**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
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

**Next Weekend’s Presider Schedule**

**Saturday, August 3**
5:00pm Vigil: Kenneth Boller, SJ

**Sunday, August 4**
9:00am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ
11:30am Mass: James Miracky, SJ
5:00 PM Mass: James Miracky, SJ

**Office Summer Hours**
Monday-Thursday: 10:00am-4:00pm
Friday: 10:00am-1:00pm
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

**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

**To stay up-to-date on parish news, follow us on Instagram and Facebook at sfxaviernyc.**

Bulletin Cover Artwork: “The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes” Artist: James Tissot (1836–1902) Source: [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons
From the Pastor’s Desk
Kenneth Boller, SJ

It’s been an eventful fortnight. The RNC took place in Milwaukee. Slightly overlapping it was the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Overshadowing that was the decision by President Biden to end his presidential bid.

Locally, we installed the tapestries in the narthex this week.

Our tapestries celebrate many women and men who have worked for and, in some cases, given their lives for biblical justice-right relationships. They remind us of our call to stand for and give witness to the works of justice in our time, a call never more relevant than in our current election cycle. As things sort out in the coming weeks, let us speak for truth and gospel values amid the static of noisy rhetoric and disinformation.

We begin a series of Sundays centered on the “Bread of Life” section of John’s Gospel. At the close of the year of Eucharistic Revival, let us discover anew the significance of the eucharist in our lives.

Prayer Requests

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

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed parishoners and friends, especially:
Adrian Keenan, Jerry Hevern, Marvin Blitz, Danny Cooper, Joan Hess, Mary McGill Uehlein, Brendan Sexton, Sr. Angela Bayo, Sr Mary Ann Ambrose CSJ, Russell William Bartels, Joseph Murray, Dolores Root.

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.
Resilience: Individual and Community

You might not catch the connection in the title “Coal and Ice”, an exhibit highly recommended by those of us who have seen it. It’s at the Asia Society, corner of 70th St. and Park Ave. until August 11.

The section on COAL, the energy source of the industrial revolution, gives us a glimpse of the miners and the mining towns that brought power to factories, homes and transportation. From underground mines to mountain-top removal, we see the processes that unleashed this power source.

Juxtaposed to that are visuals of ICE that is fast disappearing around the globe, and the current day climate-related disasters brought on by our continued use of non-renewable energy sources that produce polluting emissions, the root of climate change. Melting ice is just one of the consequences.

Hence Coal and Ice.

One room not to be missed is a photo montage of flooding – huge expanses of flooded areas from across the globe, including the U.S., and the survivors dealing with the impact on their homes. Their faces look stoic. They know they will have to rebuild their lives after experiencing the flood. This is what resilience is all about.

When we think about resilience, we think about strong individuals ready to face adversity. But increasingly we can think about how to build community resilience. It will be needed. Our faith community will play an essential part.

The museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11 am – 5 pm. Closed Mondays. 725 Park Ave @ 70th St. in Manhattan. The museum’s café is open from 11:30 - 5:30 pm. Cost: Fridays are free. Adults $15; Students and Seniors $10; Age 16 and under free. Visitors may show their SNAP/EBT card to receive free Museum admission for up to 4 guests. Wheelchair accessible. Call 212-288-6400 for more information.

Disability Pride Month

Disability Pride Month highlights the diverse experiences of people with disabilities, promoting acceptance and understanding. As the month draws to a close, we’re reminded of the importance of continued advocacy and inclusion for those with disabilities. There is still a great need to address systemic barriers, from accessibility issues to societal attitudes, that hinder the full participation of disabled individuals in all aspects of life. This includes life in the Catholic Church.

In the closing days of Disability Pride Month, we reflect on progress made since the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990. The ADA requires all public spaces to be accessible. Unfortunately, the ADA is difficult to enforce. While most of us can call 3-1-1 to bring an immediate solution to a problem in the city, law enforcement does not enforce the ADA. Typically, persons with disabilities need legal assistance to sue the noncompliant entity. Thus, ADA infractions surround us. Let us work for change – urging businesses to be accessible to all.

What about us at Xavier? How might we truly celebrate disability pride? We could ensure that all of us have full access to liturgies and worship aids. We could make sure that events were held in spaces that are physically accessible to all. We could have art that celebrates people with disabilities and is accessible to all. Two of the saintly Six and at least one of the others to be celebrated in our new art had disabilities. Just as we use gender inclusive language in our readings, we could eliminate ableist language like the images of the blind, deaf, mad, and lame as the unwelcome, or the blind leading the blind inevitably being a disaster. Many of us remember a time, not that long ago, when the word gay was used to describe something that people disapproved. It is shocking to recall that now, but how many of us label those we disagree with as blind or deaf, or talk about inflation as crippling? Let us commit to eliminating painful, ableist language from our beautiful community. This would be an important step in making our parish more welcoming to those with disabilities.
The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes in our Gospel reading carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

We want to thank all of you who have given your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to support Xavier throughout the year. We’re pleased to report that we finished the first nine months of the year with a surplus of $386,854 versus a budgeted surplus of $245,791 and compared to a surplus of $452,689. During the same period, we also had $509,016 in capital expenditures primarily to complete repairs at our 17th St. property and our church lighting project. These expenditures are not included in our operating results. The favorable results are due primarily to higher income from the Sunday Collection and weddings and slightly lower expenses.

