



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 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

Jovi Villavicencio (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: Zachariah Presutti, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Ricardo Da Silva, 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,
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,
Giancarlo Malchiodi, Rosemarie McGrath, Adolph Mills,
Cecille Mills, Diana Minor, Amelia Mullings,
Olivia Papageorgiou, Enrique Passarge, Lina Plantilla,
Patricia Precobb, Ana Shahin, Dorothy Shepherd,
Anne Sheridan, Tom Steere, Stout Family, Mary Todd,
Asher Tung, Belen Vales, 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
Hernaiz, 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

As we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, let us continue to dedicate ourselves to his legacy of prayerful, non-violent action for equality for all. The times are divisive and the seemingly endless waves of Covid infections are wearing us out and sapping our spirits.

At a recent staff meeting, Dr. Luz M Diaz began our meeting with a poem and video from Amanda Gorman, who recited a special poem for the latest presidential inauguration. The poem is called "New Year's Lyric." Here are some highlights:

*"May this be the day
We all come together."*

*"Tethered by this year of yearning,
We are learning
That though we weren't ready for this,
We have been readied by it."*

*"Even if we never get back to normal,
Someday we can venture beyond it,
To leave the known and take the first steps.
So let us not return to what was normal,
But reach toward what is next."*

I recommend the whole poem to you for a bit of inspiration in gloomy times.

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>

From the Pastor's Desk

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)

In today's second reading St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you as a **Steward** helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). In **Stewardship**, God has given each of us different gifts. Let's be thankful for the gifts God has given us and generously share them with others. Perhaps at the start of this New Year you might resolve to find more ways to share your unique skills and talents so that your special strengths will make a difference in this world.

In these difficult and trying times we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support Xavier throughout last year. We are also grateful for your support during the Christmas season. Whether you gave your time to serve during the liturgies or share your musical talents or volunteer to decorate the church or share your financial blessings with the parish...or a little bit of everything, we want you to know it is greatly appreciated! Thank you. Our Christmas collection of \$70,338 fell short of our budget of \$80,000 and last year's total of \$83,834. We received \$3,801 for Christmas flowers compared to \$3,920 last year. Also, we received \$88,850 in end of year gifts compared to \$94,414 last year. It is only through your gifts can we make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

We are pleased to report that we finished the first quarter with an operating surplus of \$211,947 versus a budgeted surplus of \$135,147 and compared to a surplus of \$57,910 last year. During the quarter we also had \$571,995 in capital expenditures not included in our operating results. The favorable results are due primarily to lower administrative, music ministry program, utility and other program expenses.

First Three Months Revenues and Expenses Ending November 30th

	This Year			Last Year
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual
Support	\$ 656,059	\$ 649,516	\$ 6,543	\$ 650,152
Expenses	\$ 444,112	\$ 514,369	\$ (70,258)	\$ 592,242
Net Support Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 211,947	\$ 135,147		\$ 57,910

Does Not Include \$571,995 in capital expenditures

Sunday Collection Fiscal Year to Date: Sep-Dec 2021			
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Current YTD	\$ 266,716	\$ 275,000	\$ (8,284)
Previous Year YTD	\$ 288,236	\$ 256,668	\$ 31,568
Var vs Prev Year	\$ (21,520)		
Sunday Collection By Source			
	Actual	% of Collection	
Faith Direct	\$ 168,910	63.3%	
Collection Basket	\$ 82,928	31.1%	
Venmo	\$ 14,878	5.6%	

As stated in our Annual Report we are planning \$1.1million in capital expenditures to renovate the elevator at the 15th Street entrance to the church, complete the repairs at the 17th Street school, renovate the bathrooms in Hurtado Hall, and new artwork in the church. Our cash reserves and this year's budgeted surplus will be the primary source to fund these capital projects. But as we continue public Masses and reopen Family Faith and other programs, we remain dependent on your generous support. Your Sunday offertory, maintenance second collection and Christmas and Easter gifts help ensure we cover our operating and capital expenditures.

“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

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

“THE HISTORICAL JESUS” -

**LECTURE WITH MSGR. JOHN MEIER,
CELEBRATED SCRIPTURAL THEOLOGIAN**

**Thursday, February 3
6:30pm - Reception/7:30 - Lecture
St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers**

Suggested Donation: \$20.00

Purchase tickets at:

www.dunwoodieedu/125thanniversary

or call (914) 968-6200, x8201

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.

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.

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WEEKEND'S
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THREE E-GIVING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT XAVIER ANYTIME



Faith Direct: Support any collection or make a one-time gift from your checking account or credit card. To enroll go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/NY406>



Venmo: Find us at Username: StFrancisXavier-Church or Phone number: 646-596-5696. For new users download the Venmo mobile app to create an account.



Text to Give: Text any dollar amount to (646)-681-7010 and complete the one-time registration to enroll.

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, February 11th
6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

“The Most Difficult Task according to Rumi”

“For one human being to love another human being: that is perhaps the most difficult task, the ultimate task, the final test and proof, the work for which all other work is merely preparation.”

Contact SFXWomen@aol.com for the Zoom link.



“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.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Isa 40:1-5, 9-11; Tit 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY:
1 SAM 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22.

SECOND TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sam 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM EUSEBIA MARZAN (D)

SECOND WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sam 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6.

7:45AM EDWARD LAVIN (D)
12:05PM SOOGIE ADIMOOLAH & SHEILA REILLY

SECOND THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 SAM 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12.

7:45AM TOM RAINONE (D)
12:05PM DOLORES MANFREDI (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. AGNES:
1 Sam 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM GORDON SHARBUNO (D)

SECOND SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
2 SAM 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 23:20-21.

12:05PM: PETER BYRNE (D)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

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