Second Collection to benefit Communications/Catholic University
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 Diaz (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 13
5:00pm Vigil Mass: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

Sunday, January 14
9:00am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ
11:30am Mass: James Miracky, SJ
5:00 PM Mass: Kenneth Boller, 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

The story of the Epiphany is a wonderful story of inclusion and the power of faith. The Magi were gentiles, outside the realm of the people of the promise, yet they were also seekers. Their knowledge of the tradition of Abraham and Sarah led them to believe that the star they saw would lead them to the newborn ruler of Israel. They followed the star, inquiring along the way, and trusting that God would lead them to their goal.

It’s a beautiful story of a faith journey and, like so many faith journeys, including our own, we don’t know what came next. They returned home by a different route. How did they recount their experience? How did it change their lives and subsequent behavior?

We’ll never know.

As we continue our own faith journey in these perilous times, surrounded by war, violence, destruction, migration, environmental destruction, let us strive to follow the star of hope in the darkness of the night.

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 Herbanetz, 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

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed parishioners 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.
Speaking up for the Earth, Our Common Home

“I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home... it is necessary to recognize that the most effective solutions will not come from individual efforts alone, but above all from major political decisions...”

-- Pope Francis, Laudate Deum, paragraph 69, issued October 4, 2023

The exhortation by Pope Francis in Laudate Deum, and before that in Laudate Si’ (2015), calls on us, as people of faith, to address seriously the twin goals of care for the earth and care for the poor. The faith-based impetus to limit the climate change necessarily includes more than personal behavior changes. Pope Francis notes that personal behavior changes have value, but changes in policies and practices by governments, industries, businesses and organizations are needed.

St. Francis Xavier parish, as a Laudato Si’ parish, along with the parish’s Environment Ministry, is called to keep an eye on environmental developments and to use our voices to effect positive change. Two near-term opportunities to use our voices for our common home are lobbying days with our elected representatives in Albany -- on Tuesday, January 23, and on Tuesday, February 27. These are opportunities to show support for important environmental policies.

In January, the focus is on the policies that will help NYS meet its climate targets and on energy justice with the NY Home Energy Affordable Transition Act (NY HEAT Act) that is part of the “People’s Climate Justice Budget” outlined by NYRenews. In February, the focus is on two bills that have to do with plastic and producer responsibility: the Better Bottle Bill, and the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act.

Future columns will provide more detail about participating in the lobbying process, whether in Albany, or locally, or from our homes. You are invited to contact us at SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com, or by calling or texting Philip Waldrop at 973-214-6589. By working together, we can make a difference.

Whatever our resolution is, Pope Francis encourages us to “sing as we go” with “the joy of our hope.”

Eucharistic Revival Reminder
Lecture - Pastoral Guide to Pope Francis’ Desiderio Desideravi with Rita Ferrone
January 7th at 1:00 PM
Main Church & Online
St. Francis Xavier continues to deepen our understanding of the Eucharist. Please join us for this upcoming event.

Pastoral Council Coffee Hour
Sunday, January 14th 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.

Healing Prayer Ministry
Upcoming Dates
Blessings, grace, peace, and healing to you all for Christmas, New Years and Epiphany from the Healing Prayer Ministry team. You are invited to come for prayer for healing for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing after the 11:30 Mass on January 7 and January 21, 2024. 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.
Xavier High School
Martin Luther King Jesuit
High School Mass & Breakfast 2024
January 15
8:30 AM | Mass in the Student Chapel
9:15 AM | Breakfast
Kindly RSVP by January 9, 2024

Fr. Mario Powell, S.J., Provincial Assistant for Secondary and Pre-Secondary Education, will celebrate our liturgy in the Student Chapel (3rd floor). Rev. Gary Dorrien, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary, will be our breakfast speaker.

Join us as we honor the life and legacy of one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement.

Catholic Lesbians
Friday, January 12 | 6:00 PM-9:00 PM
West Room
On this Friday of the First Week of Ordinary Time, we will explore Joan Chittister’s statement: “What we bring to the pursuit of the God of Life is what we will get out of it.” What will you bring this new year in the pursuit of Love? What will we bring as a ministry? Together, let us sketch that out for 2024. BYOcups (cup, utensils, plate, serviette), snacks, and/or beverages to share with friends, old and new. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com.

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE!
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 AT 6:00 PM
KEENAN COMMONS
31 WEST 15TH STREET

The Pastoral Council wants to thank you for all you do for the Xavier Community. Whether you serve as a Liturgical Minister, are a member of the Music Ministry, Volunteer at Xavier Mission or serve on any of the Spiritual, Social or Action Committees, Come Join us!

Please RSVP to PastoralCouncil@sfxxavier.org
Central Park — The Big Backyard Of The City
An Illustrated Talk by Joyce Gold
Thursday, January 18 | 1:00 pm | Mary Chapel

The Xavier Adult Group invites you to join us for an insightful and informative talk, about the origins and design of this much-loved park. We will learn how Olmsted and Vaux transformed 843 acres into an educational, recreational, and horticultural marvel. All are welcome.

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.

Monday, January 8, Chapter 5, “I Don’t Know if it is True or Not but I Like it,” Blandford Cemetery, pp, 118-172. Blandford Cemetery is one of the largest mass graves of Confederate servicemen.


The Racial Justice Ministry meets by Zoom from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. To receive the link, email to sfxbookgroup@sfxavior.org.

The Women Who Stayed
Sunday, January 21 | 1:00 PM
Mary Chapel

All are welcome to celebrate the thirteenth anniversary of The Women Who Stayed with a conversation/book release for Jesus Found in Translation by Lizzie Berne DeGear, PhD. This #1 new release in “Spiritual Growth” on Amazon is a labor of love that we hope will be genuinely good news to those who read it. We can’t wait to share the joy with you!

More Queer Grace
Sunday, January 28 | 12:45pm
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 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! In the Mary Chapel. Sponsored by Catholic Lesbians, Gay Catholics, and Xavier Outings.
SUNDAY- THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12.

MARDAY- THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Mk 1:7-11.

7:45AM Giuseppe Mercuri (D)
12:05PM Yvon, Bill & Joseph (D)

FIRST TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28.

9:00AM Available
12:05PM The Murphy Family (L)

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39.

7:45AM Available
12:05PM Carmine Giordano (D)

FIRST THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45.

7:45AM Available
12:05PM Eileen Duffell Lugano (D)

FIRST FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12.

7:45AM Gary Edwin Guiliams (D)
12:05PM Blanca Collantes & Amor Domingo (D)

FIRST SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mk 2:13-17.

12:05PM Doris Alfieri (D)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42.

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