



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, November 11th

*One Mass will be celebrated at
9:00am in the Main Church.*

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7, 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); 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

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: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us especially, remember those
who have asked for our prayers

Kevin Ambrose, Megan Chinnock, Evelyn Cortezano Nazareno, Sheila Creasey, Didi D'Errico,

Sr. Olga Diaz, Bernard Fitzsimmons, Sr., Stacy Fitzsimmons,

Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes, Joseph Giannetto,

Cassandra Henderson, Tim Kennon, Hie-Joon Kim,

Fr. John Lehner, Rose King Lopez, Rosemarie McGrath,

Adolph Mills, Cecille Mills, Diana Minor, Amelia Mullings,

Rudy Nazareno, Olivia Papageorgiou, Enrique Passarge,

Lina Plantilla, Patricia Precobb, Maggie Rodriguez,

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:

Rose Allocca, Patricia Brennan, SC, Vincent Colicchio, Ernesto Hormillosa, Leonora Valdez Diaz

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

In our Catholic tradition November is the month when we especially remember and pray for all the faithful departed. As part of that remembrance, our Sacred Space ministry has created the altar for *Dia de los Muertos* (the Day of the Dead.) This colorful display is very popular in Latin America, particularly in Mexico. People are invited to place copies of pictures of their deceased relatives and friends and place them in a basket near the altar as we pray for all the faithful departed throughout the month.

This year we started with the display on the main altar but will move it to the St. Joseph's altar as we conclude the year of St. Joseph. Please join us in prayer as we honor the memory of our beloved departed.

We all continue to watch with interest the deliberations at the Global Climate Conference in Glasgow. It is imperative that we each do our part to reduce our carbon footprint and that we urge our government officials to take bold action to reduce carbon emissions and promote a healthier environment for all people.

A CONCERT OF ARVO PÄRT CHORAL MASTERPIECES WITH CANTORI

MARK SHAPIRO, CONDUCTOR

Saturday, Nov. 6th at 8pm &
Sunday, Nov. 7th at 2pm

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

At St. Paul the Apostle we're having a screening of *Francesco* on **Wednesday, November 10th, 6:30pm**. This is an exciting documentary on Pope Francis and his vision for the church and for humanity.

Here's a link to the trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BkMTwMBK5c>



This free screening, followed by a panel discussion with director Evgeny Afineevsky and others, will take place at the parish center of St. Paul the Apostle (405 West 59th Street, between Columbus and Amsterdam). Attendees are asked to RSVP to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org.

Attendees must show proof of vaccination to be admitted.

THIS
WEEKEND'S
MUSIC



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

HEALING MASS
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
7:30PM MAIN CHURCH



A healing mass will be celebrated on **Friday, November 12th, 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 12th 6:00pm-8:00 pm
Online via Zoom

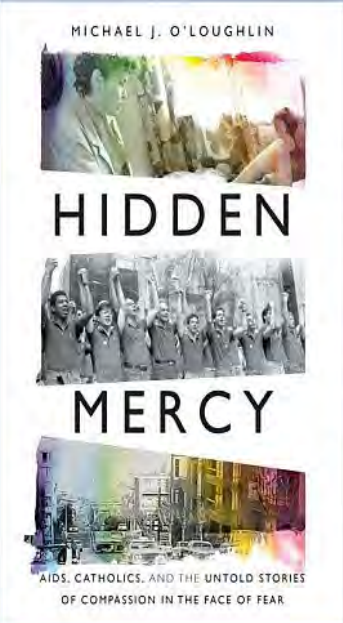
Cato Ybarra will look at “Death Herself, an introduction to folk beliefs in Santa Muerte.” Contact SFXWomen@aol.com for the Zoom link.

Catholic Lesbians & Friends
All Are Welcome!

19TH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PARTY

Saturday, December 11th 1:30pm—3:30pm
Outside 55 W. 15th 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!



