



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit Xavier Mission

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 6, 2024

## **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](http://www.sfxavier.org)

## **Staff**

*Parish Phone Number - (212) 627-2100*

Rev. Kenneth Boller, S.J. (Pastor) - 204

Rev. Benjamin Hawley, S.J. (Senior Priest)

Rev. Ricardo da Silva, S.J. (Associate Pastor)

Rev. CY Kao, 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**

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## **Next Weekend's Presider Schedule**

**Saturday, October 12**

5:00pm Vigil: Ben Hawley, SJ

**Sunday, October 13**

9:00am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30am Mass: Ben Hawley, SJ

5:00 PM Mass: CY Kao, SJ

## **Office Hours**

Monday-Friday: 10:00am to 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](mailto: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](http://signup.xaviermission.org)

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

# Thoughts on Music and Eucharist

## by John Uehlein

Why do we sing at communion? What do we sing at communion? And How do we sing at communion. Although I may quote the instructions from Rome a little, most of what I have to say, here, and at the presentation next Sunday at 1PM as part of the Eucharistic Revival is personal faith sharing based on my experiences since I was a 16 year old folk guitarist appointed to the newly formed Diocesan Liturgical Commission. I am not an academic. But to start with a quote from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), stated simply as to WHY we sing at Communion, “86. While the Priest is receiving the Sacrament, the Communion Chant is begun, its purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the “communitarian” character of the procession to receive the Eucharist.” Mother Church instructs us to sing for the most obvious reason: Singing together is one of the most ancient practices drawing people into oneness with themselves and their environment. However, the practice of private communion with Jesus is so common in Liturgies these days that we have almost fallen into those that sings during communion and those that don’t. I’d like to suggest a both/and paradigm

Leading us to the second question: “What do we sing at Communion?” The documents mention over and over the word Antiphon which by definition is a single sentence set to music usually sung in alteration with the cantor or choir singing the verses. This is ideal for the WHAT we sing at communion as it doesn’t require holding a song sheet and reading words, it merely requires **listening, a most unique spiritual practice**. There are many beautiful Eucharistic hymns that are NOT ideal for communion because they contain four freely written out verses with many words. These hymns work well at the Preparation of the Gifts. The paradigm I’m suggesting is one where the communicant freely travels between private prayer and communal singing as moved by the Spirit. The Importance of Singing, the how of what we sing is the sign of the heart’s joy (cf. Acts 2:46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, “Singing is for one who loves,”[48] and there is also an ancient proverb: “Whoever sings well prays twice over.” Come join us for a Eucharistic sing-along next Sunday at 1PM in the church.

## Prayer Requests

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

Jesse Albino, Maggie Araullo, Anne and Alice Babst, Jackie Biaggi, Saleema Bibi, Pat Brown, Lulu Byrne, Ruth Clark, Rafael Colon, Maria Celia Coscolluela, CSJ, Chris Curatoo, Janet Cutrufelli, Betty Davis, George DeAngelis, Peggy Dolan, Eve Duke, Carmela Farace, Thomas Farace, Jingsing Fitzgerald, Jim Fox, Rafael Antonio Gayoso, Judith Giannetto, Julius Harrison, Jim Held, Tonia Hubert, James Hurley, Hortencia Ingles, Jane Jacobus, Nelida Kilayko, Leonard La Croix, Gus Lobo, Francesca Macaranes, Neepa Magarelli, Cynthia Magsanoc, George Odvody, Sr. Cecilia Palange, Tom N. Pantages, Michael Patterson, Giancarlo Antonio Petosa, Dutch Pinkston, Michael Sennett, Donald W. Shanabrook, Michael Silver, Louis De Thomas, Christine Torres, Josephine Vales, Joan Williamson.

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

Sr. Angela Bayo, Marvin Blitz, Danny Cooper, Olga Cruz, Matthew Todd Edwards, Susan Forbes, Gustavo Frías, John Githens, Jerry Hevern, Jr., Joan Hess, Eugene Hess, Flo Infantino, John A. Kiss, Joseph Murray, Virginia Victoria Navarro, Thomas Rocha, Dolores Root, Brendan Sexton, .

***We also remember all those who have been killed or wounded through the violence of war.***

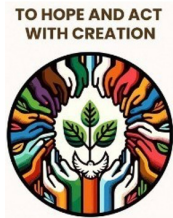
***May all those who have gone before us share the joys of eternal life.***

**All prayer requests are listed for at least three consecutive weeks.  
Please contact the parish office for an extension.**





## Raising our voice for our values



We close the Season of Creation with the theme of advocacy. We participate in advocacy actions to have our point of view expressed, considered, and hopefully taken into account, rather than letting others decide for us about policies that affect our lives and the common good.

We tend to think of advocacy as “being political”; but allowing others to be our voice by our silence is also being political. Advocacy actions are ways of directing policies to be in line with our values of faith, peace and justice...the bedrocks of Catholic Social Teaching.

