



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024

Parish Office Closed Monday, May 27

One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

Please use 15th Street Entrance.

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

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

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Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, June 1

5:00pm Vigil: Kenneth Boller, SJ

Sunday, June 2

9:00am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: Ricardo da Silva, 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](https://www.instagram.com/sfxaviernyc).

From the Pastor's Desk Kenneth Boller, SJ

Our country celebrates Memorial Day weekend this week. It serves as the unofficial start to summer for many in our area, but its purpose is to honor the men and women who gave their lives in defense of our country. Originating as a commemoration for the fallen of the Civil War, the day has come to include all those who have perished in the many wars and conflicts our country has engaged in over the years. As we remember those who have died, we should also remember the wounded, maimed and traumatized veterans who continue to carry the burdens of battle in their daily lives. Pope Francis has reminded us that there are no winners in war, and we see that played out in the media coverage of the many conflicts around the world. A strong military is a necessity to protect our freedoms, but diplomacy and peacemaking ought to be the first course of action.

We remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, we work for healing for the many wounded warriors in our midst, and we pray for peace.

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There are many in our midst who need healing. I am grateful to our new ministry, the Healing Prayer Ministry, who have served us for over a year with trained pray-ers who have prayed with and for members of the community after the 11:30 mass on many Sundays. It seems appropriate to restore the custom of offering the Communal Anointing of the Sick a couple of times of the year. **In 2024, we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the 12:05 PM mass on Saturday, June 15 and Saturday, November 16.**

Prayer Requests

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

Jane Jacobus, Neepa Magarelli, Eve Duke, Henna Ali, Dava Weinstein, Pat Brown, Michael Patterson, Sr. Cecilia Palange, Jess Dabu, Gus Lobo, Tom N. Pantages, Eve Duke, Carmela Farace, Thomas Farace, Raul Naparan, Jesse Albnio, Maggie Araullo, Jingsing Fitzgerald, Francesca Macaranes, Michael Silver, Chris Curatoo, Josephine Vales, Louis De Thomas, Cynthia Magsanoc, Lulu Byrne, Maria Celia Coscolluela, Nelida Kilayko, Giancarlo Antonio Petosa, Janet Cutrufelli, James Hurley, Rafael Colon, Jackie Biaggi, Sr Mary Ann Ambrose, CSJ Michael Sennett

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

Anthony Antunes, Rosalie Stillo, Press McCallum, Bill Bennett, Retha Davis, Kurt Burger, Mary Lou Brewis, Rosina Davis, Russell Williams, Pilar Pilapil, Luz & Ramon Montes, Trinidad/Marcella Araullo, Santos Jose Rosa do, Maria Aurora A Koa, Mercedes, Consuelo, Mauricia Bautista, Sarah Golda De Nenholz, Aurora Dionisio, Albuero & Elvira Legaspi, Dilia Muñoz, Sister Mary Cyril Murray, Rosa Pergola, Thomas Cutrufelli, Dennis P. Halpin, Norman C. Grosman, Adrian Keenan, Jerry Hevern, Marvin Blitz, Danny Cooper, Joan Hess, Mary McGill Uehlein.

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.**



One Last Opportunity to Make a Difference

This week will be the last opportunity of this legislative session to push for a vote on the two plastic bills in the NY legislature.

If you have a moment, call Assembly Speaker Heastie's office in Albany and ask that he bring the two bills to the floor for a vote. These bills have successfully passed through several committees and have a good chance of passing. They need this final push from us.

**Assembly Speaker Heastie:
Tel. 518-455-3791**



The message is quite simple: I support these two bills, the **Bigger, Better Bottle Bill** and the **Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act**. I am concerned about the effects plastic is having on our environment and health. Please bring these two bills to a vote.

It's important to make your call this week. The session comes to a close in early June.

Do it for the next generation. Assembly Speaker Heastie: Phone: 518- 455-3791

Liturgical Ministry Volunteers Needed

If you attend our liturgies and have a desire to serve your community we invite you to volunteer as a hospitality minister, lector, or Eucharistic minister. Your contribution can make a significant impact and help create a welcoming and enriching experience for all. Please email Luz Marina Díaz at lm Diaz@sfxavier.org for more information.

