



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit St. Joseph's Seminary

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*September 25, 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  
Rev. James Miracky, S.J. (Associate Pastor) -225  
Rev. Ricardo da Silva, S.J. (Associate Pastor)  
Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) -  
208  
Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) -207  
Stephanie Fuentes (Asst. to the Pastor/Dir. of  
Communications) -222  
Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201  
Pablo Jimenez (Youth Ministry Coordinator)  
James Martinez (Assistant for Financial Planning)  
Desiree Resto (Office Assistant)-203  
Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201  
Jovi Villavicencio (Dir. of Business) - 221  
John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

## Receptionist — 201

## Pastoral Council

Patrick Egan (Chair); Belinda Conway (Vice Chair);  
Andrea Foley-Murphy (Secretary); Alan Ahles;  
Kristen Beckles; Joel Dabu; Karen DeMasi;  
Susan Faggiani; Michelle Jung; Todd Schmidt.  
[PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](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: James Miracky, SJ

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ  
11:30 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ  
5:00 pm Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Augustino Aloia, Sue Carberry, Catherine Cheney,  
Aurora Cifra, Stephanie Cioffi, Sheila Creasy, Olga Cruz,  
Jesus Dabu, Rosina Davis, Christine DeAngelis,  
Sr. Olga Diaz, Ellen Donnelly, Jeanne DuPont,  
Zakaria el Fatihi, Sr., Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes,  
Fred Hang, Jerry Hill, Denise Johnson, Elizabeth Jones,  
Rosemarie McGrath, Michael McMahon, Anna Meli,  
Richard Meli, Eileen Miller, Diana Minor, Ted Moon,  
Amelia Mullings, Hernando Perez, Ruby Lynn Reyner,  
Joanne Russo, John Sabini, Anthony Scorra, Ana Shahin,  
Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan, Encarnacion Singh,  
Priscilla Stefan, Eleanor Sundaram, Geneva Thomas,  
Liz Vito, Kevin Walsh

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

Mary Bellavia, Scott Michael Hellon, Susan Norton Howie,  
Judy Rose Humphreys, Louise Chang Loughran,  
Joanne Le Blanc, Marilyn Lorence, Dr. Byung Jip Moon,  
Miriam Solares de Castañeda, Frank Salas  
and Walter Weaver

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

This past week the Archdiocese of New York and the United States Bishops' Conference released their reports on the Synod conversations held last spring. Not surprisingly, many of the same issues which came up in our parish conversations were mentioned as concerns by Catholics throughout the country. Among them are concern for a greater role for women in the Church, a desire for more adult faith formation, concerns to engage greater participation in the liturgies, greater efforts to involve young adults, outreach to marginalized communities including migrants, the poor and the LGBTQ+ community, to name a few.

At each level of Church, we need to find our own appropriate responses to the concerns raised. With the leadership of the Pastoral Council, a steering committee is engaged in examining our own deliberations and helping us to formulate a response to the concerns expressed. We should hear more from them in the coming weeks.

Synodal conversations should become an ongoing feature of our way of proceeding as a parish. The exercise of open-hearted listening to one another is vitally important. It is also important to recognize that these conversations are calls to personal conversion and not merely "consumer satisfaction surveys." Each of us needs to be part of the solution/resolution as we move forward as a faith community. It is also important to recognize the limits of what we can change or improve within the context of the universal Church as it serves diverse communities throughout the world.

As always, it is a journey of faith. These journeys have their ups and downs along the way but we are never alone on the path. We walk by faith and not by sight. Let us prayerfully and hopefully march onward.



### HOUSING JUSTICE

Xavier Mission invites you to learn more about the current NYC housing crisis. This City & State article, "Evictions Slowly Ramp Up After COVID-19 (<https://bit.ly/3BolH4o>)," clearly outlines the complexity of the problem.

"If we keep on this track, with no changes in court process or legislative fixes, evictions are going up exponentially every month. And that would be terrible on a human level, because the shelter system is not equipped for that."

"Folks entering the shelter system will cost taxpayers so much more money than just (having the government pay) their back rent. It's a lose-lose on every level."

Our Associate Board's Fall 2022 Housing Justice campaign (<https://bit.ly/3qUFIQU>) supports our Financial Assistance/Eviction Prevention Program, which helps families facing eviction stay in their homes and avoid the lasting trauma of homelessness.

