



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Thrive for Life

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025

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. Benjamin Hawley, S.J. (Senior Priest) - 225

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

Belinda Conway (Chair); Alan Ahles (Vice-Chair); Susan Faggiani (Secretary);

Christina Amendolia; Jacob Brumfield; Yago Cuesta; Andrea Foley-Murphy; John Lucas;

Janet Paist; Larry Ruth.

PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

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Next Weekend's Presider Schedule

Saturday, February 1

5:00pm Vigil: Steve Pugliese, SJ

Sunday, February 2

9:00am Mass: Sam Sawyer, SJ

11:30am Mass: Ben Hawley, SJ

5:00pm Mass: Ben Hawley, 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

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**

With the beginning of the new year we also begin the Annual Stewardship Campaign for the Archdiocese. By now, registered parishioners should have received a letter announcing this year's appeal and asking for your support.

The Archdiocese of New York is an enormous and complex organization on many levels. Geographically, it includes Manhattan, The Bronx and Staten Island in the City and the counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan Ulster and Westchester to the North. You can drive more than two hours north and west of the City and still be in the archdiocese. In this area there are 2.8 million Catholics and nearly 300 parishes. We know that there are many wealthy parishes in the archdiocese, but, for every one of them there are three or four parishes which are struggling to survive. Part of the monies raised by the appeal goes to help them cover their costs for their church, school or community outreach. Another part of the money goes to support the great work of Catholic Charities who have been on the forefront of efforts to assist the new arrivals and feed and house the unhoused.

Last year, 128 parishioners contributed \$68,540 which was 82% of our goal. Thank you very much. Won't you help this year?

Thrive for Life

This weekend the second collection is in support of Thrive for Life Prison Project. Thrive for Life seeks to transform lives behind and beyond prison walls. Behind the walls we offer spiritual exercises rooted in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola while beyond the walls in New York City and Milwaukee, WI our 3 houses of studies provide a holistic suite of supportive services to our resident scholars as they strive to successfully reintegrate into society.

Thank you for your generosity as we work together to support those who too often society chooses to ignore. We look forward to speaking to you after Mass!

Prayer Requests

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

George Leslie Berry, Paul Cali, Darcy Crum, Dave Finson, Bill Gibson, Sr. Virginia O'Brien,
Mike Orza, Larry Ruth.

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

Jennifer Carter, Dave Finson, Joyce Foley, Marilyn Hoffman, John McVean OFM, Amor Panlasigui,
Stephen J. Stritch, Jr., Belen Veles.

***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.

THIS WEEK AT XAVIER

Healing Prayer Ministry | Sunday, January 26 | After the 11:30 AM & 5 PM Masses

A Conversation with Fr. James Martin SJ on the Synod | Sunday, January 26 | 1:00 PM

Young Adults Happy Hour | Sunday, January 26 | 6:00 PM | Another Country (10 E 16th Street)

Organist Stephen Hamilton & The Xavier Dancers | Tuesday, January 28 | 7:30 PM | Main Church

Spend a Morning with Fr. Kevin O'Brien, SJ | Saturday, February 1 | 10:00 AM | Main Church

COMING SOON

Catholic Lesbians | Friday, February 14 | 6:00 PM | Mary Chapel

Mass Class | Sunday, February 16 | 9:00 AM | Xavier High School Chapel

Racial Justice Ministry Read: *The New Jim Crow* | Monday, February 17 | 7:00 PM | Zoom

The Women Who Stayed | Sunday, March 2 | 1:00 PM | West Room

Visit sfxavier.org/events to learn more about all upcoming events and activities!



Organist Stephen Hamilton & The Xavier Dancers The Union of Organ and Dance Tuesday, January 28 7:30 PM

Join us for a captivating evening as organist Stephen Hamilton collaborates with the Xavier Dancers in an inspiring blend of music and movement on **Tuesday, January 28 at 7:30 PM in the Main Church.**



A CONVERSATION ON THE SYNOD WITH FR. JAMES MARTIN, S.J.