We also plan additional capital expenditures over the coming months to complete the lighting project and repair our air conditioning system. Although our rental income and cash reserves will be the primary source to fund these projects, we need your continued support to cover our operating expenses thereby allowing us to direct more of the rental income to these capital improvements.

First Nine Months Revenues and Expenses Ending May 31

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Does not include capital expenditures of $509,016 and $352,381 in 2024 and 2023 respectively

Sunday Collection Fiscal Year 2024 (Sep 2023 - June 2024)

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Sunday Collection By Source

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E-Giving Options to Support Xavier Wherever You Are

We know many of you travel during the summer or have other commitments. Your consistent support is vital to our church and mission, especially during the summer months. If you think you’ll miss church services this summer, consider setting up a recurring gift using Faith Direct. It takes just a few moments to get started, and your regular donations will help sustain us throughout the year. Visit our website to set up a secure, recurring contribution from your bank account, credit card or debit card.

Our three e-giving options: Faith Direct, Venmo, and Text to Give provide an environmentally friendly, convenient, no cost and secure way to support the parish even if you are absent from Mass for any reason. It helps us bring consistency to our cash flow and reduces the time it takes our staff to count and report cash. We hope you will set aside a few minutes today to enroll in one of these options.
Financial Integrity Hotline
The Archdiocese of New York takes stewardship of your donations seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct, report your concerns via a tollfree hotline at 877-820-0541 or on the internet at http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY. Both are available 24 hours per day.

Church of the Epiphany’s Spiritual Sips Summer Series
239 East 21st Street, New York NY, 10010
On the Plaza
This “Theology on Tap-like” series will feature 5 impressive speakers from surrounding universities and religious orders. Each will present a thought-provoking theological topic, followed by discussion and fellowship. Come have a glass of wine or beer and engage with some theological discussion.

August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 28
6:45-7:30pm Social
7:30-8:15pm Talk
8:15-8:30pm Q&A
8:30-9:00pm Social

Ricardo da Silva, S.J. will present “Pope Francis’s Call to Respond to the Climate Crisis: Laudate Deum” on Thursday, August 1.

Lay Spirits at the SFX
Are you looking to develop a deeper relationship with the Divine? Are you curious about spiritual practices that foster a relationship with the Divine? Do you have a longing to discern God’s will in your life and to bring those fruits into the world?

Would you be interested in traveling this path with other lay members of Xavier who have been on the same path?

The Lay Spirits Program at The Church of St. Francis Xavier has been conducting programs for parishioners seeking this deeper relationship with the Divine for nearly 40 years.

Our next nine-month program—the 29th—starts in October 2024. We look forward to once again bringing together individuals who form relationships with each other as they seek relationships with the Divine.

For more information, email us at LayspiritsX@gmail.com.

Coming Soon!
Art Project Phase 2
Modern Day Holy People and Saints of the Americas

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 is 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 St. Francis Xavier Church and in the memo line please put “Art Project.”

Visit sfxavier.org/narthexartproject for more information.
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: http://bit.ly/3UsnMkC

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, kcraffitz@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 Díaz, lmdiaz@sfxavier.org.

GAY CATHOLICS: Gay Catholics encourages the praying of the rosary to deepen one’s relationship with Jesus through his beloved Mother. sfrosary@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. ksel@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.

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. sfrosary@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 schubertnye@gmail.com

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Scriptures & Announced Masses

**Sunday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Philip Smith & Campbell Grant Phillips (D)**
12:05 PM Available

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**Monday - Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus**

7:45 AM Available
12:05 PM Nancy Gorra (D)

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**Tuesday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Frances & Agnes Mcm anus (D)**
12:05 PM James Smiley (D)

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**Wednesday - Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

7:45 AM Available
12:05 PM Anne Marie Michael (D)

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**Thursday - Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori**

7:45 AM Available
12:05 PM Anne Marie Michael (D)

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**Friday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Chayoung “Maria” Cho (D)**
12:05 PM Emilio Zarrias Jr. (D)

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**Saturday of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**Mary Lou Brewis (D)**

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**Sunday of the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time**

**You may reserve an available Mass for your intentions by contacting the Parish Office at 212-627-2100.**