



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Central & Eastern Europe

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 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
Pablo Jiminez (Youth Ministry Coordinator)
James Martinez (Assistant for Financial Planning)
Desiree Resto (Office Assistant)-203
John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202
Roseann Vidal (Dir. of Business) - 221

Receptionist — 201

Pastoral Council

Patrick Egan (Chair); Belinda Conway (Vice Chair);
Alan Ahles (Secretary); Kristen Beckles; Joel Dabu;
Karen DeMasi; Susan Faggiani;
Andrea Foley-Murphy; Michelle Jung; Todd Schmidt.
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

SATURDAY

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

SUNDAY

9:00am Mass: James Miracky, SJ
11:30am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ
5:00pm Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Ethan Balbi, Florence Bartosik, Jocelyn Dabu Twigg,
Christyn DeAngelis, Carmenchu Diago, Kathleen Friel,
Susan Forbes, Jim Fox, Carmen Gomez, Leonor Herbandez,
Jerry Hill, Tonia Hubert, Elizabeth Jones, Charles Kelley,
Kevin Kennedy, Eileen Miller, AnnMarie Mohammed,
Mike Orza, Edward Pinsdorf, Brian Prentke,
Mark Reynolds, Dolores Roddy, John Schlee,
Eleanor Schleider, Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan,
Encarnacion Singh, Crysea Spencer, Priscilla Stefan,
Eleanor Sundaram, Joyce Williams

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

Carol Burke, Stephanie Castillo, Charles Cole,
Sharon Ann Conner, Mercedes de Luna, Eileen Egan,
Patricia Goldklank, Diane Hobday, Ellen Elizabeth Lowry,
Barbara Mallette, Ofelia Nazareno Samson

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

It was encouraging to see so many families at mass on Mothers' Day. As we come to the end of the Eastertide, we have two wonderful celebrations to look forward to in our Family Faith Program, First Communion will take place on Trinity Sunday, June 4 and Confirmation, the following Sunday June 11, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

As we move into Ordinary Time after Pentecost, we would like to go back to some of our pre-pandemic procedures. For Communion on Sundays, we will no longer begin with the side aisles but have people start from the main aisle in the front with others moving in across the pews. In effect, everyone in the front pews will receive first and those in the back will be last.

We will move the 7:45 a.m. mass back to the Mary Chapel beginning May 30. The noon mass will remain in the main church so that we can continue to offer the livestream.

Bit by bit, we return to the practices before the pandemic.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Potluck Picnic

HOSTED BY THE SFX YOUNG ADULTS

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON
OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP IN
CENTRAL PARK - WE'LL
BRING THE WINE & CHEESE!

Saturday, 3rd June 2023
2:00pm
Near the Alice in Wonderland
Sculpture (East 74th street)
[RAIN DATE: SUN, 4th JUNE]

RSVP TO SFXAVIER.YOUNGADULTS@GMAIL.COM

XAVIER ART PROJECT PHASE TWO

After the 2020 murder of George Floyd, the working Art Committee proposed the expansion of our church iconography to include international and American Saints and Holy People reflecting the diversity of our Parish.

The working group now proposes to the community the second phase of the project – the installation of two tapestries in the Narthex one on each side leading up the steps to the church. The highly regarded artist, John Nava, who created the tapestries at the Cathedral of Los Angeles, has accepted a commission to create the tapestries. The tapestries will continue the theme of the communion of Holy People and Saints and focusses on people of heroic virtue from the Americas.

We invite you to take a closer look at those we propose to include and to propose others who would reflect the diversity of our world and the commonality of all seekers of justice.

Scan the QR code here which will direct you to the presentation. We look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions at artcommittee@sfxavier.org.



The Healing Prayer Ministry invites you to come for prayer for spiritual, emotional, or physical healing after the 11:30 Mass on May 21. Come to the Mary altar space to the left of the main altar, and our Pray-ers will be happy to pray with you.