Our Legacy, Our Future, Our Pride

Friday, May 31 | 6:30 PM | Main Church
Xavier's LGBTQ Ministries invite you to join us in celebrating our 31st anniversary on Friday, May 31! We will celebrate mass at 6:30 pm in the Main Church, followed by light refreshments and fellowship in the Mary Chapel.

We are excited to welcome you to share in the joy of our anniversary and the intergenerational connections we have created over the last 31 years.

LGBTQ+ Pride Month Testimonials

by Yago Cuesta Civis, a proud member of Gay Catholics

I met Phil on a Sunday afternoon in April 2018 while attending a "Returning Catholics?" meeting at Xavier. As I was wrestling with that question and searching for a faith community after many years of journeying alone, Phil told me about Gay Catholics with a warm smile. Having been raised Catholic in Spain and having come out as a gay man late and painfully, I had always thought that being gay and Catholic were mutually exclusive. But I joined one of their meetings, and met John, Ed and many other wonderful companions who have since then shown me that gays can be truly Catholic without having to throw out our true selves at the door. Not long after that first meeting I was marching on Pride Day under the Xavier banner along with many parish siblings – I was walking on the streets of NYC as both openly gay and a returned Catholic!

GAY CATHOLICS is primarily a gay men's group but all are welcome to attend our meetings and events. We generally meet in-person every first Friday of the month and virtually every third Friday to pray, reflect, celebrate and support each other. Mindful of the injustices against the LGBTQ+ people still to be challenged within and outside the Church, we look with gratitude to the generations before us and with hope to the future, aware that our commitment to building a fully inclusive Church today is as relevant and urgent as ever.

To know more or join us please contact gaycatholics@sfxavier.org.

Mary Chapel in
The Church of St. Francis Xavier



Saturday, June 8 | 7:30 PM
Sunday, June 9 | 2:30 PM
Sunday, June 9 | 7:00 PM
Monday, June 10 | 7:30 PM

Tickets are \$30 and available for on sale at the
Front Desk of St. Francis Xavier
Learn more at sfxavier.org/2024springcabaret

TRADITION ~ *The Cabaret!*

Performances:

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Sunday, June 9 | 2:30 PM | Mary Chapel
Sunday, June 9 | 7:00 PM | Mary Chapel
Monday, June 10 | 7:30 PM | Mary Chapel

**Tickets are \$30 and available for sale at the Front Desk of St. Francis Xavier.
Cash and Venmo payments are accepted.**

SFX Submits Its Report to the Global Synod

Xavier has submitted its latest report to the Global Synod on Synodality. In this phase of the Synod, parishes around the world were asked to consider “How can we be a synodal Church in mission?” and to root our responses in the light of our own “situation, character and experience, sharing good practices.”

Our report was written by the lay-led Xavier Synod Committee based upon small spiritual conversations held with nearly 100 parishioners and staff over the past few months.

A copy of the report can be found on our parish website, or by scanning this QR code. The next global convening of Synod delegates will take place in Rome in October 2024.

Thank you to all who participated in this important work!



Holy Rosary for the Saintly Six Sunday, June 22 | 7:30 PM | Zoom

Join us for a virtual rosary prayer to pray for the canonization of the Saintly Six, the six Black American Catholics on the road to sainthood. This rosary will also be offered in commemoration of **JUNETEENTH**, in advance of Xavier’s celebratory mass on Sunday, 6/23.

Jointly hosted by The Church of St. Francis Xavier, the parishes in Baltimore, MD and the churches in Harlem, New York City.

Scan the QR code to register or email
sfxrosary@sfxavier.org.





AIDS WALK NY 2024

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our AWNY 2024 Campaign. The fire of your love radiates what it means to be a member of this community. We collected over \$18,000; and again, we ranked as a GOLD TEAM placing 11th in total donations. We are companions on this ongoing fight against HIV/AIDS, and we will win the fight because of you. -John Weber

Explore Becoming a Spiritual Director

**Do you feel that nudge from God to do more?
Is there a greater desire to serve God and
God's people in a different way?
Are you a good listener?**

You may want to explore what it means to be a spiritual director. Join the class of September 2024 and explore the gift of spiritual direction. All applications are due on May 31. Contact Gerry Moss at 212-627-2100 for more information.

