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
Parish Phone Number - (212) 627-2100
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 (Office Manager) -222
MaryLennox Halfacre (Dir. of Communications)-206
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
Belinda Conway (Chair); Alan Ahles (Vice-Chair);
Susan Faggiani (Secretary); Christina Amendolia; Kristen Beckles; Joel Dabu; Andrea Foley-Murphy; John Lucas; Larry Ruth; Todd Schmidt.
PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

Next Weekend’s Presider Schedule
Saturday, January 20
5:00pm Vigil Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

Sunday, January 21
9:00am Mass: James Miracky, SJ
11:30am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ
5:00 PM Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

Office Hours
Mon-Fri: 10:00am-4:00pm
Saturday: 11:30am to 6:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am to 6:00pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices 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.

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

To stay up-to-date on parish news, follow us on Instagram and Facebook at sfxaviernyc.
From the Pastor’s Desk

This week we returned to ordinary time in the liturgical year. As the decorations are put away, we consider how we will respond to God’s call in our ordinary lives. In an election year, the divisive rhetoric gets amplified and many humanitarian issues such as immigration reform become political footballs. We continue to pray and work for an end to hostilities especially in Israel and Gaza. There is more than enough guilt to go around for both sides of the conflict while innocent civilians are slaughtered.

These and so many other issues clamor for our attention. In the Book of Samuel, the young prophet had to learn how to hear the voice of God and to say “Speak, your servant is listening.” Our synodal approach to serious issues invites us to listen to the voice of the Spirit in the midst of our conversations.

Prayer Requests

Let us especially, remember those who have asked for our prayers
Sr Mary Ann Ambrose, CSJ, Ethan Balbi, Florence Bartosik, Julie Burke, Darcy Crum, Christyn DeAngelis, Kathleen Friel, Susan Forbes, Maria Formoso, Jim Fox, David Fuentes, Francisco Fuentes, Jaclyn Suzanne Gomez, Jim Held, Leonor Herbandez, Christopher Henderson, Donna Marie Henderson, Tonia Hubert, Elizabeth Jones, Charles Kelley, Kevin Kenned, Eileen Miller, Ann Marie Mohammed, Mike Orza, Edward Pinsdorf, Brian Prentke, Betty and Ray Ralph, Mark Reynolds, Dolores Roddy, John Schlee, Eleanor Schleider, Dorothy Shepherd, Anne Sheridan, Encarnacion Singh, Crysea Spencer, Priscilla Stefan, Eleanor Sundaram, Joyce Williams, Micaiah Wilson, Mike Mattioli, Joan Schechter, Kay Thomas, Patricia Jones, Gary Trout, Anthony Cuoco, Mark Morin, Marion Pierce, Rosina Davis, Robert Raymond, Richard Chow, John P. Sabini, Avada Mulzac, Jane Jacobus, Neepa Magarelli, Eve Duke.

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

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.
Reducing Plastic Waste in NY - A Step Forward

Single use plastics made from fossil fuels contribute to climate change and pollute our environment. While metals, glass and paper can be readily recycled, 95% of plastics are not recycled -- and most cannot be recycled at all. Our plastic waste, including from packaging, is landfilled, incinerated or becomes litter. Microplastic particles are now ubiquitous. Managing the waste stream is expensive - New York City spends $426 million annually to export waste to landfills and incinerators.

There are two bills before the New York Senate and Assembly that would reduce our plastic waste: The Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act, which is designed to transform the way goods are packaged and sold in New York State; and the and the Bigger Better Bottle Bill, which would incentivize more bottle recycling. Plastic bottles are the most recyclable item in our plastic waste stream.

If enacted, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act would require most companies that sell products in New York to reduce their packaging by 50%, redesign their packaging for reusability or recycling, remove the most toxic chemicals within the plastic packaging, and pay for the waste management of their packaging. The Bigger Better Bottle Bill would increase the types of bottles that require deposits, and increase the deposit amount, which will lead to more bottles being recycled.

For ways to help advocate for these earth-friendly bills that could include a lobbying day in Albany on February 27, we invite you to contact us at SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com

Pastoral Council Coffee Hour

Sunday, January 14 after the 9:00 AM Mass
Please join members of the Pastoral Council after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Mary Chapel for light refreshments and community.

Saturday 5 PM Mass - Eucharistic and Hospitality Ministers Needed!

Eucharistic ministers and hospitality ministers are needed to serve, regularly, at the Saturday 5 PM mass. If you are interested, please email Luz Marina Diaz (lmdiaz@sfxavier.org) with “Saturday 5 PM Mass” in the email subject line. You may serve as often, in a given month, as you wish. Training is provided.

Healing Prayer Ministry

Upcoming Dates
You are invited to come for prayer for healing for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing after the 11:30 Mass on January 21. Our Pray-ers look forward to praying with you.

