

CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? (Luke 16:10-12)

SECOND COLLECTION to benefit the Parish Maintenance

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

Rev. Kenneth Boller, S.J. (Pastor) - 204
Rev. John Mulreany, SJ (Associate Pastor) - 206
Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208
Robert Choiniere (Dir. of Adult Faith Formation)-225
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Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to the Pastor) — 222
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James Martinez (Assistant for Financial Planning)
Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201
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John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Chair); Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Belinda Conway Karen DeMasi; Patrick Egan; Andrea Foley-Murphy Michelle Jung; John Karle; Ron Oberdick;

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Mission Statement



The Church of St. Francis Xavier, a Roman Catholic parish in the Jesuit tradition, strives to be a prophetic, welcoming community, and an inclusive witness to the presence of Christ Jesus in our midst. Mindful of our utter reliance on God, and need for God's grace, we rejoice together in our celebration of the sacraments and proclamation of the Gospel.

As a people of hope, we commit ourselves through prayerful and creative discernment to respond to God in our time by: Being a respectful community Where seekers and their questions are welcomed, Where injustice is challenged, Where the poor, the alienated and the marginalized find a home,

And where people are refreshed,

reconciled and renewed.

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm Saturday: 11:30 am to 6:00 pm Sunday: 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices and Space Requests send e-mails to sfuentes@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.

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, September 28th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Rev. James Miracky, SJ

Sunday, September 29th

9:00am Mass: Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ 11:30am Mass: Rev. Bryan Massingale, SJ 5:00pm Mass: Rev. John Mulreany SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jesus Andaluz, Jessica Appel, Stephen Appel,
Robert L. Beauchemin, Diane Blount, Mary Lou Brewis,
Bertha Mercedes Cabrera, Mark Camacho, Geneva Colin,
Jesús Dabu, Fr. Don Doherty, MM, Annemarie Esposito,
Kathleen Friel, James Fox, Stephanie Rivera-Gamma,
Ron Gamma, Juan Garcia, Karl Gold, Kenneth Harmon Sr.,
Dennis Hartnett, Marilyn Hendrick, Susan Hines,
Luz Helena Nauzán, Jim Pypelink, Frank Lavin Sr.,
James Levaggi, Mathew Levy, Ron Miller, Clyde Renolds,
Tom Rocha III, Carlos Eduardo Rojas,
Jim Schwab, Raymond and Terri Sharpe, Ava Sellitti,
Anthony Sellitti, Carl Wassmann

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

Mary Alice Boller, Luis Poblete, Christopher B. Mills M.D, Toni Spinelli, John Vasquez, Albert Waszok,

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.

From the desk of Fr. Boller

Our Gospel this Sunday reminds us to be attentive in small things. Although our reflections on the passage can go in many different directions, I think it's important for us to keep it in mind as a matter of perspective in this world of competing urgencies. We are blessed as a parish community to have members focused on different specific issues. We are happy to support and promote each but sometimes we may feel overwhelmed by the sheer volume of concerns. At moments like that we remember that we are each gifted with the task of tending to our part of God's kingdom and, if we are attentive the parts which make up our life of good works, God, the creator of all, will attend to the fullness of the harvest. Let us continue to pray and support one another in the building up of God's kingdom of mercy and love.

This weekend brings the official installation of your new pastor. We are very grateful to Bishop John J. O'Hara for his presence among us for the rite of installation. I continue to be heartened and encouraged by the warmth of the welcome you have extended to me. Let us continue to minister to the flock God has invited into our midst.

Next Sunday, September 29, we will celebrate Recovery Sunday. Let us join together in prayer and solidarity with our sisters and brothers living in recovery from addictive disease of any kind.

At the 11:30 a.m. mass Fr. Bryan Massingdale, Professor of Theology at Fordham University will preside at the liturgy, followed, at 1:00 p.m. by a presentation on "Racial Justice and the Catholic Church" in Keenan Commons in the high school. All are invited to join us as we continue our work to address systemic racism in our parish and nation.

On November 10, we welcome Dr. Craig Ford, a Professor at Norbert College in Minnesota for another racial justice workshop.

From Friday, September 27 through Sunday, September 29, the Pastoral Council will be on retreat to pray for and with the parish and set priorities for the coming year. Please keep us in your prayers.

THE UNITED NATIONS REPORTS 244 MILLION INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS TODAY.

Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey" is an 8-week program that invites participants to find common ground on the issue of migration and to discover more about themselves, their values, our God, and the millions of people who are on the move in every part of the world. We will be offering Exploring Migration on Tuesday evenings this Fall beginning on October 1. If you would like more information or to register, contact *Robert Choiniere* at 212-627-2100 ext. 225 or rchoiniere@sfxavier.org.

Fr. John Mulreany will lead our RACIAL JUSTICE GROUP this fall. Join us to discuss Ibram Kendi's "How To Be An Antiracist." Starting October 6th we'll meet alternating Sundays at 3:30 in the Mary Chapel and we're planning to be active and make a difference in the racism of our country. For general information and pre-reading for the first session contact jeprendergast@gmail.com

Please join Xavier Society for the Blind for

A Conversation with Father James Martin, SJ

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10TH AT 6:00 P.M.

The event will be held at Xavier High School's Keenan Commons (15th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues). A reception will follow the conversation with Fr. Martin and a Q&A session.



We are in the fourth of the five weeks of the Season of Creation. We started with a recycling initiative in the parish; we've participated in the Web of Life retreat with Christina Leano, supported the youth at Friday's Climate Strike; and on Saturday, we cleaned up trash on the shores of the Hudson.

This week starts with the UN Climate Action Summit on Monday, Sept. 23. Pray on that day that leaders of each country will report tangible, measurable

commitments to reducing greenhouse gases that are responsible for global warming. The youth-led Climate Strikes were aimed at pressuring leaders at this Summit to think about the future generations when they announce their commitments. Greta Thunberg will address the Summit.

