

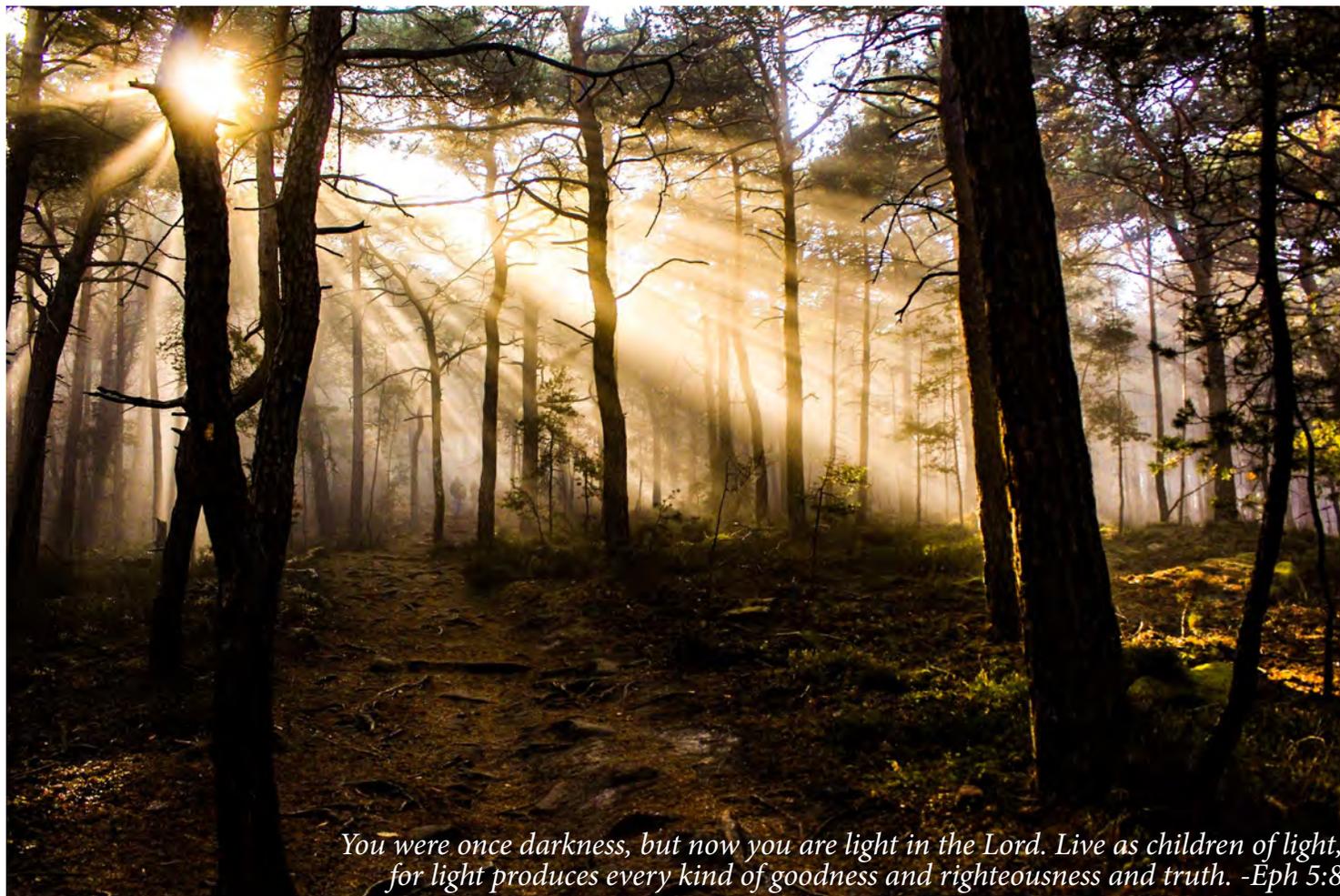


CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light,
for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. -Eph 5:8*

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Catholic Relief Services

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

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
Rev. James Miracky, S.J. (Associate Pastor) -225
Rev. Ricardo da Silva, S.J. (Associate Pastor)
Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) -
208
Ackime Colquhoun (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 214
Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) -207
Stephanie Fuentes (Asst. to the Pastor/Dir. of
Communications) -222
Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201
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James Martinez (Assistant for Financial Planning)
Desiree Resto (Office Assistant)-203
Jovi Villavicencio (Dir. of Business) - 221
John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Receptionist — 201

