



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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**OFFICE AND CHURCH CLOSED**

**Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

*One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am in the Main Church.*

*Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

*June 19, 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](http://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;

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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](mailto: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: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

**NO 5:00PM MASS JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>**

## 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, Anna Meli, Richard Meli, Eileen Miller, Adolph Mills, Cecille Mills, Diana Minor, Ted Moon, Amelia Mullings, Olivia Papageorgiou, Hernando Perez, Marcy Parlow Pomerance, Enrique Passarge, Lina Plantilla, Dolly Powell, Patricia Precobb, Ruby Lynn Reyner, 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 parishoners and friends, especially:

Jim Curley(brother of Kevin), Jo Ellen Jacek, and Emilie  
Juilliard

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 the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, we have much to be thankful for. First and foremost is the gift of the eucharist in our lives, the great prayer of thanksgiving. Gathering together in prayer and praise around the altar and receiving the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ defines us as a Catholic community. Welcoming all of our sisters and brothers in faith to break open the Word of God and share in the bread of life is what sustains us in our journey of faith. We're also thankful for the two zoom opportunities we had in the last two weeks to reflect on the eucharist in our lives.

Today we are thankful for all of the fathers and father-figures in our lives as we celebrate Father's Day. Have a blessed day!

The Nineteenth of June is Juneteenth, the national celebration of the final end to enslavement in the United States. As we commemorate this milestone, we also commit ourselves to working for true freedom and equality for all people.

Finally, I want to give thanks to the many members of the parish who helped us achieve our new display of icons of diverse holy men and women. The project, almost two years in the making, was an outstanding example of the best of our community. We began as part of our reflection on racial justice and equality. It moved to a realization that we needed to diversify the iconography in our beautiful church if we are to witness to the community of welcome we aspire to be. Finally, a committee of volunteers in the parish, under the leadership of Karen DeMasi, sent out a request for proposal to a wide variety of artists, ultimately selecting Patricia Brintle for this phase of the project. There followed extensive dialog with the artist and the committee and then engagement of the whole parish to finally settle on the icons of the twelve holy people we have on display. The weekend of blessing, together with Patricia's attendance at the Sunday masses celebrated, not only the inclusive product, the icons, but also the inclusive process which brought us here. Thanks to everyone involved.

As we celebrate Black freedom this Juneteenth, we are also aware of freedom yet to be attained, and the ongoing impact of structural racism. Addressing the sin of structural racism is part of the call to challenge injustice and respond to God in our time. At Xavier, we are proud to be supporters of initiatives like *Thrive For Life* and the *Xavier Mission*, which minister to people whose lives have been shaped by poverty, mass incarceration, and homelessness - all of which disproportionately impact Black people and people of color. We invite you to learn more about the work done at Thrive For Life and the Xavier Mission, and encourage you to prayerfully consider how you are called to challenge injustice and advance freedom at this time.

*-Racial Justice Ministry*

**PRIDE**

*"Unapologetically Us"*

*Church of St. Francis Xavier*

*W. 28<sup>th</sup> St. (between 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> avenues)*

**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> after 11:30 a.m. Mass**

The Church of St. Francis Xavier (Section 3, Order 58) is registered for NYC Pride March, and you are invited to join in the parish's outreach.

RSVP to [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) and [SFXGCGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SFXGCGroup@gmail.com) to let us know you will be participating. Thank you.

**THIS  
WEEKEND'S  
MUSIC**



*Scan me*



# CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH!

As we honor Juneteenth, we recognize and celebrate the depth, beauty, and importance of Black culture in America, and in our own families and community.

Artwork: 'Juneteenth at Oak Bluffs', by Sonia Sadler

## Did You Know?

- Juneteenth celebrations in the U.S. typically include prayer and religious services, speeches, educational events, family gatherings and picnics, and festivals with food, music, and dancing.
- Juneteenth has been celebrated by Black Americans since the late 1800s, but it wasn't until 2021 that Juneteenth became an official NYC and NYS holiday.
- The Juneteenth NY Festival, held in Brooklyn since 2009, has over 5,000 attendees. Each year features a theme to emphasize that there is more to Black history than slavery. 'Continuing to only highlight the details of slavery creates a cyclical journey of negative thinking instead of an empowering one.'

## 'This Little Light of Mine'

By Rachel Johnson, LMSW, Director of LSEP

As a descendant of generations of slaves from South Carolina and beyond, Juneteenth is an especially important holiday to me. One of the ways in which I commemorate Juneteenth is through music. This month, I've been deeply meditating on the song, "This Little Light of Mine." It was sung with great frequency during the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 60s, and has always deeply resonated with me. It's the idea that no matter what is said or done, no one will ever own or extinguish my light. When someone operates from a place of hatred and fear, I will operate from a place of love and courage. When someone attempts to extinguish my voice, I will speak up louder, with greater conviction and purpose. If it were not for the sacrifices of the people who displayed that courage, conviction, love, purpose, and light, I would not be who I am today. I certainly wouldn't be in the position, either educationally or occupationally, to be writing the very note you're reading at this moment.

