



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 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: Thomas Feely, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 pm Vigil Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Kevin Ambrose, Augie Aloia, John Begley, Karen Casey, Anne Cahill, Dolores & Robert Castle, Megan Chinnock, Sheila Creasey, Didi D'Errico, Jesus Dabu, Thomas Doeghty, Ellen Donnelly, Sr. Olga Diaz, Bernard Fitzsimmons, Sr., Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes, Rob Gillich, Rick Helm, Elizabeth Jones, Jerry Hill, Raymond Kelderhouse, Tim Kennon, Hie-Joon Kim, George Lawton, Fr. John Lehner, Rose King Lopez, Giancarlo Malchiodi, Rosemarie McGrath, Adolph Mills, Cecille Mills, Diana Minor, Ted Moon, Amelia Mullings, Olivia Papageorgiou, Marcy Parlow Pomerance, Enrique Passarge, Lina Plantilla, Dolly Powell, Patricia Precobb, John Sabini, Anthony Scorra, Ana Shahin, Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan, Tom Steere, Stout Family, Eleanor Sundaram, Peter Thomson, Mary Todd, Asher Tung, Belen Vales and Christine Zotti

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed parishioners and friends, especially:

Jean Marie Argula, Michael Berkman, Lyman Brown, Francis Daniel Coleman, Jo Ellen Jacek, Emilie Juilliard, Max Kleiman, Liliya Ramonis

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

Part of our Catholic mission is to share our financial resources with others in service of the Gospel. With intentionality and planning, the Xavier community has been a prudent steward of the monies people contribute, planning long term projects such as the Church renovation and in supporting the parish's work, notably the Xavier Mission. We have now retired the loan that financed the renovation and looking forward, we are prepared to devote more resources toward initiatives and works that meet our parish's needs and reflect our values. For the past year, members of the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council and I have met jointly to discern about these matters. We reached consensus about two complementary ways to move forward.

First, we agreed to explore the possibility of renovating Hurtado Hall to improve the utility of that space for the parish, the Xavier Mission, and Xavier High School. These explorations are ongoing and promising, and I hope to have more to report on that front soon. Second, we agreed to increase the charitable donations the parish makes to organizations and initiatives that are close to our parish mission. Many of these Xavier has strong relationships with through our parishioners and pastoral staff. We also decided that our joint committee would determine the initial allocations of these donations for this fiscal year and develop a communal discernment process for charitable giving thereafter.

Our joint committee decided to make substantial gifts to the Xavier Mission and to Brooklyn Jesuit Prep. The Mission is an obvious choice. Started by Xavier parishioners nearly 40 years ago, the Mission operates out of our Church building to provide food, clothing and a path to self-sufficiency to our sisters and brothers in need. Many Xavier parishioners are active volunteers with the Mission. The same is true for Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, a co-ed Catholic Jesuit middle school in East Flatbush that serves low-income students of diverse faiths, 100 percent of whom are students of color. A repeated theme during our racial justice town halls was translate our parish's focus on racial justice into tangible action. BJP's rigorous curriculum prepares students for success at the city's highly selective Catholic, public and independent high schools, in the Jesuit tradition of molding women and men for others. Xavier parishioners volunteer as tutors at BJP, and the school's president Fr. Mario Powell SJ is well-known to many at Xavier. Xavier's donation will be to fund the Lillian Wall Scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship for a student. Lillian was a beloved parishioner whose life evidenced her deep commitment to racial justice in the Catholic Church and beyond.

A second set of smaller, but still sizable gifts will be made this year to five charities that are aligned with Xavier's mission and with whom members of the Xavier community have developed deep relationships over the years. These are:

- Immigration/El Paso
 - Jesuit Refugee Services-Middle East, which provides a range of services in Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria and is directed by former Pastor Dan Corrou, SJ;
 - the Mercy Center, a community center providing services to low-income people in the South Bronx in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy which counts many Xavier parishioners among its staff and volunteers;
 - the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund, operated by the Archdiocese's Office of Black Ministry to provide mentorship and support to college student-leaders of diverse cultural & ethnic backgrounds; and
 - Thrive for Life Prison Project, founded by our associate pastor Zach Presutti SJ to provide mentorship, support, education and housing to those behind and beyond prison walls.
- In addition, we will continue to support two parishioner led efforts, the Honduras Project and the India Group.

These gifts would not be possible without our community's sustained generosity. We look forward to broadening the stewardship of our charitable giving next year via a formal community discernment process. We are grateful to God for the financial health of our parish, and we pray to the Holy Spirit for the wisdom to make right and just decisions about our parish's resources.



AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2022 Xavier Team

As a parish, we encourage as many individuals as possible to JOIN OUR TEAM and/or contribute whatever is comfortable.

