, Hie-Joon Kim, Fr. John Lehner, Rose King Lopez,  
Rosemarie McGrath, Adolph Mills, Cecille Mills, Diana Minor,  
Amelia Mullings, Rudy Nazareno, 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,  
Mary Todd, Asher Tung, Susan Weems and Christine Zotti*

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed  
parishioners and friends, especially:

*Patricia Brennan, SC, John Carroll, Vincent Colicchio,  
Fr. Roque J. Ferriols, SJ, Ernesto Hormillosa, Virginia Jarczynski,  
Mary Mastrogiovanni, Maris Anne Mattingly, Marie Racciopo,  
Hector Ruiz, Chris Stout, Leonora Valdez Diaz, 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*

This Halloween brings back the annual Village parade after a year's hiatus—a sign that some things, at least, are returning to normal.

It was great to welcome Dan Corrou, S.J. back last Sunday. Parishioners packed the 11:30 mass and many stayed for his presentation on the work of JRS in the Middle East. His presentation was inspirational as well as informative. Many thanks to the many people who contributed to the support of this great work.

A number of parishioners indicated that last Sunday was their first return since the pandemic began. We certainly hope that more and more of our fellow parishioners will begin to feel comfortable returning in person. This Sunday is the annual official head count for the statistics in the National Catholic Directory. We're grateful for your presence this weekend.

“Normal” in parish life is the increase in the number of weddings and baptisms we have been doing in recent weeks.

Saturday, October 30, brought a farewell to beloved Rose Allocca, who died after a long struggle with illness. She has been one of the pillars of the community especially in the area of our spiritual direction programs. May she rest in the Peace of Christ!

Let us pray for the success of the Global Climate Conference in Glasgow!

### **NEW SECURITY PROCEDURES**

Unfortunately, there have been a number of security concerns which have escalated in recent weeks. Effective immediately the church doors on 16 Street will be closed outside of the times for mass or other services. We are reactivating the buzzer system for the glass doors inside 16 Street. When that is online there will be some access to the church from 16 Street.

We are also in the process of acquiring security cameras for 15 Street and various spaces within the church and office area. They will not be online until the first of the year.

We trust you will appreciate the need for greater security at the present for the safety and peace of mind of worshipers and staff.

**THIS  
WEEKEND'S  
MUSIC**



**A CONCERT OF ARVO PÄRT  
CHORAL MASTERPIECES  
WITH CANTORI**

**MARK SHAPIRO, CONDUCTOR**

**Saturday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 8pm &  
Sunday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

Contact *John Uehlein* after any of the weekend liturgies by the piano for free tickets. (2 per customer)

*“God heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds” (Psalm 147:3)*

**HEALING MASS  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>  
7:30PM MAIN CHURCH**



A healing mass will be celebrated on **Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm.** in the Church. *Fr. Gilbert Gentile, SJ*, will preside. Fr. Gentile served as an associate pastor at St. Francis Xavier in the 1980's. A healing mass is a Eucharistic liturgy where we come together to pray for our own needs and the needs of our loved ones. Come rest in God's presence and be renewed in God's love. All are welcome to come and pray for healing of mind, body and spirit. Masks are required and safety protocols are observed.

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS**

**Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-8:00 pm  
Online via Zoom**

Cato Ybarra will look at “Death Herself, an introduction to folk beliefs in Santa Muerte.” Contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) for the Zoom link.

**Catholic Lesbians & Friends  
All Are Welcome!**

**19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PARTY**

**Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm—3:30pm  
Outside 55 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St. Church Entrance**

Let's deliver some Christmas cheer to kids from Picture the Homeless, Life Experience & Faith Sharing, and STEPS to End Family Violence. Bring a brand-new toy (gift-wrapped or not), and label it with age and gender appropriateness. Please spend no more than \$25.00. We also welcome gift cards to local stores such as Target, Kohl's, and Old Navy. Contact [SFXWrap@gmail.com](mailto:SFXWrap@gmail.com) or (917) 608-9369 with your questions. Ho! Ho! Ho!

**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>



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FAMILY LIFE

# HOPE AND ACTION FOR PARENTS OF TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

Suicide remains the second leading cause of death for youth and young adults, and one in five youth report having thoughts about ending their life. Parents play a special role in watching, listening and acting. While suicide can be a challenging topic to discuss, it has been proven that talking about suicide does NOT increase suicidal behavior. Rather, when initiated by trusted friends and adults, it sends the message that you care and want to help. Many teens who struggle with suicidal thinking keep their pain hidden, and as Dr. Pamela Morris explains, “suicidal thinking, whether it is the result of mental illness, stress, trauma, or loss, is actually far more common and difficult to see than many of us realize.”