This year marks the 156th time that Juneteenth will be celebrated. My greatest wish is that you and I, and all people of goodwill, will continue to let our light shine brightly — light that leaves no space for the forces of hatred and fear to operate, and that creates a clearer path on the road towards freedom.

- JOIN the celebration! Visit [JUNETEENTHNY.COM](http://JUNETEENTHNY.COM) for events!
- VOLUNTEER your time! Visit [SIGNUP.XAVIERMISSION.ORG](http://SIGNUP.XAVIERMISSION.ORG)
- REGISTER to vote! Visit [VOTE.NYC](http://VOTE.NYC)



## **Thrive For Life's mission is to transform lives behind and beyond U.S. prison walls!**

Since 2016, we have developed a continuity of care that strives for the permanent reentry of people returning from prison. In the U.S., the crisis of mass incarceration has deepened racial inequality. While Black Americans are only 13% of the general population, they represent +38% of those in prison or jail. Furthermore, less than 10% of formerly incarcerated individuals with GEDs take college coursework, while less than 1% complete a college degree. On Juneteenth, we pay special mind to the long history of racial injustice in our country, with particular attention to the long road ahead. Thrive For Life has identified key barriers to reentry and provided much needed responses.

## **Purpose**

- Lack of social support and meaning
- Limited trust in systems and institutions

Through our retreats behind the prison walls, we provide guided reflective and meditative resources for an examined life. In addition, we maintain correspondence with +3000 retreatants through monthly newsletters, spiritual literature, and care packages in the NY and NJ correctional systems.

## **Education**

- 90% of the incarcerated are without access to college education
- 1994 Crime Bill depleted Pell Grant opportunity

In 2019, we opened our premier Ignacio House of Studies, a transitional living community with a holistic suite of supportive services to support people continuing the good work of education beyond the prison walls. We have forged partnerships with universities who provide pathways and scholarships for justice-impacted people.

## **Housing**

- 54% of returning people go directly from prison to shelters
- These folks are 10x more likely to be homeless

Thrive For Life partners with a local NYC-based property management firm to assist scholars in acquiring permanent, affordable housing upon exit from Ignacio House. This tangibly reduces the probability of homelessness. Of our current scholars, 76% identify as BIPOC.

## **Employment**

- 65% of jobs require college education
- 64% of unemployed young men have a criminal record

In partnership with Exodus Transitional Community and our network of professional mentors, we provide workforce training, mentoring, and recommendations for gainful employment opportunities for folks coming home from jail and prison.

## **Join Our Mission!**

Pray for our brothers and sisters behind prison walls.

Pledge your financial support by sponsoring a retreat or a resident scholar.

Purchase goods for care packages and welcome home backpacks.

# HOSPITALITY MINISTERS, EUCHARIST MINISTERS, AND LECTORS NEEDED

We need more  
Hospitality  
Ministers on  
Sunday Masses!

We urgently need  
Hospitality  
Ministers on Saturday  
5 p.m. Mass!

We need more women  
serving as lectors,  
Eucharist Ministers and  
Hospitality Ministers!!

Interested?

Contact Luz Marina Diaz at  
[Imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:Imdiaz@sfxavier.org)

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST: Gen 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b-17.

TWELFTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
2 KINGS 17:5-8, 13-15A, 18; Matt 7:1-5.

9:00AM GEORGE DEAN (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA:  
2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matt 7:6, 12-14.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM ISMEL RODRIGUEZ (D)

TWELFTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Matt 7:15-20.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM WILLIAM NOLAN (L)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: Isa 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM BRIAN DANIS (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS: Ezek 34:11-16; Rom 5:5b-11; Luke 15:3-7.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM LUZMILA HERNANDEZ (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; LUKE 2:41-51.

12:05PM TOM KNOFF (D)

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62.

YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.

### XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Clothing Room:** Every Sunday, sorting & distribution shifts

**Soup Kitchen:** Every Sunday, prep & distribution shifts

**Food Pantry:** Second Saturday of every month, distribution shifts

For info and to sign up: [SIGNUP.XAVIERMISSION.ORG](http://SIGNUP.XAVIERMISSION.ORG)

## Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact [abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com](mailto:abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com)

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room (offsite July & August), [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) (929) 333-5011.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:  
Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Marie Bannister, [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com) or Gerry Moss, [gerrymoss@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com)

XAVIER ADULT GROUP: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com)

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:youthministry@sfxavier.org).

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays and Fridays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact Peggy & Paul [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com)