Visit the Team Page <https://ny.aidswalk.net/sfx> Xavier's Team's Number, #1250

Parish-wide Donation This Weekend

HOW DOES RACIAL JUSTICE INTERSECT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE?

You're invited to join the Racial Justice Ministry as we examine this question. We will begin by reading and reflecting together on the book *Toxic Communities* by Dorceta Taylor. In preparation for the next meeting we will be reading the Introduction and First Chapter. The meeting will take place on **Sunday, May 22 from 2:30-4:30pm**. If you would like to join us please email us at sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org and we will forward you a link.

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, May 13th

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Mary Chapel

Maya Angelou wrote, "*The caged bird sings with a fearful trill, of things unknown but longed for still...*" What do we long to express in poetry? Come join us for a night of poetry, poets, and poetry readings. Bring poems you love and poems you have written. Read them aloud for everyone's enjoyment. Full vaccination, mask, and temperature check required of each attendee. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com.



ELEVATOR RENOVATION

Our elevator will be **OUT OF SERVICE** starting on **SECOND WEEK OF MAY until June**. We have chair lifts installed at our 15th Street entrance for the duration of the renovation.

The Parish staff and Homebound Ministry will be happy to bring communion to anyone unable to attend church in person during the elevator renovation.

Please contact nlgny@gmail.com



THANK YOU!

Xavier Mission received a number of donations from St. Francis Xavier parishioners during Lent and Holy Week.

Thank you for putting your faith into action.

Your gifts to Xavier Mission support our basic needs services, including our weekly Welcome Table soup kitchen, and empowerment programs.

Xavier Mission, Inc. is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
xaviermission.org

Catholic Anti-Racism Project

Presents

BLACK CATHOLICS ON THE ROAD TO SAINTHOOD

Exploring the lives of the six
Black Catholics from the
United States with an online
presentation.

Dates: May 11 & 18 at 7:30pm

Find us live on our
YouTube Channel: Catholic Anti-Racism Project

Link for Part 1: <https://youtu.be/cpsot1QkmJE>

For More Information, visit our websites

<https://sbrchurch.org/anti-racism-project>

<https://stfrancis96.org/carp>

<https://sfxavier.org/>



HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY



The Healing Prayer Ministry invites you to come for spiritual, emotional or physical healing prayer for yourself or loved ones after the 11:30 Mass on May 8 or May 22. On those dates please come to the Mary altar space to the left of the main altar. Our teams of trained Prayers look forward to praying with you. With any questions, comments or requests, please contact Phil Waldrop at HPM@sfxavier.org



Ignatian Discernment for Everyday Life

Monday, May 9th at
7:30pm in Wallace Hall

PRESENTER:

Rev. Kevin O'Brien, S.J.

Author of *The Ignatian Adventure: Experiencing the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius in Daily Life*

Reception to follow.

To RSVP, email

IgnatianDiscernmentDiscussion@gmail.com.

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and Meeting Christ in Prayer*

FRENCH IMPRESSIONS

Saturday, May 7, 8pm

*Riverside Choral Society,
Patrick Gardner, director,
Justin Bischof, organist*

Join us for some stirring sounds of Spring, featuring the sublime Requiem by Gabriel Fauré. This uplifting and comforting piece reflects his view of death as a serene deliverance. You will also enjoy Psalm 24 by Lili Boulanger and David Briggs' s stunning *Messe pour Notre-Dame*.

Tickets start at \$25 and are available at
www.riversidechoral.org.

Snippets from the Cardinal's Letter
regarding next weekend's
Central and Eastern Europe Collection

You will recall that on Ash Wednesday, the bishops of the United States called for an emergency collection as a timely way to help the people of Ukraine.

As we often do in situations like this, we instinctively want to be involved in the long-term recovery. The good and generous people from our parishes in the archdiocese donated more than half a million dollars.

Every year, the USCCB mandates a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Even though we made an appeal at the beginning of Lent, your participation in this collection on May 15 will express your care and support for the people throughout the region, especially in times of crisis and disruption. My thanks to you for last year's contribution of \$214,763 and for your kindness once again this year. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/jccee.

You can read the Cardinal's full letter at
www.sfxavier.org.

THIS WEEKEND'S MUSIC



Scriptures & Announced Masses

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Acts 13:14, 43-52;
Rev 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30.

MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER:
Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM MARK RYBARCZYK (D)

TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER:
Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM LORENE VANLEEUVEN (D)

WEDNESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER:
Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50.

7:45AM MARY DEAN (D)
12:05PM CHARLES CONN (D)

THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER:
Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM GEORGE FRANCISOVITCH (D)

FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER:
Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM JACK GLYNN (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS:
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; JOHN 15:9-17.

12:05PM VANCE DERISI (D)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Acts 14:21-27;
Rev 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35.

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

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. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact
Peggy & Paul schubertnyc@gmail.com