*Despite the truth of our Faith that God loves each of us infinitely and is in every person’s life, and that He has a plan for each one of us, we all sometimes struggle and suffer, including our children.*

## JOIN US FOR A FREE WEBINAR ABOUT PREVENTING SUICIDE AMONG OUR CHILDREN

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York’s Family Life Office, this free Zoom-based webinar offers parents a safe and confidential way to learn about warning signs for suicide, and how to create space for loving conversations that may save a life.

*For questions or more information, contact Sue DiSisto, Parenting and Family Life Specialist in the Family Life Office at [susan.disisto@archny.org](mailto:susan.disisto@archny.org) or 646.794.3191.*

## TWO DATES AVAILABLE:

**Thursday, October 28 | 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**  
Q&A to follow presentation  
For speaker background and to register:  
[www.tinyurl.com/hopeandactionoct28](http://www.tinyurl.com/hopeandactionoct28)

**Wednesday, November 3 | 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**  
Q&A to follow presentation  
For speaker background and to register:  
[www.tinyurl.com/hopeandactionnov03](http://www.tinyurl.com/hopeandactionnov03)

## PRESENTED BY:



**Fr. Chris Alar, MIC**  
Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception  
Author, *After Suicide: There’s Hope for Them and for You*



**Pamela Morris, PhD**  
Professor of Applied Psychology  
at NYU Steinhardt School  
Loss survivor



**Stan Collins**  
Suicide prevention specialist  
Co-founder, Directing Change Program  
Loss survivor

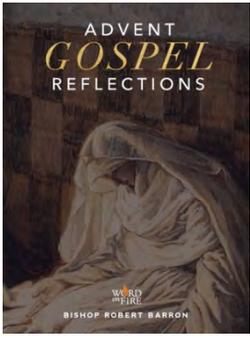
## ONE CALL OR TEXT CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

These help lines are free, confidential, and available 24/7:

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**  
1-800-273-TALK (8255)

**Red Nacional de Prevención de Suicidio**  
1-888-628-9454

**Crisis Text Line**  
Text “GOT5” to 741741



*This Advent  
pray and share  
with Bishop Barron's 2021  
Advent Gospel Reflections*

**ISEL is facilitating an Advent retreat based on  
Bishop Barron 2021 Advent Reflection  
and 3 weekly gatherings**

The Advent retreat will include daily reading with prayer and reflection of Advent scripture from Bishop Barron's writings.

Two prayer-sharing groups will meet, one at Xavier and another on zoom. Dates and times to follow. Books will be available for the first 20 people who sign up. A small donation is suggested for the book.

**Introductory meeting on zoom will be held  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:00PM**

To register, please contact  
*Marie Bannister* at [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com)  
*Gerry Moss* at [gerrymoss@gmail.com](mailto:gerrymoss@gmail.com)

Dioceses around the world initiated their local synodal journeys on **Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**. Discerning Deacons are invited to spend the next six months of our Catholic lives – October through April -- intentionally seeking out those with whom we can engage in experiences of encounter, listening, and discernment.

Discerning Deacons is committed to contributing to this process through formational events. We invite you to join our first educational webinar about the synod on Thursday, November 4, 7-8:30 pm ET - "For a synodal Church. What is Pope Francis inviting us all to do?"

Here's the link to register [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_enJlc9bCSdSq2SN7t3plgw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_enJlc9bCSdSq2SN7t3plgw).

Please spread the word and invite others.  
Interpretation into Spanish will be available.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**TOWN HALL ON THE EVOLUTION OF  
XAVIER'S PLEDGE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AT 7PM  
VIA ZOOM**

For over a year now, Xavier parishioners have reaffirmed our Pledge for Racial Justice(<https://sfxavier.org/2020/12/a-pledge-for-racial-justice/>) after each Mass. In July, the Pastoral Council convened a Town Hall to gather parishioners' thoughts about the Pledge, and how it might evolve to reflect our community's commitment to dismantling systemic racism.

As a follow-up to that meeting at the request of the Pastoral Council, a small group of parishioners has developed a proposal to both revise the content of the Pledge and to consider its place in our communal life. This group includes two parishioners who participated in developing the original Pledge that has served us well this past year.

All members of the Xavier community are welcome to a Town Hall to be held to discuss this proposal, to be held on Zoom on Tuesday, November 16 at 7pm. Please mark this date in your calendar if you would like to attend. Details about this meeting (including a Zoom link) will be provided in the coming weeks.

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)

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34.

MONDAY~ALL SAINTS: REV 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12a.

TUESDAY~THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Matt 5:1-12a.

THIRTY-FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Rom 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05PM NORMA MCPADDEN (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO:  
Rom 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM WILLIAM BAXTER (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ALL SAINTS OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS: Deut 30:11-14; John 12:23-26.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM MICHAEL WAWRZYNSKI (D)

THIRTY-FIRST SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15.

12:05PM MARILYN DIGNAN (D)

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
1 Kings 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

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 [sfxggroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxggroup@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)