Looking For More Pray-ers for the Healing Prayer Ministry Team
Consider if you are called to become a Pray-er. We currently serve after the 11:30 Mass on selected Sundays. Trained Pray-ers serve no more than twice a month, for about 30 minutes after Mass. Training involves some reading and Zoom discussions, then in-person observation and practice. Please reach out to HPM@sfxavier.org or to Philip Waldrop (Coordinator) by text to 973-214-6589.
More Queer Grace  
Sunday, January 28 | 12:45 PM | Mary Chapel  
Following on the success of our Queer Grace event in November, More Queer Grace on January 28 will take place at 12:45pm, immediately following the 11:30am Mass. We invite parishioners of all genders and sexual orientations to explore and reflect on the unexpected, uncanny, and even queer ways that grace works in all our lives in a facilitated, interactive, 90-minute session. Parishioners Ann Harris-Jacobs and Paul Moreno will share some of their stories of queer grace and you'll then be prompted to reflect on your own.

To watch a video on queer spirituality with Kathy Talvacchia and Dominic Longo, two Xavier parishioners who are theologians and helping to organize this event, follow the QR code. Come take part in this experience of spiritual storytelling and listening, sharing and connecting! Sponsored by Catholic Lesbians, Gay Catholics, and Xavier Outings.

Matt Phelps performing  
The People United Will Never Be Defeated by Frederic Rzewski  
Friday, February 9 | 7:30 PM  
Main Church & Online  
Join us for our next Performing Arts at Xavier event with Matt Phelps! Matthew Phelps is a pianist and conductor based in Nashville, Tennessee. He is a frequent recitalist known for his performances of Rzewski’s music, and has won numerous awards as a pianist, conductor, and organist. A former resident of New York City and member of St. Francis Xavier, he is pleased to be returning for this performance.

Racial Justice Ministry Book Group  
Please join the Racial Justice Ministry Book Group discussion on How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery, by Clint Smith. Each chapter is a self-contained piece, so if you missed the first chapter you will not be at a disadvantage.

An annual celebration of the June 19, 1865, reading of the order announcing the end of slavery takes place in Galveston. The celebration is called Juneteenth.

Monday, March 11, “We were the good guys, right?” New York City, pp. 207--238.  
The author visits several sites in the city that reflect the role of slavery in its history.

The Racial Justice Ministry meets by Zoom from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. To receive the link, email to sfxbookgroup@sfxavior.org.
Two Wars, One Morality: A comparative analysis of the conflicts in the Middle East and Europe

Wednesday, January 17 | 6:30 PM | Zoom
Join A Faith That Does Justice for a conversation with Peter Gyves, SJ MD, Founder and Executive Director of A Faith That Does Justice and Rev. Bryan Hehir, Secretary for Health and Social Services in the Cardinal’s Cabinet in the Archdiocese of Boston. Rev. Hehir, a recently retired faculty member of Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, will explore similarities and differences between the conflicts in the Middle East and Europe from a moral and faith perspective.

This virtual event is free and open to the public. Please register here in advance to receive the Zoom link before the meeting begins. Visit our website for more information.

Corpus Christi Chapter Meeting
Saturday, January 27 | 2:00 PM
Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121 Street
Join the Corpus Christi Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society as they host Thomas Merton: Wisdom’s Voice for Our Time? a meeting to discuss our Chapter’s future and to celebrate his and the chapter’s birthday. Jonathan Montaldo and others will lead us to consider Merton’s prophetic voice together. Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121 Street, Manhattan. Info: (212) 666-9350 or cchristinyc@gmail.com. Free admission, but please pre-register.

Capuchin Family Ministries presents A Eucharistic Retreat For Men
Saturday, February 3 | 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM
St. Lawrence Retreat Center
Grounding our reflections on the truth of Christ’s Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament and considering the Eucharist as Sacrifice and Banquet lead us to live truly Eucharistic lives. Explore how we live this out in our day-to-day lives as men of faith. The $70.00 fee includes the program, continental breakfast, and lunch. This retreat filled to capacity last year. Register today to ensure your spot. Scan QR code to learn more and register.
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, 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 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 ISEL@sfxavier.org.

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact Xavierinterfaith@gmail.com

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE: Examines roots of injustice and works towards a more just and sustainable world. Contact Tracey Tynan at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com.

THE WOMEN WHO STAYED: We nurture, empower, call forth, and celebrate our emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth. We strive to bring the riches of the Word of God in ways that speak to everyone in the congregation. 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 XA VIER 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. Will not meet December 12, December 26th, January 2nd, March 26th, May 21st, June 4th.

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 at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact Peggy & Paul schubertnyc@gmail.com