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[xaviermission.org](http://xaviermission.org)

*In Part 3, published in last week's bulletin, Pope Francis spoke of the anguished cry of mother earth and all living creature, and the poorest among us who are most vulnerable to climate change.*



## SEASON OF CREATION

Message of  
His Holiness Pope Francis  
for the World Day of Prayer  
for the Care of Creation  
1 September 2022

Listening to these anguished cries, we must repent and modify our lifestyles and destructive systems. From its very first pages, the Gospel calls us to “repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Mt 3:2); it summons us to a new relationship with God, and also entails a different relationship with others and with creation. The present state of decay of our common home merits the same attention as other global challenges such as grave health crises and wars. “Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience” (Laudato Si’, 217).

As persons of faith, we feel ourselves even more responsible for acting each day in accordance with the summons to conversion. Nor is that summons simply individual: “the ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion” (ibid., 219). In this regard, commitment and action, in a spirit of maximum cooperation, is likewise demanded of the community of nations, especially in the meetings of the United Nations devoted to the environmental question.

*This Season of Creation, think of ways that our parish can, as a community, work to protect God’s handiwork. Email your ideas to the [SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com)*

## THE WOMEN WHO STAYED Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. West Room

Sisters in Christ, it is time to be together. Join us in spiritual conversation as we share what is in our hearts as women who stay in the Roman Catholic Church.

THIS  
WEEKEND’S  
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## SAVE THE DATE SFX LGBTQ ANNUAL RETREAT

The Xavier LGBTQ Ministry is excited to inform you that an in-person retreat is being planned for November 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The retreat will take place at the newly renovated Thomas Berry Place which is located in Jamaica, Queens. The Center is easily accessible by public transportation which will reduce both travel time and travel expenses. As you might expect, the cost of retreats has been impacted by inflation. The cost for this retreat will be \$300.

Retreats have been an integral part of this ministry. We look forward to your taking part in this very special experience. Registrations will begin in October <https://thomasberryplace.org/reservations#retreat-house>.

## CATHOLIC LESBIANS Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. West Room

“Singing in Diaspora”: Tess Thompson gives a brief introduction to the Irish sean nós song style and explains why folk music is so important. If you know an old traditional song from your heritage, bring it along. There will be an opportunity to share! Vaccination and masks are required. If you are sick, please stay home. For more information, contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com).



## MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

*The music ministry is looking for a few qualified musicians and singers for the coming year. Whether you play an instrument or sing, John Uehlein, the Director of Music Ministries would like to hear from you. There are four ensembles to choose from:*

**THE XAVIER PLAYERS** is a group of instrumentalists AND singers who meet on Sunday afternoons and play for the 5PM liturgy. At present, this is our fastest growing ensemble and strives to inspire the liturgy and foster a true ensemble experience between instruments and singers. We are particularly in need of Tenors and Basses, but also Sopranos and Altos. And we are very interested in: Violin, Oboe, Cello, Clarinet, Saxophone, Percussion. But ALL instruments are welcome. Instrumentalists need to be able to read music well, at least at an intermediate level.

**THE FAMILY FAITH CHOIR** meets for rehearsal Sunday mornings from 11:30-12:30 and sings for the first 9AM liturgy of the month. This is an intergenerational choir including both adults and children. We are particularly interested in fostering the musical growth of our young people.

**THE BELL CHOIR** is looking for one ringer who has some experience reading music - the ensemble rehearses Mondays from 6:15 - 8:15 and plays the Advent/Christmas season as well as Holy Week and Easter Season.

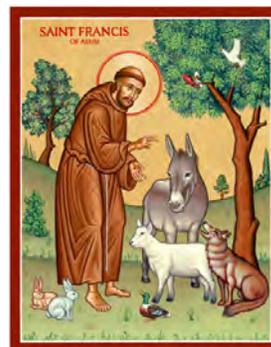
**THE SFX CHOIR** is particularly in need of tenors and altos, but all parts are welcome - an ability to sing in tune and to hold a harmony line is required. Reading music at an introductory level helps greatly - we rehearse Thursdays from 6:30pm - 8:30pm and sing for the 11:30am Sunday Morning liturgy as well as all High Holy Days.

For more information and to schedule an audition, please contact  
*John Uehlein* at [juehlein@sfxavier.org](mailto:juehlein@sfxavier.org) or by telephone at 646-573-0099.

### HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER



Once again the Healing Prayer Ministry is offering prayer with you for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing after the 11:30 Mass. This will be on September 25, October 16, and October 30. For info or questions, contact Phil Waldrop at [HPM@sfxavier.org](mailto:HPM@sfxavier.org)



### SAVE THE DATE: BLESSING OF ANIMALS

**Saturday, October 8  
at 10 a.m.**

If anyone would like to help with the blessing, please contact Sr. Nadine: 212-673-2078.

## IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE (ISEL) SPIRITUALITY 2022-23



*Grant me, O Lord, to see everything now with new eyes, to discern and test the spirits that help me read the signs of the times...*

*-Pedro Arrupe, SJ*

***ISEL invites you to participate in Spiritual Direction at Xavier***

### **I-FONG WONG, SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR/PARISHIONER:**

*“For someone who is looking for God, spiritual direction is a process to deepen one’s relationship with God. With the companionship of a spiritual director, the directee shares and reflects on one’s own experience of God. Through this process, the directee learns how to find God in daily life and how to accept and respond to God’s grace and love.*

*“From my own experience, spiritual direction helps me to walk with God in my journey, love myself, and love others. I am very grateful to learn how to discern God’s love, deepen my relationship with Christ, and live in this love.”*

To find more details, visit

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/making-good-decisions/spiritual-direction/>.

Please contact [mary.elizabeth.hurson@gmail.com](mailto:mary.elizabeth.hurson@gmail.com) or [gerrymoss@gmail.com](mailto:gerrymoss@gmail.com) for further information about how to apply.

## **BREAKING OPEN OF THE WORD**



*Join us in praying and reflecting on the Sunday Readings using a Lectio Divina model and small group sharing using a Spiritual Conversation model.*

**SATURDAYS FROM 10:00AM TO 11:00AM**

**ZOOM LINK: <https://bit.ly/3UsoMJC>**

## **"FROM AGE TO AGE"**

“From Age to Age” is an oral history podcast series highlighting personal faith journeys of parishioners at the Church of St. Francis Xavier in New York City.

The Oral History Project was conceived to preserve the unique history of this church by inviting long-time parishioners to share their personal stories with a newer generation, illustrating why this parish is distinctive, unique, and a very special place.



Subscribe and listen to the series for free. Visit the Xavier website, or search for the phrase “Xavier From Age to Age” on Apple Podcasts, Spotify or your favorite podcast app.

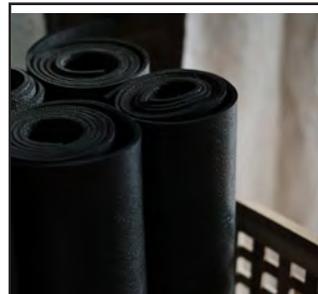


## **MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER At St. Ignatius Loyola(NYC) via Zoom**

*Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing, via Zoom.*

**Wednesdays, September 28<sup>th</sup> to November 16<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 – 8:30 PM**

To register, email [MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org](mailto:MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org) and pick up the MCIP book from the Parish House at St. Ignatius (84th Street and Park Avenue) by September 2022. A good faith offering will be appreciated, as the cost of materials ranges between \$30-\$50.



## **IGNATIAN YOGA**

**Yoga returns to  
Tuesdays at 6:15pm.**

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31.

TWENTY-SIXTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
JOB 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50.

7:45 GIUSEPPE MERCURI (D)  
12:05 TERENCE CONNOR (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:  
Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56.

7:45 LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05 ALICE & CLIFTON WALKER (D)

TWENTY-SIXTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM AVAILABLE

THURSDAY~FEAST OF STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL,  
AND RAPHAEL: DAN 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM AVAILABLE

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. JEROME:  
Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM AVAILABLE

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD  
JESUS: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24.

12:05PM MARIE ANTOINETTE POLYCARPE (D)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:  
Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10.

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: Religious Education Program for children pre-kindergarten -12<sup>th</sup> grade. Sessions for parents/guardians are provided. Contact DRE Luz Marina Diaz, [Imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:Imdiaz@sfxavier.org)

GAY CATHOLICS: Men meet in a caring and affirming environment on the first and third Fridays, 7pm Mary Chapel. Contact [sfxgcggroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgcggroup@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: Meets on 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. 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)