



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

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 Diaz (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

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Ricardo da Silva, 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, Augie Aloia, Megan Chinnock, Evelyn Cortezano Nazareno, Sheila Creasey, Didi D'Errico, Sr. Olga Diaz, Bernard Fitzsimmons, Sr., Stacy Fitzsimmons, Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes, Rick Helm, Cassandra Henderson, Elizabeth Jones, Jerry Hill, Tim Kennon, Hie-Joon Kim, Kenneth Latsch, George Lawton, 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, Ana Shahin, Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan, Tom Steere, 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, Adonis Causing, Vincent Colicchio, Joseph Giannetto, Riva Kopp, Terry Lew, Mario Ficarra, Ernesto Hormillosa, Bettina Rafferty, 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 Pastor's Desk

The New Year always starts with hopes and expectations. We make resolutions, frequently about diet and exercise, focused on self-improvement. Experience tells us that many of them are short lived, but, as the saying goes, "hope springs eternal."

What are our hopes and expectations for 2022? I think most of us hope and pray for an end to the seemingly relentless Covid pandemic with its cycles of lockdowns and liberations. As we begin year two of the pandemic, I think many of us have conceded that it will be a long siege. Until the resources and infrastructure are there for worldwide vaccinations, we will continue to see mutations of the virus posing new threats to us all.

This whole experience of threat, solutions, cautions and isolations gives us insight into the experience a hundred years ago when the one-two punch of the Great War and the "Spanish Flu" lead to the Roaring Twenties with its "devil may care" abandon.

How do we respond as a people of faith?

We renew our faith in God's love and mercy. We reflect on the lessons learned and the graces received in the midst of the roller coaster of 2021. What have I learned about my genuine needs as opposed to my desires? How have I become more aware of the needs of my sisters and brothers? Have I come to appreciate the small and simple blessings of my life?

While we take appropriate health precautions for ourselves and our loved ones, we also reach out to neighbors who are alone and in need. We make an effort, especially this winter, to assist the homeless. We petition our political leaders to make vaccinations available to the poorest countries to spare them the effects of the pandemic and to foster truly universal immunity.

And we hope and pray.

My hope and prayer for you and our entire community is for a grace-filled and healthy New Year.

Prayers.

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>

**"Pray-ers" needed for new
Healing Prayer Ministry
Team**

*Do you feel called to pray
with people?*



A new Healing Prayer Ministry at Xavier is forming and seeks "pray-ers" for its team.

Team formation has already begun, and there will be some training in January and February.

Bilingual is a plus! We want to have a diverse team.

Planned start date is March 6, 2022, the First Sunday of Lent, after the 11:30 Mass. For 2022, the plan is for six Lent and three Advent Sundays, and twice a month April-June and September-November.

For more information, or to express interest, contact Phil Waldrop at HPM@sfxavier.org or by text or voicemail to 973-214-6589.

¿Te sientes llamado(a) a orar por los enfermos? ¡Hay un nuevo ministerio de oración de sanación en Xavier!

Los únicos requisitos son haber recibido el sacramento de la Confirmación y seguir tu llamado. Nosotros proveeremos el entrenamiento necesario para desempeñar tu llamado de la forma más eficiente, segura y gratificante.

Daremos inicio el domingo, 6 de marzo de 2022, primer domingo de Cuaresma. Durante 2022, el ministerio de sanación estará disponible los domingos del Adviento y Cuaresma, así como dos veces al mes, de abril a junio y de septiembre a noviembre.

Si quieres saber más, puedes escribir a Phil Waldrop (HPM@sfxavier.org) o llamar al 973-214-6589

**CALLING ALL XAVIER WRITERS
- SPIRITUAL AND SECULAR**

Interested in joining a group of SFX parishioners to share and discuss your poetry, prose, or other writing (both secular and spiritual) on Zoom? Contact Michael Wichansky at mwichansky2000@yahoo.com. Our first meeting will take place in February.

**THIS
WEEKEND'S
MUSIC**



GAY CATHOLICS

Praying for a happier and healthier New Year!

Out of an abundance of caution, due to the substantial community spread of COVID-19 and its variants, the winter flu season and possible infection from holiday gathers, we have decided to have Zoom only meetings for the months of January and February.

Email us at SFXGCgroup@gmail.com

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, January 14th
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

Pope Francis said, "Synodality is what God expects of the church in the third millennium." Can deep patriarchy and clericalism change in the church? Are the lived experiences of women worth hearing about? Deep listening can prioritize marginalized voices; get rid of a pattern of domination and separation; build cooperation, transparency, interconnectedness among all; teach us how to live in service to one another as equals. The 2022 game plan for Catholic Lesbians is synodality. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com for the Zoom link.

To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:
Isa 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matt 2:1-12.

MONDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME :
SIR 51:8-12; Phil 2:1-11; Luke 2:21-24.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM PATRICIA CHANDLER GILSON (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON:
1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44.

7:45AM JOHN GRILLO (D)
12:05PM NICHOLAS PROFETA (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN:
1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52.

7:45AM ROGER LYONS (D)
12:05PM ANN FERRY-RILEY (D)

THURSDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME:
1 JOHN 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM GIUSEPPE MAZZONE (D)

FRIDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME:
1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16.

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

SATURDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME:
1 JOHN 5:14-21; John 3:22-30.

12:05PM: PADDY LOUGHLIN (D)

SUNDAY~THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:
Isa 40:1-5, 9-11; Tit 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

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, kcoff5th@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 nlgnyyc@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

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