



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 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;

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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

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: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Kevin Ambrose, Augie Aloia, Megan Chinnock, Evelyn Cortezano Nazareno, Sheila Creasey, Didi D'Errico, Sr. Olga Diaz, Bernard Fitzsimmons, Sr., Stacy Fitzsimmons, Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes, Joseph Giannetto, Rick Helm, Cassandra Henderson, Jerry Hill, Tim Kennon, Hie-Joon Kim, Kenneth Latsch, 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, Mervin Arviola, Patricia Brennan, SC,
Vincent Colicchio, Ernesto Hormillosa, Bettina Rafferty,
Leonora Valdez Diaz and Jason Vermonty

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 Music Director John Uehlein

Dear Friends,

Let me ask you a question: “How do we participate when we can’t read the programs?” As Director of Music Ministries, I produce a worship aid for each Saturday and Sunday mass and I have become concerned, as some of you have, with the small print and crowded layout of the distributed four page worship aid. Until our ecological crisis and the pandemic, we luxuriated in an 8 page booklet with room to spare and large type including all aspects of our liturgy. Now that we are concerned with preserving paper’s forests, we only distribute the four page, tightly-knit program that have been distributed on the weekends for the past 2.5 years. It is less complete and the type face is often smaller. The second reason for the usage of our “throw-away” programs on the weekends is the pandemic. We want to avoid any possibility of spreading the virus. How, under these circumstances, do we rise to the challenge of “full active participation” on the part of the congregation in our liturgies as the Second Vatican Council has directed us? It is a true challenge.

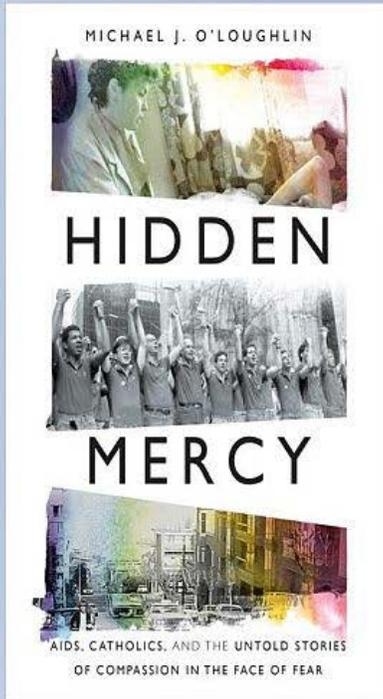
Let me share a few thoughts with you:

One - We still produce the 8 page booklet on line for you to use. You can access it either on your phone or your tablet. It’s easy and complete. Just click on the link provided on the back side of the pews. If you’re confused about doing that, I am glad to show you how. Or other ministers will be glad to help! And if you’re concerned about the viewing plate being too small, try it anyway. The backlighting on the phone really makes the smaller print easy to read!! Try it!!! It is available on the parish website starting the Friday before the weekend mass for you to use in whatever way you like.

Two - Although we have a strong tradition of everyone singing everything, that is not necessarily the tradition of the Universal Church. There are two very important attitudinal postures in musical (or perhaps in all) prayer: **1. Proclaiming** and **2. Listening**. I am often proclaiming through my use of the piano and organ or through my direction of the choir. But I can tell you that the most powerful prayer for me on Sunday morning is when I am **listening** to you sing with fervent adoration. In the same way, when we have a refrain printed in the program and ready for all of us to sing, but the choir or cantor will be singing the verses, the tradition of the Church is that when the cantor or choir is singing the verse, it is a time “to listen.” Let me be so bold as to say that LISTENING has become a lost art in our music making. But it only works if the opposite side of the coin is also in play: SINGING!! I’m suggesting that the rhythm between actively singing and actively listening to the cantor or choir is an essential part of our musical worship. So when we’ve provided the refrain, but not the verses for you to sing, it’s a time to enter into playful, prayerful interaction with the music ministers - kind of like being on the teeter-totter:
SINGING ~ LISTENING ~ SINGING ~ LISTENING ~ SINGING ~ LISTENING

Three - Let me say how inspiring it has been hearing all of you sing the Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante with such commitment and gusto over the last four years. And although we are not retiring it indefinitely, the time is now to learn a new mass setting. Yes, the words to the verses are necessarily on a different page than the refrain. But at this point you’ve got the refrain memorized! Turn the page and start singing the verses as soon as you’ve got it in your ears. The verses are easy and prayerful. I hope you’re liking this setting. It’s easy to pick up. We want to have it all rolled out for Christmas Eve.

