



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

46 West 16th Street, NY, NY 10011

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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, July 6

5:00pm Vigil: Ricardo da Silva, SJ

Sunday, July 7

9:00am Mass: Kenneth Boller, 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](#).**

**THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED ON
THURSDAY, JULY 4
AND FRIDAY, JULY 5**

**ONE MASS WILL BE
CELEBRATED AT 9:00 AM.
Please use the 15th Street Entrance.**

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, Michael Sennett, Linda Sexton and Family, Julius Harrison, Jim Fox, Donald W. Shanabrook.

***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, Alburo & 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.**



Taking Stock of Creation Care at Mid-Year

“If present trends continue, this century may well witness extraordinary climate change,... with serious consequences for all of us.” (LS 24)

At year’s midpoint, let’s take stock.

Starting with the spiritual, our Laudato Si Anniversary on-line prayer service (May 22) expressed gratitude for Creation, recognized our interconnectedness, and implored guidance for how best to care for creation and to blunt the climate crisis with social justice in mind. Let these be our ongoing prayers and intentions.

The May 20th program “Responsible Investment for a Sustainable Future” was in keeping with the economic goal of the parish’s Laudato Si’ Action Platform plan. The recording remains available on YouTube on the SFXChurchNYC channel. Following on that, we provided information for green or fossil-free banking and credit cards in a recent Creation Care Corner.

Regarding advocacy, the parish supported two New York State bills regarding plastic in packaging, and bottles in the waste stream, as well as a social justice bill regarding heating. These “got close” but were not enacted in this session. On the positive side, a major New York bill to generate fees from fossil fuel companies did pass in the two chambers and is waiting the governor’s signature. The fees will be used for mitigation and resiliency measures in low-income communities and communities of color that face the more severe impacts of climate change.

Upcoming, the Environment Ministry will sponsor two films over the summer, and is making plans for the parish to celebrate the Season of Creation in the fall. Because the environmental problems are getting more serious, we can expect to engage in more advocacy.

Give us grace, O God, to not lose heart, and continue caring for Creation and the poor!

Common Ground Film and Discussion Wednesday, July 10 | 6:30 PM Keenan Commons 31 West 15th St., NYC

Join us for a cool evening in Keenan Commons. Program starts at 7:00 pm. Come at 6:30 pm for light snacks and socializing! Discussion after the film. Freewill offering. All are welcome!



*From the filmmakers of Kiss the Ground (Netflix), comes the follow-up documentary **Common Ground**, winner of the Tribeca Film Festival. Actor and environmentalist Woody Harrelson again teams up with filmmakers Josh and Rebecca Tickell to explore how regenerative agriculture can help heal the soil, improve our health and help stabilize the earth’s climate.*

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. All are welcome.

LGBTQ+ Pride Month Testimonials

By Mike Mattioli

Ninety eight years ago, I was born with 2 pre-existing conditions. I was CATHOLIC and I was Gay. In my growing up years, Gay persons were more often labeled “queer, homo, pansy, sissies, etc.



The Legal Establishment criminalized us; the Mental Health professions Psychiatry, and including my own, Psychology, diagnosed and treated us as “Mentally Ill” and “Emotionally Disturbed.” Our Catholic Church called our love a sin and called us “Intrinsically Disordered.”

Under such conditions, it was not always easy to be a trusting and open person. Survival often depended on disguise and deception.

In the late 1990’s, I vividly remember watching the NYC Pride March on a hot Sunday in June. I saw a most unexpected marching group of joyful men and women of all ages proudly carrying a very large banner saying “The Church of St. Francis Xavier. A Roman Catholic Parish” with other signs saying “ALL ARE WELCOME “ and “GOD CREATED ME”

What a heartfelt display of a loving community of people, I thought.

With my skepticism intact, a few Sundays later, I attended mass expecting to find myself greeted at entry with the usual “All are welcome”; but expecting to find inside “Don’t Ask ...Don’tTell.” I have never been so happy to be wrong! And through the decades I that message has been consistent in this parish. I have been humbled by the message of “You belong here or “ Welcome home!”

At SFX each person is respected and not judged as they venture on their personal journey. It is a place where questioning, critical thinking, and primacy of conscience are highly valued. This is supported by a caring community where all are recognized and affirmed. It is also a place to enjoy oneself in the company of other spiritual journeyers and also be of service to others through one of the many ministries dedicated to the Gospel of Social Justice.

Although I now live in Upper NY State, SFX still very much continues to be family to me. That will never change.

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.



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

COMING SOON: PHASE 2 OF ART PROJECT



In 2020, in the wake of George Floyd’s murder, the Church of St. Francis Xavier joined faith communities across the country in reflecting on myriad aspects of racial justice that the Gospel calls us to address. The reflection continued the parish’s modern-day commitment to racial justice and inclusion which dates to at least 1960 when the parish had an annual civil rights Mass in the name of St. Martin de Porres.

The second phase of the project is underway—the design and fabrication of two tapestries for the narthex, one on each side of the steps leading into the church. The subtitle of the banner is a quote based on Psalm 43:4, “I will go to the altar of God...To God who gives joy to my youth.”

The highly regarded artist, John Nava, who created the tapestries for the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles, accepted a commission to create the tapestries. We hope to install the tapestries in late July and will celebrate them on Sunday, September 15.

***Thank you to all who have already donated to the tapestry.
We invite donations to be made in the form of Venmo, Faith Direct, cash, or checks made out to “Art Project.”***

Learn more about the project at sfxavier.org/narthexartproject.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

Ongoing Parish Happenings

SUNDAY OF THE THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43.

MONDAY OF THE THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22.

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

TUESDAY OF THE THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27.

7:45AM JOSEPHINE AGOSTINO (D)
12:05 PM JOANNE EVANS (D)

WEDNESDAY- FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS:
Eph 2:19-22; 23:1-3; Jn 20:24-29.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05 PM PATRICIA & GEORGE WOOD (D) & FAMILY

THURSDAY OF THE THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8.

OFFICE CLOSED
9:00AM HELEN GORRA (D)

FRIDAY OF THE THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13.

OFFICE CLOSED
9:00AM ALBERT NATHAN (D)

SATURDAY OF THE THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17.

12:05PM ROSE GORVA (D) & ENA MALONEY (D)

SUNDAY OF THE FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME: Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6.

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

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: Engages in prayer, study and action in pursuit of racial justice. Welcomes collaboration to promote living the Parish Pledge for Racial Justice, sfxracialjustice@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 Tuesdays in June 6:15-7:15pm. Summer classes are Wednesdays, July 17-August 28, 1:00-2:00pm. (No classes July 1-16.). Open to all levels and abilities.
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