



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024

Parish Office Closed Wednesday, June 19

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-

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Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, June 22

5:00pm Vigil: Kenneth Boller, SJ

Sunday, June 23

9:00am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30am Mass: Mario Powell, 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](#).

From the Pastor's Desk Kenneth Boller, SJ

Happy Fathers' Day to all who have the privilege of serving as fathers or father figures in our lives! All parenting is a challenge but, when it works, it is a lifegiving blessing. I give thanks to God for my father and the many other father figures who have helped me along the way.

In early spring I asked for recommendations from the parish of charities which align with our mission and would benefit from our support. We are blessed to have an operating surplus due to the rental income from the former parochial school and it is appropriate to share from our abundance. The joint committee of representatives of the Finance Council and the Pastoral Council met and made grants to different groups. We again made substantial gifts to the Xavier Mission and to Brooklyn Jesuit Prep. The Mission is an obvious choice. The Mission operates out of our Church building to provide food, clothing and a path to self-sufficiency to our sisters and brothers in need. Many Xavier parishioners are active volunteers with the Mission. Likewise, Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, a co-ed Catholic Jesuit middle school in East Flatbush that serves low-income students of diverse faiths, 100 percent of whom are students of color is consistent with our efforts to translate our parish's focus on racial justice into tangible action. Xavier parishioners volunteer as tutors at BJP. Xavier's donation will be to the Lillian Wall Scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship for a student. Lillian beloved parishioner whose life evidenced her deep commitment to racial justice in the Catholic Church and beyond.

A second set of smaller but substantial grants were awarded to JRS/Middle East and Mercy Center due to our close affiliation with these organizations. Other awardees include the India Project, Kino Border Initiative, Notre Dame School, the Honduras Project, Life Experience and Faith Sharing sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of New York, the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund, Thrive For Life, the Ignatian Solidarity Network and First Friends.

We are happy to support these charitable enterprises while we have the ability to do so.

Prayer Requests

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

Jane Jacobus, Neepa Magarelli, Eve Duke, Henna Ali, Pat Brown, Michael Patterson, Sr. Cecilia Palange, Jess Dabu, Gus Lobo, Tom N. Pantages, Eve Duke, Carmela Farace, Thomas Farace, Raul Naparan, Jesse Albino, 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, Jim Held, Hortencia Ingles, Christine Torres.

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed parishioners 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, Brendan Sexton, Sr. Angela Bayo.

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.**



Albany Outcomes – Disappointment and Surprise!

As the NYS legislative cycle ended June 7, the results in Albany are in.

Disappointingly, the three bills for which we advocated did not pass. The Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure bill made it through the State Senate, but did not come up for a vote on the Assembly floor. A big step closer than last year.

Despite high co-sponsorship in both houses, the Bigger Better Bottle Bill and the NY HEAT bill did not make it to floor votes. There was considerable lobbying against the bills from the packaging and bottling industries. And the confusion brought on by Gov. Hochul's surprise turn-around on congestion pricing meant the clock ran out.

Because the environmental issues remain, we will continue monitoring developments for next year when the sponsors will reintroduce the same or similar bills for the 2025 session.

A big thank you to all who made calls, signed postcards, collected signatures on petitions, sent emails and especially those who made the trip up to Albany. It was a wonderful effort of working together to make a difference. And we did come close!

On a really bright side: a very important bill, the Climate Change Superfund Act (S.2129/A.3351), made it through both the Assembly and the House in a late-night vote, and now awaits the governor's signature. It will use the polluter-pays model exemplified by existing federal and state superfund laws to collect \$75 billion over twenty-five years for climate change adaptation from the parties most responsible for causing the climate crisis - the biggest multinational oil, gas, and coal companies.

It means our taxes won't be paying their damages.

March with Us!

LGBTQ+ parishioners, allies, friends and family, far and wide: Join us Sunday, June 30 in the annual NYC Heritage of Pride March. Xavier's joyful presence in the March puts our "All Are Welcome" mission in view for many who may not know about us and the spiritual home they might find here-RSVP to be a part of it all.



The Church of St. Francis Xavier Prayer Service on Juneteenth Wednesday, June 19 | 7:00 PM | Zoom

In honor of the celebration of the national holiday of Juneteenth, several St. Francis Xavier ministries are collaborating in a prayer service to be held on June 19 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. The service will include music, prayers, readings, and reflections by participants. Please save the date. To register, please scan the QR Code or visit <https://rb.gy/vujo05>.



Holy Rosary for the Sainly Six Saturday, June 22 | 7:30 PM | Zoom

Join us for a virtual rosary prayer to pray for the canonization of the Sainly 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.



LGBTQ+ Pride Month Testimonials

In gratitude to the LGBTQ+ community!

By Luz Marina Diaz, PhD

After serving as the Director of Religious Education at the Church of the Ascension for six rewarding years, I was intrigued when Sister Catherine Ryan, Regional Director for



Manhattan Religious Education Programs, contacted me in 2007 regarding an available position as Director of Religious Education at the Church of St. Francis Xavier. Despite my strong ties to the Ascension faith community, I was open to new opportunities and decided to meet with Sister Catherine to express my interest in this potential change.

In 2007, when I met Sister Catherine regarding Xavier's opening for a DRE position, her first question was "How do you feel about the LGBTQ+ community?" I explained to her that as a professional dancer, many of my ballet and dance teachers, choreographers, and dance colleagues are part of the LGBTQ+ community. I have a gay cousin living in Spain. I expressed my appreciation for everything they taught me and shared that I fully accept and value their presence in my life. Then, sister Catherine explained the significant presence and the good work of the LGBTQ+ community at Xavier Church. At that moment, Sister Catherine and I felt the movement of the Holy Spirit inviting me to pursue the position of DRE at Xavier.