**HIDDEN
MERCY**


AIDS, CATHOLICS, AND THE UNTOLD STORIES
OF COMPASSION IN THE FACE OF FEAR

Church of St. Francis Xavier
~ A Jesuit Apostolate in New York City since 1847 ~
Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 7:00 PM
World AIDS DAY



Each year since 1988, on December 1st, the world commemorates World AIDS Day. People around the world unite to show support for people living with HIV and to remember those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses. **World AIDS Day** remains as relevant today as it's always been, reminding people and governments that HIV has not gone away. There is still a critical need for increased funding for the AIDS response, to increase awareness of the impact of HIV on people's lives, to end stigma and discrimination and to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV.

Please join us in PRAYER as we remember those who have died and celebrate the acts of love, mercy and compassion of a people who "let their light shine." We will also welcome, podcast host and author Michael J. O'Loughlin to tell us about what he learned during the interviews for the podcast and how the experiences influenced his new book, "Hidden Mercy".



Michael J. O'Loughlin
National Correspondent, America
Host of America Magazine's podcast series:
Plague: Untold Stories of AIDS and the Catholic Church
<https://www.mikeoloughlin.com/books>

The SFX Environment Ministry

*Invites you to a report-back on
THE CLIMATE SUMMIT, COP26,
*From a faith perspective.**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH AT 1:00 PM
IN THE MARY CHAPEL**

**Ann Marie Brennan, U.S. Coordinator for Christian Life Communities. Ann Marie participated in the Eco-Jesuit delegation in Glasgow.*

**Nick Napolitano, Assistant for Justice and Ecology for the U.S. East Province of the Jesuits. Nick is an Ecojesuit COP26 delegate and participated virtually in COP 26 meetings open to the public.*

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.

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>

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.

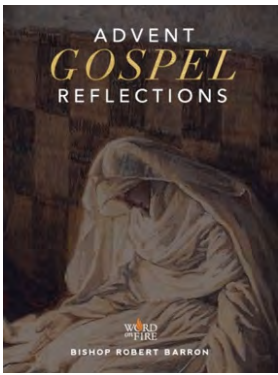
As a follow-up to that meeting at the request of the Pastoral Council, a small group of parishioners has developed a proposal to both revise the content of the Pledge and to consider its place in our communal life. This group includes two parishioners who participated in developing the original Pledge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

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*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 retreat will include daily scripture reading, Bishop Barron's writings, reflecting and journaling. Then, we will meet in groups to share.

There will be 3 sharing groups:

- Group 1 will meet Tuesdays at 1:00pm in person at Xavier on Dec. 7
- Group 2 will meet Tuesdays at 6:30pm in person at Xavier on Nov. 30
- Group 3 will meet will meet online on Tuesdays at 6:30pm on Dec.7
- An introductory meeting on zoom will be held Sunday, on Nov. 28 at 2:30pm

Books are available for the first 20 people who sign up. A \$6.00 donation is suggested for the book.

To register, please contact
Marie Bannister at mariebannister1@gmail.com
Gerry Moss at gerrymoss@gmail.com

Sponsored by ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)

REMEMBER XAVIER WHEN CONSIDERING A YEAR-END GIFT

First, we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support us throughout the year. As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. It also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to Xavier. Over the years, it has been the gifts left to Xavier that have helped us to continue to operate as a welcoming community and place of worship where injustice is challenged, where the poor, the alienated and the marginalized find a home, and where people are refreshed, reconciled and renewed. Your year-end gift can help us continue to celebrate vibrant liturgies and support our many ministries. Belonging to Xavier offers many blessings. Those blessings multiply when we commit our time, treasure, and talent to its work.

The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support Xavier for years to come. There are many ways of contributing a gift. Two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. For more information on how you can help make a difference contact the parish office.

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

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

THIRTY-SECOND MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Wis 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM RUDY PINIERO (D)

TUESDAY~THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN
BASILICA: Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;
John 2:13-22.

7:45AM VINCENT M. FITZGERALD (D)
12:05PM AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. LEO THE GREAT:
Wis 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM LUIS VARELA (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS:
Wis 7:22B-8:1; Luke 17:26-37.

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOSAPHAT: Wis 13:1-9; Luke
17:26-37.

7:45AM MARGARET MARY MCGUIRE (D)
12:05PM DAVID MARQUIS (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA:
Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8.

12:05PM MARY DEAN (D)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32.

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