Pastoral Council

Patrick Egan (Chair); Belinda Conway (Vice Chair);
Alan Ahles (Secretary); Kristen Beckles; Joel Dabu;
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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

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

SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass: James Miracky, SJ

SUNDAY

9:00am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ
11:30am Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ
5:00pm Mass: James Miracky, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Tahina Adrea, Ethan Balbi, Karen Casey, Fred Cheesman,
Barb Christie, Olga Cruz, Jocelyn Dabu Twigg,
Rosina Davis, Christyn DeAngelis, Kathleen Friel,
Susan Forbes, Jim Fox, Jose Fuentes, Jack Gannon,
Jerry Hill, Marcella Jacobs, Elizabeth Jones, Kevin Kennedy,
Flavia Langa, Barbara B. Lewis, Rosemarie McGrath, Eileen
Miller, AnnMarie Mohammed, Mike Orza,
Edward Pinsdorf, Brian Prentke, Ray & Betty Ralph,
Mark Reynolds Farrington, Madison & Dylan Ryder,
John Schlee, Eleanor Schleider, Dorothy Shepherd,
Anne Sheridan, Encarnacion Singh, Crysea Spencer,
Priscilla Stefan, Eleanor Sundaram

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

Bob Berne, Carol Burke, Bob Castle, Blanca Collantes,
Eileen D'Alessandro, Tracie Gonzalez,
Juan Lizares Kilayko, Lita Lerios, Daniel Marshall
and Denise Stewart

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

Our videographer, Mark Moss, reminded me that this Sunday is the third anniversary of our live stream broadcasts. While it is a reminder that we have been living with the COVID-19 virus for three years, it is also an opportunity to recall the graces of the pandemic. The ability to worship virtually when we could not gather in person is high on the list of graces received. To this day we have a dedicated audience of a couple of hundred followers from around the country and even internationals who find comfort and solace in worshipping virtually. So many of our ministries, including the music ministry, found ways to continue through zoom in the deepest part of the lockdown, especially before the introduction of vaccines. The technology, along with the resilience of our community, kept ministry going for us and continues to assist it a hybrid way.

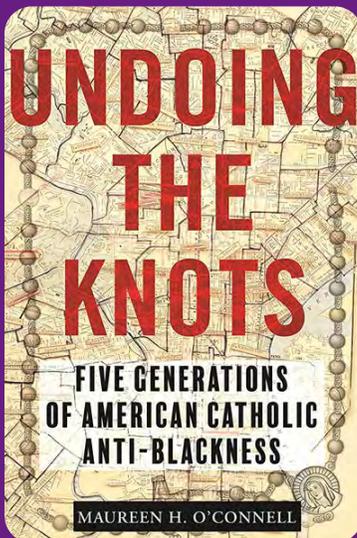
The isolation of lockdowns and mandated masking was certainly hard to bear but it was also an opportunity to take stock of our lives, to appreciate the gifts surrounding us, and to reach out to help a neighbor in need.

On this third anniversary, we are grateful that so many have returned in-person to the eucharist and to various gatherings of our ministries. We encourage you to join in as soon as you feel comfortable and safe.

Last Monday marked the tenth anniversary of the election of Jorge Bergoglio, S.J. as Pope Francis. His tenure has surprised many, some in shock and some in joy. The religious press has offered many articles reflecting on his impact on the Church and world culture. It's worthwhile to read some of them to form your own opinion. Among the gifts he has left us are *Laudato Si*, the encyclical on the environment and the expansion of the process of synodality from an occasional meeting of bishops to a call to widespread prayerful listening to one another which we have begun to embrace as a parish community.

May God continue to bless and inspire him!

RACIAL JUSTICE BOOK TALK



The Racial Justice Ministry and *the Parish Council* will jointly host a conversation on American Catholic Anti-Blackness and where we go from here with Maureen O'Connell. Dr. O'Connell will explore the interplay of her Catholic and racial identities across 200 years of her family's history.

This in-person and Zoom event is free and open to all.