Feast of the Santo Nino / San Lorenzo Ruiz

Rescheduled to
Saturday, Sept 30, 2023
5pm Mass

PRAYING WITH MARY



“I am the lord’s servant,” mary answered, “may your word to me be fulfilled.” then the angel left -Luke 1-38

**COME CELEBRATE MARY’S MONTH WITH US
THROUGH REFLECTION AND PRAYER**

Let’s Reflect and Pray Together
Wednesday, May 24th
6:30pm to 8:00pm

*presented by xavier’s ministries
lay spirits & the women who stayed*

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3NLbK91>

For more information email: LayspiritsX@gmail.com

Charitable Grants 2023

Many thanks to the parishioners who submitted suggestions for our charitable distributions this year. After careful consideration, the joint committee from the Finance and Pastoral Councils has approved grants to the following charities:

- Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, Lillian Wall Scholarship
- Xavier Mission
- Jesuit Relief Services-Middle East
- Mercy Center
- Kino Border Initiative (down from \$5K)
- Office of Black Ministry (also down from \$5k)
- Honduras Project
- India Project
- Thrive For Life
- Ignatian Solidarity Network
- Notre Dame School Scholarship fund
- Life Experience and Faith Sharing Associates (LEFSA), a ministry of SCNY
- First Friends



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA 2023-- 2024

JOIN THIS INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for:

- Anyone who has never been baptized.
- Anyone who has been baptized into another Christian faith and would like to convert to the Roman Catholic faith.
- Anyone who was baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.
- Any Catholic who has received all the sacraments but would like to deepen his or her faith by attending the RCIA sessions.

RCIA Requirements



- Fill out the [RCIA FORM](#)
- If you have received the sacrament of Baptism, submit your baptism certificate via email at lldiaz@sfxavier.org or via mail at 55 West 15th Street, NY, NY 10011
- An interview with Luz Marina Diaz will be arranged before RCIA starts on the third Sunday of September.

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For more information, contact Luz Marina Diaz at lldiaz@sfxavier.org or (212) 627-2100 ext 207

SONGS FOR THE EARTH Concert

7:30 pm

Mon. June 5



Featuring Xavier Choir
Bell Choir, Musicians
and Dancers

Church of St. Francis Xavier, 46 W 16th St, Manhattan
Wheelchair admission on 15th St. Free admission. All are welcome.
sfxavier.org



CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, June 9th at 6:00 pm-9:00 pm
West Room

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus said, "And as for those who do not welcome you, when you leave that town, shake the dust from your feet in testimony against them."

(Luke 9:5)

How does this reflect on LGBTQ+ people in the Catholic Church and in our society? Share your thoughts and maybe a little wine to celebrate thirty years of PRIDE ministry at the Church of St. Francis Xavier! For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com.

The St. Francis Xavier Church Racial Justice Ministry focuses on the role racism has played both in our individual lives and in the life of the Catholic Church. Our book group meets monthly on Zoom.

We also organize events such as meeting authors. We have rescheduled our next meeting to **May 31st, 7-9pm**, to avoid conflicting with the Parish Council. All are welcome. Interested?

Email sfxbookgroup@xavier.org to get the Zoom link.

40th Anniverary Block Party

Our 40th Anniversary Block Party is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, June 17th** (pending final approval of our city permit).



XAVIER MISSION

WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

The Block Party will be open to the public and we'll have food, music, activities for the kids, and guest appearances by some of our elected officials. Please stay tuned for more details!

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Acts 1:12-14;
1 Pet 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a.

SEVENTH MONDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 20; John 15:26-16:4a.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM AGAPE GEORGINA GERMAN DE
PADUA (D)

SEVENTH TUESDAY OF EASTER: Acts 20:17-27;
John 17:1-11a.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM MICHAEL WAWRZYNSKI (D)

SEVENTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER: Acts 20:28-38;
John 17:11b-19.

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

SEVENTH THURSDAY OF EASTER: Acts 22:30; 23:6-
11; John 17:20-26.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM OWEN MAHONY (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. PHILIP NERI:
Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19.

7:45AM FR. ERIC SUNDRUP S.J. (L)
12:05PM GERALD LEPISKO (D)

SEVENTH SATURDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25.

12:05PM FRANCIS T. SCHULTZ SR. (D)

PENTECOST SUNDAY: Acts 2:1-11;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23.

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

BREAKING OPEN OF THE WORD: Join us in praying and
reflecting on the Sunday Readings using a Lectio Divina
model. Saturdays from 10:00am to 11:00am Zoom Link:
<https://bit.ly/3UsoMJC>

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 xaversharingandlearninggroup@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