Some Catholic communities, such as the Xavier community, welcome LGBTQ+ members. Unfortunately, LGBTQ+ people face the hostility of church leaders who sometimes misuse some Bible texts as a weapon against them, which is a misknowledge and an abuse of scripture. As Christians, it is important to be open to fully embracing, supporting, and learning from the experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals.

Our ministries at Xavier provide safe places for individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ or are exploring their gender or sexual identity. We come together to celebrate Pride Month, and many of us participate in the Pride march as testimonials that it is possible to be Catholic and LGBTQ+.

Happy Pride!

To read all of the Pride Month Testimonials visit sfxavier.org/pridemonthtestimonials

Caregiver's Ministry in Formation

There comes a time in our lives when many of us find ourselves providing care to a family member or friend during their time of physical, cognitive, or emotional suffering. Are you interested in developing a ministry for those providing such care? If so, please email SFXBulletin@Sfxavier.org to let us know of your interest, and we'll invite you to the kick off / organizing meeting. All ages and genders welcome.

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. Contact Gerry Moss at 212-627-2100 for more information.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, July 12 | 6:00 PM

**LGBTQ Memorial Site in Hudson River Park
(between West 12th & Bethune streets)**

"Why is Pope Francis simultaneously so (mostly) welcoming to LGBTQ people and yet so concerned about "gender theory"? What role does choice play in our identities? Is there any space between "born this way" and "who do I feel like being today"? Come untangle these and other puzzles with Cristie Traina!

The Women Who Stayed

Sunday, July 21 | 1:00 PM | Mary Chapel

We will be serving as hospitality ministers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and more, in honor of Mary Magdalene's feast day the following day. Immediately after Mass, join us in "Ella Camina," a contemplative walk with the Apostle to the Apostles.

Healing Prayer Ministry Upcoming Dates

The Healing Prayer Ministry invites you to come for prayer for spiritual, emotional, or physical healing **Sunday, June 23** after the 11:30 Mass. Come to the Mary altar space to the left of the main altar. Our Pray-ers look forward to praying with and for 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 MISSION

WELCOME. SERVE. EMPOWER.

VOLUNTEER THIS SUMMER!

WE'RE SHORTHANDED & NEED YOUR HELP



As we embrace the sunnier days ahead, our mission to serve our community becomes even more vital. But with the rise in guests seeking our support, we're facing a challenge: a decline in volunteer numbers.

Your dedication powers our Welcome Table, Food Pantry, and Clothing Room, ensuring every individual receives the care and resources they deserve throughout the summer.

Please sign up for a shift (or more than 1!)

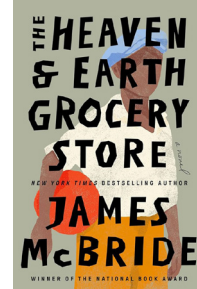
Together, we can ensure no one in our community is left behind during these warmer months.

Questions? Please email Roxanne at RDeLaTorre@xaviermission.org.



[XAVIERMISSION.ORG/VOLUNTEER](https://www.xaviermission.org/volunteer)

Join our Parish for our Second Annual Summer Read!



The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store, by James McBride, welcomes us to a small town in Pennsylvania, where people of different races, religions, economic statuses, and abilities strive to support one another as they build up their community. This novel, which has topped multiple bestseller lists since its 2023 publication, shares the triumphs and struggles of this intentional community during the 1920s and 1930s. At Xavier, we also endeavor to welcome, serve, and become true community. This fast-paced, award winning novel is sure to inspire us as a parish, as we continue our growth as an accepting, inclusive community.

“We all need—we all deserve—this vibrant, love-affirming novel that bounds over any difference that claims to separate us.” —Ron Charles, *The Washington Post*

This book is available through libraries and bookstores in regular print, large print, tablet, and audio formats. Since the book is quite popular, expect wait lists at libraries. If you buy the book, consider sharing it with a fellow parishioner after you've finished reading.

Whether you find yourself at the beach, in the mountains or on the road this summer, you can join the great parish read by emailing sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org. We'll follow up with a date, time and place TBD when we'll gather in the early fall to discuss the book. Stay tuned for details. For further information about the book, see the publisher's website: <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/691602/the-heaven-and-earth-grocery-store-by-james-mcbride/>

Image description: Cover of book, with a drawing of an African-American person wearing a blue hat, cream colored shirt, and orange pants. The book title and author's name are superimposed over the drawing.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY OF THE ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34.

MONDAY OF THE ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42.

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

TUESDAY OF THE ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48.

7:45AM JOSEY O'DONNELL
12:05 PM ELLE D'AMORE (D)

WEDNESDAY OF THE ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18.

OFFICE CLOSED
9:00 AM DANIELLE ANGLIN (D)

THURSDAY OF THE ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: SIR 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15.

7:45AM ISMAEL RODRIGUEZ (D)
12:05PM GEORGE DEAN (D)

FRIDAY - MEMORIAL OF SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23.

7:45AM MAY NAZAERENO & KELLED MANSOOR
12:05PM ALBERT NATHAN (D)

SATURDAY OF THE ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34.

12:05PM JOHN & MARGARET BAUMGARTNER (D)

SUNDAY OF THE TWELFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Jb 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41.

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 June 4.**

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