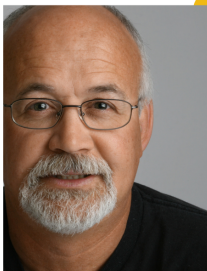


XAVIER MISSION

WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

**IN FY23 WE HELPED PROTECT
90 FAMILIES FROM EVICTION.**

THIS IS ALEX'S STORY.



Alex* was unable to work for several months because of a health condition. Behind in rent on the home he shares with his wife, his landlord sent an eviction notice. Xavier Mission provided \$2,000 toward Alex's back rent.

Alex has since secured gainful employment and he and his wife are now stable in their home.

Our Eviction Prevention Program is funded entirely by private donations.

In the first six months of this fiscal year, we assisted 65 families. Unfortunately, our program has been closed to the public since February due to lack of funding.

**Donate today to help us reopen our application.
Every \$3,000 helps another family remain housed.**

*Stock photo. Name changed for privacy.

[XAVIERMISSION.ORG/DONATE](https://xaviermission.org/donate)



Young Adults Contemplative Mass

Join the Young Adults every first Sunday of the Month for "the Mass that takes its time" at 5:30 PM in the Xavier High School Chapel. **The next Contemplative Mass will be June 2.** For all upcoming events, you can follow the Young Adults on Instagram at xavieryoungadults.

The Women Who Stayed Sunday, June 9 | 1:00 PM West Room

Ordinary time includes the days between Eastertide and Advent. That is thirty-five weeks; 245 days. Where has the Holy Spirit been inviting you? Join this spiritual conversation among women of faith who are pursuing their truth and rightful place in the world.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, June 14 | 6:00 PM | West Room

The theme for 2024 NYC Pride March is "Reflect. Empower. Unite." As a lesbian and a Catholic, how does this speak to you? Join this conversation, led by Paula Acuti. We also will participate in 2024 NYC Dyke March on June 29. BYOCUPS (Cups, Utensils, Plates, Serviettes/Snacks) to share with friends, old and new. For more information, contact CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20.

MONDAY OF THE EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27.

MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED
9:00AM AVAILABLE

TUESDAY OF THE EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31.

7:45AM FRANCIS T. SCHULTZ SR. (D)
12:05 PM GERALD LEPISKO (D)

WEDNESDAY OF THE EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45.

7:45AM TERRI WHITE (D)
12:05PM THOMAS CUTRUFELLI (D)

THURSDAY OF THE EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM CATHA JACKSON GRACE RAMBUSCH (D)

FRIDAY - FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:
Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-56.

7:45AM RUBEN OCOMPO (D)
12:05PM RONALD D. TURTURRO (D)

SATURDAY - MEMORIAL OF SAINT JUSTIN, MARTYR: Jude 17, 20b-25; Mk 11:27-33.

12:05PM VERONICA V. WHYTE (D)

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:
Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26.

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

Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. 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 monthly CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org or (929) 333-5011.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Provides support to parishioners seeking employment. 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.

LAUDATO SI ACTION PLAN (LSAP): Implements the message of Laudato Si. LSAP@sfxavier.org.

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

GAY CATHOLICS: Men meet in a caring and affirming environment monthly. GayCatholics@sfxavier.org.

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY: We pray for spiritual, emotional, and/or physical healing. HPM@sfxavier.org.

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTRY FOR THE 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 Homeboundcommunion@sfxavier.org. To arrange for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE: We offer spiritual direction, conversations, and retreats. ISEL@sfxavier.org.

RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY: Provides book clubs, supportive activities and actions related to racial justice. To learn more, sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org.

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@sfxavier.org.

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

THE XAVIER INTERFAITH MINISTRY: The Xavier Interfaith Ministry aims to foster respect for religious differences to promote love, harmony and understanding among peoples of different faiths. xavierinterfaith@gmail.com.

XAVIER YOGA: Meets on Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Open to all levels. **Will not meet May 21st, June 4th.**

XAVIER OUTINGS: Periodic gatherings with parishioners. Xoutings@sfxavier.org

XAVIER ROSARY PRAYER MINISTRY- Rosary Prayer Ministry encourages the praying of the rosary to deepen one's devotion to and relationship with Jesus through his beloved Mother. sfxrosary@sfxavier.org.

XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Spiritual, service, and social activities for parishioners 20s-30s, and the young in spirit. sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com.

XAVIER YOUTH MINISTRY: Social, service, and spiritual community for post-confirmation youth through 12th grade. Activities 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