Ultimately, it is our memories that serve us most completely in our musical prayer rather than the size of the font or the completeness of the program. We have those challenges to live with, yes. But let’s keep our eye on the prize: “full, active participation” in liturgy is one of the keystones of musical worship at St. Francis Xavier. I give you my pledge that I will do everything I can to use the largest type faces possible in the four page distributed program. And I will focus on hymns that are more likely to be in our memories than others. And I will use hymns where all I have to provide is the text and not the musical font. This too saves space. Or I will use hymns that naturally alternate between congregationally sung refrains (active proclamation) and cantor/choir verses (active listening.) And you can use your devices!! And finally, using hymns that we all know and love. The tried and true. Between our commitment to saving the trees, reducing spread of the virus, and actively singing in our worship service, we can overcome these challenges and invigorate our worship services by singing like the Angels!



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>

*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 or (917) 608-9369 with your questions. Ho! Ho! Ho!

**CHRISTMAS COOKIE
 RECEPTION REINVENTED**



Lessons and Carols will happen with our returned Parish Music Ministry on **Sunday December 19th at 7PM.**

Traditionally, we have a homemade Christmas Cookie reception afterwards

and gathered in Hurtado Hall for the festivities. This year we are playing it safe and reinventing the gesture without the risk. If you are willing to prepare 4 or more baggies of 6 cookies each we can have give aways for everyone in the church that evening. Please identify cookies as nut free or gluten free with a label. If you are willing to participate, please email *John Uehlein*: juehlein@sfxavier.org

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.

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>

Please join the clients, staff, Board Members and supporters of Xavier Society for the Blind for its annual St. Lucy Mass in honor of the patron saint of the blind.

*The Mass will be held at noon on
December 13th in
St. Francis Xavier Church with Father
Jamie Dennis
as the main celebrant.*

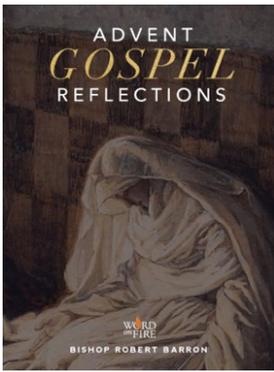


Father Jamie is a blind priest from the Diocese of Owensboro, KY, and receives braille materials from Xavier Society. Other clients will be participating as lectors. There will be braille and large print Mass Propers available at the Mass. For more information please contact Aisling Redican at info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org or call 212-473-7800.

CATHOLIC LESBIANS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH 6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

In this season of Advent, we anticipate the coming of Jesus.

Hope. Peace. Joy. Love. These virtues guide us, define us, help us as we wait. Let's break open what all this really means in 21st century New York City. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com for the Zoom link.



*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)



HONDURAS PROJECT CARD SALE

The Honduras Project will resume its annual sale of holiday cards during Advent to raise funds to continue providing scholarship stipends to secondary school students in Honduras. Local groups select the students, administer the programs, and meet regularly to mentor and develop leadership skills so that students have a chance to succeed and avoid the lure of gangs and drug dealers. This year, education has been generally remote, with students needing both the technology and reliable electricity to participate.

The virus continues to rage in Honduras, with only about 13% of the population fully vaccinated. The Pandemic plus two hurricanes a year ago have boosted the poverty rate to an estimated 70%, a 10% increase in one year. Health services have been overwhelmed. Corruption remains as rampant as ever.

For more than 20 years Xavier parishioners have supported our efforts. We appeal for your help once more. Our cards were created by children in residence at Casa Corazon, a home for HIV+ children in Honduras. You can find us at the back of the church after the masses beginning December 5. You can also contribute through our link in Faith Direct. As always, thank you for your support!

**THIS
WEEKEND'S
MUSIC**


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Scriptures & Announced Masses

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Jer 33:14-16;
1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.

FIRST MONDAY OF ADVENT: Isa 4:2-6; Matt 8:5-11.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM JOSEPH HILLERY (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. ANDREW: Rom 10:9-18;
Matt 4:18-22.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM JASON VERMONTY (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF STS. EDMUND CAMPION,
ROBERT SOUTHWELL: Isa 25:6-10a; Matt 15:29-37.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM JOWN GILLEN (D)

FIRST THURSDAY OF ADVENT: Isa 26:1-6;
Matt 7:21, 24-27.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 16:15-20.

7:45AM ENRIQUE GONZALEZ (D)
12:05PM JAMES E. GORRA (D)

FIRST SATURDAY OF ADVENT: Isa 30:19-21, 23-26;
Matt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.

12:05PM ROBERT CURRY (D)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Bar 5:1-9;
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6.

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