A Conversation with Fr. James Martin, S.J. on the Synod Sunday, January 26 | 1:00 PM In-Person & Online

Join us for a conversation with Fr. James Martin, S.J. on his experience as a participant and voting member at the second session of the Synod in Rome.



Young Adults Upcoming Events

The Young Adults invite you to kick off the new year with connection and community! Follow them on Instagram @xavieryoungadults for all the latest updates.

Happy Hour | Sunday, January 26 | 6:00 PM
Another Country (10 E 16th Street)

Are you seeking a closer connection with God, exploring new spiritual practices, or discerning God's will in your life?

Join the Lay Spirits Program at The Church of St. Francis Xavier. For nearly 40 years, we've guided individuals on their spiritual journeys. Our next nine-month program begins in early 2025, offering a chance to grow alongside others on this path.

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



Cutting Plastics and Packaging – Advocacy Again

With the state legislature back in session, it's time to begin advocating for the two bills to cut plastics and packaging in New York State which came close, but did not pass or get enacted in 2024.

The bills are 1) the **Bigger Better Bottle Bill (BBBB)** and 2) the **Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (PRRIA)**. They are sponsored by Assemblymember Deborah Glick, who serves District 66, which includes the St. Francis Xavier neighborhood. The bills have many co-sponsors statewide, and there are parallel bills in the NY Senate.

To quickly recap, the BBBB raises the container deposit to ten cents from five cents (the level since 1981); expands the types of bottles needing deposits and raises the rate of deposit as well as the reimbursement for bottle collectors and recycling companies. Result: more bottles stay out of the waste stream.

The PRRIA requires sellers of more than \$5 million of products in New York State to pay a disposal fee, which gets reduced if recycling targets are met. This reduces the burden on municipalities and the taxpayers.

Beyond Plastics (beyondplastics.org) is sponsoring a lobby day January 28th in Albany. At least one SFX Environment Ministry member will join people from all over the state to engage our NYS Senators and Assemblymembers and take our parish's Memo of Support to distribute.

You can expect more about these and other bills from the Environment Ministry as the legislative session continues to June. Let's help pass these bills!

Meanwhile, continue caring for our common home – we invite you to learn more, and to consider contacting your state Senator and Assemblymember to support passage of these bills.

Healing Prayer Ministry

Upcoming Dates after two Masses

The Healing Prayer Ministry returns to serve after the **11:30 AM AND 5 PM Sunday Masses on January 26**. Come to the Mary altar space to the left of the main altar after Mass. Our trained Prayers 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 or to Philip Waldrop (Coordinator) by text to 973-214-6589.**

Mass Classes Return at SFX

As a part of Eucharistic Revival during 2024, Mass classes were held simultaneously with regular Masses in the Xavier High School Chapel at 30 West 16th Street. These classes were well received, so they will resume in 2025.

A Mass class is a celebration of Mass that includes an explanation of its various parts. Throughout the Mass, the priest takes the time to explain essential elements of each part of the celebration, including the Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, and Concluding Rites, as well as relevant liturgical-related information such as liturgical year, liturgical colors, vestments, etc. At certain moments of the Mass, the presider will invite the attendees to pose questions regarding the liturgy. This helps participants to understand better and appreciate our Catholic liturgy.

The Mass class schedule for 2025 is **as follows:**

Sunday, February 16, 2025 at 9AM

Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 11:30AM

Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 5PM

Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 5PM

Please join us for this prayerful experience. Pre-registration is not required to attend Mass class, just join us in the Xavier High School Chapel on the 2nd floor.

Spend a Morning with Fr. Kevin O'Brien, SJ

Saturday, February 1 | 10:00 AM

Join Fr. Kevin O'Brien, SJ, as he shares insights from his book *Seeing with the Heart: A Guide to Navigating Life's Adventures*. Drawing on personal stories, St. Ignatius, and wisdom from storytellers, he'll explore living with faith and heart.

For details or to register, email ISEL@sfxavier.org or scan the QR code.



Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, February 14
6:00 PM | Mary Chapel**

As a Valentine to our ministry and care for the environment, artist Amelia Marzec will revisit Pope Francis's *Laudato si'*, with projects and discussion for a new political era. BYO cups (cup, utensils, plate, serviette), snacks, and/or beverages. For more information, contact CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org.

Racial Justice Ministry Read - *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander

Xavier's Racial Justice Ministry welcomes all to participate in a read of one of the *New York Times'* 100 Best Books of the 21st century.

Join our monthly Zoom discussions on the following Mondays:

February 17 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Introduction & Ch. 1

March 10 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Ch. 2

April 7 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Ch. 3

May 12 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Chs. 4 & 5

June 9 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Ch. 6

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
Email sfxbookgroup@sfxavier.org

The Women Who Stayed Sunday, March 2 | 1:00 PM West Room

"Sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of God, knowing that in the Holy One your labor is not in vain." It is the last Sunday of ordinary time before the season of Lent. Add your voice to a spiritual conversation for women who choose to stay in the Roman Catholic Church.

1st round: 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. Ask a question, or look for clarification.

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



Men's Clothing Donations Needed – Urgently

New York City's freezing temperatures have made warm clothing a lifeline for so many of our neighbors. Right now, we are in desperate need of men's winter coats, sweaters and pants. Please bring all donations to 55 West 15th St. and place them in the large white bin on the basement level (to the left as you exit the elevator). Please do not leave donations on the floor. Your kindness can make all the difference during these bitterly cold days. Thank you for showing up for those who need it most.

Save the Date: A Night of Magic

As winter begins to wind down, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support you've shown throughout this season. Your compassion has been a guiding light for our neighbors in need, and we are excited to celebrate all that we've accomplished together.

Please save the date for our annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM. This inspiring evening will highlight the strength of community, the beauty of generosity, and the transformative impact we can achieve when we come together. Mark your calendars—we can't wait to celebrate with you. Stay tuned for more details on how to join us for this unforgettable event!

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

NEHEMIAH 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10;
1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY

TIME: HEBREWS 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22.

7:45AM LEO + ANTOINETTE BUORNGIORNO (D)
12:05PM PETRA SEIFFERT (D)

TUESDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT THOMAS

AQUINAS: HEBREWS 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM NATALIA "ALICE" GRECO RN. (D)

WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK IN

ORDINARY TIME: Hebrews 10:11-18;
Mark 4:1-20.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM BELEN VALES (D)

THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY

TIME: HEBREWS 10:19-25; MARK 4:21-25.

7:45AM ROSE SCHULTZ (D)
12:05PM AVAILABLE

FRIDAY- MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO:

Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34.

7:45AM SAVINE NEXUS (D)
12:05PM AARON XAVIER DAVIS (D)

SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY

TIME: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Mark 4:35-41.

12:05PM VERA TRIFUNOVICH (L)

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:

MALACHI 3:1-4; HEBREWS 2:14-18;
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32.

**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 10am to 11am Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3UsoMJC>

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1995, meets monthly CatholicLesbians@sfxavier.org or (929) 333-5011.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Contact 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 contact SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com

FAMILY FAITH: Religious Education Program for children prekindergarten-12th grade. Sessions for parents/guardians are provided. Contact 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 in local proximity to Xavier. Contact John Regis Hollick at Homeboundcommunion@sfxavier.org. To arrange for 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

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

RACIAL JUSTICE GROUP: Engages in prayer, study and action in pursuit of racial justice. Welcomes collaboration to promote living the Parish Pledge for Racial Justice. sfxracialjusticegroup@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. xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com

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

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

XAVIER YOGA: Meets Tuesdays. 6:30-7:30pm. on the altar through June 24, 2025. (No classes held 1/28/25, 2/18/25, 4/15/25, 4/29/25, 5/6/25 and 6/3/25.) Open to all levels and abilities. theresaherronzamora108@gmail.com

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 Alex Zambito youthministry@sfxavier.org

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul, schubertnyc@gmail.com