



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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The Baptism of The Lord

January 9, 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 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

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Ricardo Da Silva, 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, Karen Casey,
Dolores & Robert Castle, 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:

Adonis Causing, Joseph Giannetto, Edward Kilayko
Hernaez, Riva Kopp, Terry Lew, Mario Ficarra,
Will Pepperdine, Rosa Piedrahita, Noi Royo,
Rose Daluz Samoy, Miriam Solares Franco

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

We have all welcomed the new year in a muted fashion under the shadow of the omicron variant. In the short run, we have modified a number of programs and procedures at least through the end of January: Family Faith and the Youth Group will be remote, the choir will be in abeyance until sometime in February, we will resume our covid liturgical procedure by eliminating the procession/recession and not gathering in the sanctuary for the fraction rite. For my part, I will be double masking while at Sunday mass as suggested by health officials.

With the Baptism of Jesus, we switch to ordinary time in the liturgical year. As we trace the beginnings of Jesus' ministry in the early weeks, we need to renew our resolve to be people of faith, compassion and mercy even, or better, especially in the face of a new year of covid challenges and restrictions.

Apostolically, we have new challenges ahead: Pope Francis has called on faith communities around the world to create a five-to-seven-year plan response to *Laudato Si*, his letter on the environment. Francis has also called upon faith communities around the world to enter into a Synod process. We will be convening groups to prayerfully engage in spiritual conversations on the challenges to our faith today. This is the grassroots part of a larger conversation which will take place in Rome in 2023.

Covid or not, there is plenty to do as we begin 2022. Let us ask God's blessings on us as a parish community as we move forward in faith.

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>



“Journeying with Christ and Spiritual Companions from the History of Christian Spirituality.” Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life is inviting you to pray and reflect and share your faith with others, using the Sunday Gospel readings of Lent and the readings of spiritual companions such as Anthony of the Desert, Julian of Norwich, Therese of Lisieux, and more. The virtual Lenten retreat begins on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., and continues every Thursday through March 31. Contact mary.elizabeth.hurson@gmail.com for more details.

**“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**



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

FIRST MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME :
1 SAM 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM FELICIA PALOMBELLA (D)

FIRST TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sam 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM THOMAS VISCELLI (D)

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM MICHELLE & CHRISTINE STACO (D)

FIRST THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 SAM 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AVAILABLE

FIRST FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12.

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

FIRST SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 SAM 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17.

12:05PM: JAMES B. GORRA (D)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
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, 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