To hope and act with creation is a call to advocate for policies that will protect our environment and the diverse species of God’s creation, and the well being of our human community. We raise our faith voices to the decision-makers. It is holy action, a witness.

There are many ways to advocate for policies; signing petitions or sign-on letters, starting our own petition, writing individual letters to the decision-makers, writing letters to the editors of publications, phoning our decision-makers, participating in rallies or marches with people or groups that have some common values, voting, and civil disobedience. In all of these advocacy actions, we raise our voices as people of faith.

To hope and act with creation calls us to step out of our comfort zone at times to express our values as people of faith on matters that we care about, matters that impact the well-being of our brothers and sisters and future generations and our common home. Giving witness and raising our voices together as a community gives us hope.



## PAX Music Performances Return! A Bulgarian Odyssey with Gail Archer

**Sunday, October 6 | 2:00 PM | Main Church**  
Organist Gail Archer and Yasna Voices, the New York Bulgarian women’s choir join together for a special presentation of organ and choral works from Bulgaria. Join us to kick off the 2024-2025 Performing Arts at Xavier series!

## Healing Prayer Ministry Upcoming Dates after two Masses



Following the summer break, the Healing Prayer Ministry returns to serve after the **11:30 AM AND 5 PM Sunday Masses on October 6 and 20, November 3 and November 17**. Come to the Mary altar space to the left of the main altar after Mass. Our trained Pray-ers look forward to praying with you for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing!

## 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 or 5 PM Masses 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](mailto:HPM@sfxavier.org) or to Philip Waldrop (Coordinator) by text to 973-214-6589.**

## Young Adults Candlelight Yoga & Prayer Wednesday, October 9 | 7:00 PM Mary Chapel

Join the Young Adults for our first Candlelight Yoga & Prayer. Meet them in the Mary Chapel at 7:00 PM and don’t forget to bring your mat!



## **The Role of Music in the Eucharist WHY, HOW and WHAT we sing during Communion**

**Sunday, October 13 | 1:00 PM | Main Church**

Faith sharing by our Director of Music, John Uehlein, who was on his first Diocesan Liturgical Commission at age 14 and has never stopped asking questions. Along with a robust sing-along of “Eucharistic Hymns” appropriate for communion or appropriate for other parts of the liturgy. followed by questions and answers. See this week’s bulletin letter for more information.

## **Catholic Lesbians**

**Friday, October 11 | 6:00 PM | West Room**

On the 36th anniversary of National Coming Out Day, join M. E. Hurson in “Praying” by Mary Oliver. “It doesn’t have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones; just pay attention, then patch a few words together and don’t try to make them elaborate, this isn’t a contest but the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak.” BYOCUPS (Cups, Utensils, Plates, Serviettes/Snacks) to share with friends, old and new. For more information, contact CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org.

## **A Jubilee Celebration of Hope for Families**

**Saturday, October 19 | 3:30 PM  
West Room**

Join us for a spiritual conversation on cultivating hope amid lights and shadows on family life on Saturday, October 19 at 3:30 PM in the West Room. All parents, grandparents, and caretakers are invited. Facilitators will be Elise Mazzetti, Parent Formation Coordinator, Office of Family Life at the Archdiocese of New York and Luz Marina Diaz, Director of Religious Education at Xavier. **RSVP by emailing Luz Marina Diaz at lmdiaz@sfxavier.org.**

## **SFX Caregiver Collective Ministry Sunday, October 27 | After 11:30 AM Mass West Room**

Are you coping with the care of a family member, friend, neighbor, or other loved one? Do you sometimes feel isolated as you juggle the medical care, cooking, cleaning, emotional stress and fatigue?

A new ministry at the Church of St. Francis Xavier has been launched to offer support. We are SFX parishioners who have been caregivers ourselves, including some who are active caregivers right now.

We offer a patient ear as we share personal experiences and tips for navigating doctors and hospitals, finding home aides, figuring out requirements for health care proxies and power-of-attorney forms, answering questions about hospice care and more.

Want to know more?

We plan a first-time get-together on Sunday, October 27 after the 11:30 AM Mass in the West Room. Come join us to share conversation and compassion – plus coffee and donuts.

## **Save the Date:**

### **Fr. Jim Miracky’s Farewell**

**Sunday, October 20 | 11:30 AM Mass and  
Reception after in the Mary Chapel**

Join us on October 20 during the 11:30 AM Mass for a farewell to Fr. Jim Miracky followed by a reception in the Mary Chapel.

## **The Women Who Stayed**

**Sunday, November 10 | 1:00 PM | West Room**

When we meet, it will be the penultimate Sunday in ordinary time. All Saints Day, All Souls Day will have just passed. Daylight Saving Time ended. Election Day will have come and gone. Where does all this leave you right now? Join a spiritual conversation for women who choose to stay in the Roman Catholic Church.