Zoom participants should register at sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org to receive a link.

MAUREEN
O'CONNELL

PROFESSOR OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS
AT LASALLE UNIVERSITY



Sunday, April
2nd

1:00pm-3:00pm
Keenan Commons
31 West 15th
Street



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>

THE WOMEN WHO STAYED Sunday, April 16th 1:00 pm-2:00pm

“Jesus breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’” (John 20:22-23)

On this Sunday of Divine Mercy, let us share in the seventh of eight spiritual conversations, in the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola.

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, April 14th 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
West Room

“Catholic Lesbians in the Archives”: Join us for a presentation on papers, objects, and histories of lesbian Catholics, nuns, and their organizations, which can be found in Lesbian Herstory Archives. The archives (est. 1974), located in Park Slope, Brooklyn, is an all-volunteer run collective, housing the largest collection in the world of materials by and for lesbians. The presentation, by Alex, a coordinator at LHA, will be followed by a discussion on memory, stories, and the power of documenting our everyday lives as lesbian Catholics. Masks and vaccinations are recommended. If you are sick, stay home. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com.



XAVIER MISSION NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

APRIL 9th, EASTER SUNDAY
11:45am to 4:00pm

FOLLOW THIS LINK:
<https://x.gldn.io/e/MOGRaLI1byb>
or visit signup.xaviermission.org
to register TODAY!



UPCOMING HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY DATES

The Healing Prayer Ministry invites you to come for prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing in the season of Lent on March 19th, and 26th. This is usually near the Mary altar area to the left of the main altar. Our Pray-ers look forward to praying with you.

MORE PRAY-ERS WANTED TO ADD HEALING PRAYER SESSIONS AFTER THE 9AM MASS

The Healing Prayer Ministry is seeking new Pray-ers for a team to serve after the 9 AM Mass. Please consider if you are called to serve in this way. Training is provided, which involves reading and discussing via Zoom, and practice in person. Contact *Phil Waldrop* at HPM@SFXavier.org or at 973-214-6589 for information or to express interest.

Wine and Cheese Soiree



Hosted by The Pastoral Council

Saturday, March 18th
after 5pm Mass
Mary Chapel

PARISH CENSUS RESULTS

Xavier conducted its annual parish census over the weekend of December 10-11, 2022 at all four weekend Masses and online. We also administered the census among those in attendance at the daily Masses on January 6, 2023. A total of 660 people participated. Some key statistics of those completing the census include:

- Median age: 48
- Median number of years attending Xavier: 7
- Households in which at least one member is a person of color: 31.7%
 - Shares of parishioners living in:
 - ZIP codes near Xavier: 1 in 2
 - Manhattan: 2 in 3
 - New York City: 9 in 10

Census numbers over time show that in-person attendance of weekend Masses at Xavier has changed dramatically in the COVID era. In-person weekend Mass attendance at Xavier is down from roughly 1,300 per weekend before COVID to less than half that in the most recent census. The drop-off in attendance has been particularly deep among young people and newer parishioners, and the decline is happening across all Masses.

Let us take this as a sign to redouble our efforts at welcome and revival as the pandemic recedes. These efforts may already be bearing fruit: parishioners and staff alike have observed a notable uptick in attendance at our weekend Masses in the first few months of 2023. As in times past, Xavier can be a place where seekers can find spiritual renewal and the nourishment of community life.

A copy of the full report for the census can be found <http://bit.ly/3FsgE5X>

Pianist-composer Deanna Witkowski has copies of her award-winning spiritual biography, *Mary Lou Williams: Music for the Soul*, available for purchase at deannajazz.com. Detailing Williams's connections with SFX, her liturgical music, and her decades-long correspondence with women religious, the book is a wonderful resource during these weeks when we are singing Mass for the Lenten Season.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH ~6:30PM

MAIN CHURCH

**“Accompanying Jesus on
the Path of the Cross”**

*Sponsored by the Family Faith Program
& Xavier Youth Ministry*

FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH ~12:00 NOON

MAIN CHURCH

“Good Friday Stations of the Cross”

Sponsored by the R.C.I.A. Program



ROARING 20S SPEAKEASY NEXT WEEK!

ANYONE CAN BID
ON AUCTION ITEMS!