1st round: Share and speak about the fruits of your personal reflection, without interruption. Listen and take notes, if you wish.

2nd round: Share what you heard in the 1st round that touched your heart and moved you personally. Ask a question, or look for clarification.

3rd round: Freely express what you feel. Notice and share a common idea that is emerging, a consensus, and name it. Gather the graces.

**Help us get the message out!  
Are you interested in joining the  
Communications Committee?**

We are looking for individuals to join the communications committee! Graphic designers, photographers/videographers, and social media enthusiasts are encouraged to join. If you are interested, please email MaryLennox at [mhalfacre@sfxavier.org](mailto:mhalfacre@sfxavier.org).

**Celebration of Service**

**Sunday, November 17 | 6:00 PM**

**Keenan Commons (31 West 15th Street)**

The Pastoral Council wants to thank you for what 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@sfxavier.org](mailto:PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org).

**Cristo Rey New York High School  
Open House**

**Saturday, November 2 from  
12:00 PM- 2:00 PM**

Cristo Rey will have an open house on Saturday, November 2 from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM at 112 E. 106, New York, NY 10029. Visit [cristo-reyny.org](http://cristo-reyny.org) for more information.

**Thomas Berry Place Art Show**

Thomas Berry Place (the former Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica Estates) will be hosting an Art Show featuring the work of local artists entitled *Energie Novella: Legacy and Expression*.

The exhibition hours will be:

Saturday, October 5	11am - 8pm
Sunday, October 6	11am - 6pm

Admission is free. Thomas Berry Place is located at: 86-45 Edgerton Blvd. Jamaica, NY 11432.

**Racial Justice Ministry Read -  
The False White Gospel by Jim Wallis**

Xavier's Racial Justice Ministry welcomes all to participate in a read for this election season & beyond

The next Zoom discussion will be held:

**October 14 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**  
**Foreword, Introduction & Ch.1**

**November 11 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**  
**Chs. 2,3,& 4**

**December 16 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**  
**Chs. 5 & 6**

**January 13 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**  
**Chs. 7 & 8 & What's Next?**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:  
Email [sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org)



*Free Webinar*

**Optimizing Life Insurance**  
**OCT 8**



**David Kottler J.D., C.A.P.**

**Tues, October 8  
5 - 6 pm**

RSVP for Zoom link:  
[mcorrea@xaviermission.org](mailto:mcorrea@xaviermission.org)



## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**SUNDAY OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12.

**MONDAY - MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY:** Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37.

**7:45AM** LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
**12:05 PM** TIMMY KOLLY (D)

**TUESDAY OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42.

**7:45AM** EILEEN MEYERS (D)  
**12:05 PM** DONALD RAY MESSER (D)

**WEDNESDAY OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4.

**7:45AM** MARIA FE FLORES (L)  
**12:05 PM** DENNIS POLITO (D)

**THURSDAY OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13.

**7:45AM** DORIS MANUEL (D)  
**12:05PM** ADA TERRY (D)

**FRIDAY OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Gal 3:7-14; 40:3-5; Lk 11:15-26.

**7:45AM** AVAILABLE  
**12:05PM** VISITACION APALOS (D)

**SATURDAY OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28.

**12:05PM** ROBERT NOREN (D)

**SUNDAY OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME:** Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org) or (929) 333-5011.

**EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com).

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

**FAMILY FAITH:** Religious Education Program for children pre-kindergarten -12<sup>th</sup> grade. Sessions for parents/guardians are provided. Contact DRE Luz Marina Diaz, [lm Diaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:lm Diaz@sfxavier.org).

**GAY CATHOLICS:** Men meet in a caring and affirming environment monthly. [GayCatholics@sfxavier.org](mailto:GayCatholics@sfxavier.org).

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** We pray for spiritual, emotional, and/or physical healing. [HPM@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ISEL@sfxavier.org).

**RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY:** Provides book clubs, supportive activities and actions related to racial justice. To learn more, [sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@sfxavier.org).

**XAVIER ADULT GROUP:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. [xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:xavierinterfaith@gmail.com).

**XAVIER YOGA:** Meets Tuesdays 6:30-7:30pm on the altar, Sept. 3, 2024 through June 24, 2025. (No classes held 12/24/24, 12/31/24, 1/28/25, 2/18/25, 4/15/25 and 4/29/25.) Open to all levels and abilities.

**XAVIER OUTINGS:** Periodic gatherings with parishioners. [Xoutings@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com).

**XAVIER YOUTH MINISTRY:** Social, service, and spiritual community for post-confirmation youth through 12th grade. Activities September-June. Contact Alex Zambito at [youthministry@sfxavier.org](mailto:youthministry@sfxavier.org).

**ZEN MEDITATION GROUP:** Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Currently meeting on Zoom. Contact Peggy & Paul at [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com).