Join us for our Annual Dinner Dance fundraiser!

Saturday, March 25th
7:00pm - 11:00pm
Hurtado Hall

Come to our juice joint for an evening of dinner, dancing, giggle water, and games of chance! Get all dolled up in your best flapper dress or Gatsby suit and make sure to bring plenty of mazuma for the gaming tables - hot dawg!

Get your tickets - or sponsor/advertise - at impact.xaviermission.org/Speakeasy!

Start Bidding On Amazing Online Auction Items!
Online auction is live and bidding has begun.

Here are just a few of the fantastic items available:
A social media follow from Shark Tank's Mark Cuban
Charming Log Cabin Getaway
NY Giants Quarterback Daniel Jones Autographed Football
Designer handbags
5-Class Pilates Package

New items will be added in the coming days so make sure to keep checking back!

Brief Notices from Other Places

Baltimore's St. Ignatius Antiracism Task Force and St. Ann Social Justice Committee invites Church of St. Francis Xavier parishioners to a

ST. PATRICK'S DAY ANTIRACISM PRAYER SERVICE
Sunday March 19th, 2:30-4:30 pm via ZOOM

Join us for an afternoon of learning, discussion, and prayer reflecting on the history of Irish Americans and racism and antiracism. Where are the similarities – and differences – in the experiences of discrimination faced by Irish immigrants and people of color? Who are examples of antiracism allies and foes in Irish American history? How can appreciating the legacy of Irish immigrant experiences deepen our commitment to the work of racial justice?

Advance registration required – email tess.thompson@gmail.com for further details.

On **Wednesday, March 22 at 6:45pm**, we will present a screening of the film *Wonderfully Made*, followed by a discussion with *Fr. Jim Martin, Fr. Bryan Massingale* and the filmmakers. *Rev. Dr. Luigi Gioia*, Theologian in Residence at St. Thomas Church on 5th Avenue, will moderate.

The film explores the challenges and aspirations of LGBTQ Catholics and includes interviews with *Fr. Martin, Fr. Massingale* and *Sr. Jeannine Gramick*, among other leaders in LGBTQ Catholic ministry. It also seeks to use art to bring LGBTQ+ people and religion together, highlighting an art project to create new iconography using LGBTQ+ models of diverse ethnicities, genders, races and sexual identities to represent Jesus.

The screening takes place in Wallace Hall at St. Ignatius, 980 Park Avenue. Reservations are recommended:
LGBTCAFSCREENING@gmail.com

2023 RUSSO LECTURE: 'WOMEN AND YOUTH: THE DRIVING FORCE OF SYNODALITY

Tuesday, March 28th ~6:00pm
Church of St. Paul the Apostle~ 405 W 59th St

At this evening event, Sister Becquart will talk about how women and young people are the driving forces behind this push for a reinvigorated church, and she will take questions from the audience gathered in the sanctuary. Visit <http://bit.ly/42h4YwQ> for more info.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a.

7:45AM ANN FERRY RILEY (D)

12:05PM AVAILABLE

FOURTH TUESDAY OF LENT: Ezek 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05PM JOSEPH ANCONA (D)

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF LENT: Isa 49:8-15; John 5:17-30.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM JOAN & PETER CAMPBELL BROWN (D)

FOURTH THURSDAY OF LENT:

EXOD 32:7-14; John 5:31-47.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM SOOGIE & SHEILA REILLY (L)

FOURTH FRIDAY OF LENT:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM MAXIMA "MA" PEREZ (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD: Isa 7:10-14; Heb 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38.

12:05PM TOM RAINONE (D)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:

Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; John 11:1-45.

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

Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

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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: Religious Education Program for children pre-kindergarten -12th grade. Sessions for parents/guardians are provided. Contact DRE Luz Marina Diaz, 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

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 please contact Nick Grimaldi at nlgnyc@gmail.com. To arrange for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY: We offer spiritual direction, conversations, and retreats. Contact Mary.Elizabeth.Hurson@gmail.com and/or gerrymoss@gmail.com.

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.

THE WOMEN WHO STAYED: we NURTURE, we EMPOWER, we CALL FORTH, we CELEBRATE the emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth of women in the church. TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com

XAVIER ADULT GROUP: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact 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

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