This whole week is Climate Week NYC, with an incredible variety of day and evening events. Google it for a day-by-day listing.

We highlight three Season of Creation events during this week, one right here at Xavier:

- 1) Laudato Si', Climate Change & Public Health at Holy Name of Jesus-St. Gregory the Great parish on 96th St & Amsterdam on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 pm
- 2) The Amazon & the Call of Laudato Si': Protecting Indigenous Communities and Biodiversity, here at St. Francis Xavier on Friday, Sept. 27, at 7 pm in the Mary Chapel
- 3) Merton and the Environment: by Sr. Kathleen Deignan, CND, and Br. Kevin Cawley, CFC, both from the Thomas Berry Forum, at Corpus Christi Church at 529 W. 121st St. on Sat., Sept. 28, 2 4 pm

Finally, look for the upcoming Blessing of the Animals events at various churches, including St. Francis Xavier on Oct. 5, and St. Augustine in Larchmont on Oct. 6.

On the Feast Day of St. Francis, the Church of the Good Shepherd is holding a service "Prayer for the Earth and for One Another" on Friday, Oct. 4, at 7 pm in Inwood, 609 Isham St. (near 211th St. and Broadway).

And remember to **Reduce**, **Reuse**, **Recycle and Refuse** (plastic) in your everyday life, and be intentional about properly disposing trash here at the parish.

The cleaning staff is very appreciative that we are paying more attention to this. Think of them when you decide which garbage bin to put your items into so they don't have to sort our trash.

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSIST

Friday, October 4, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Mary Chapel

The Gay Catholics Group and the Environment Ministry will celebrate the feast day and the close of this year's Season of Creation.

All are invited to attend.

Our annual **BLESSING OF ANIMALS** in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi will take place on **Saturday, October 5**th, **at 10:00 a.m.** If anyone would like to help with the blessing, please contact Sr. Nadine: 212-673-2078.

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC) – EXPERIENCE MAKING A DIFFERENCE. Join

IVC and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits! IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need. Volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their service and to deepen their spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. There is also the opportunity for spiritual guidance.

Interested? Contact *Maureen Fullam*, Regional Director at 917-859-0928 or email **mfullam@ivcusa.org** and visit our website: **www.ivcusa.org**

ZEN SPIRIT/CHRISTIAN SPIRIT AT XAVIER

Saturday, Sept 28th 9:30 am - 4pm West Room

Exploring Silence and Deepening Awareness A day of teaching, reflection, and meditation

Many Christians have discovered in Zen a profound connection to life. Through the practice of stillness and awareness, we wake to a world of wonder and gratitude for life in all its aspects. This day of meditation and discussion provides an excellent opportunity for both the curious and committed.

Space is limited, please make a reservation by emailing Peggy and Paul Schubert at schubertnyc@gmail.com.

Wednesday, September 25th join the Xavier Adult Group

FOR A GUIDED TOUR OF THE NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM



This is the largest museum in the United States devoted to the history of public transportation. The museum is committed to telling and preserving the stories of the transit system. Join us for a private tour titled "Moving the Millions." We will meet at 1:30pm at the 15th street entrance to Xavier and travel together by subway. The cost of the tour is \$8.

Please email or call if you are planning to join us.

Nancy and Tom Collins 212-929-3157

xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com

JESUIT FRIENDS AND ALUMNI SUNDAY

Sunday, October 20th 5:00pm Mass

Join Jesuit educated grads and friends of the Jesuits for the fifth annual Jesuit Friends and Alumni Sunday! The event will be an opportunity for alumni and friends of Jesuit schools to share our common bonds through the celebration of liturgy, followed by a reception highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community.

Jesuit Alumni Sunday was started five years ago as a way of bringing together alumni of Jesuit schools and friends of the Jesuits across the generations to rekindle their connection with the Society and each other. Liturgies are followed by receptions where participants can learn about the Ignatian programming in their area and meet program representatives.

REGISTER: https://www.jesuitseast.org/alumnisunday

Interested in Spiritual Direction?

Free spiritual direction is currently being offered as part of our Spiritual Director Formation Program. Interested individuals are invited to meet one to one with student-directors on a monthly basis beginning this October. For more information contact *Robert Choiniere* at rchoiniere@sfxavier.org

CATHOLIC LESBIANS Friday, October 11th 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m West Room

"What shall I do with you? You are a woman." Marina the Monk, Pelagia the Harlot, and other holy women who lived like holy men. Cato Ybarra leads the discussion on the thirty-first anniversary of National Coming Out Day. But, first, Ken Boller, SJ, the new pastor, will pay us a visit from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please bring a snack and/or beverage to share, and BYOcups (cups, utensils, plates, serviettes).

SFXWomen@aol.com; (929) 333-5011



BE PART OF MISSION WEEKEND!

Join us October 5-6 for a weekend dedicated to getting to know Xavier Mission in the parish community! Weekend will include:

- Celebration of the work of the Mission at every Mass!
- Receptions after the Masses to meet the Mission staff and L-STEP graduates!
- Tours of the Coughlin Men's Shelter and the Welcome Table!

We invite you to be a part of this celebration by being a gift bearer at the Masses that weekend. Please contact Cassandra at cagredo@xaviermission.org to sign up.

CHANGE A LIFE!

Want to help change the world but don't have a lot of spare time? Your financial contribution helps every bit as much as your time. We have a great way for you to make a significant impact on the lives of your fellow New Yorkers.

For a gift of \$700, you can sponsor a participant of the Life-Skills Training & Empowerment Program (L-STEP). This covers stipends, MetroCards, food, supplies, and administrative costs.

Our next class of L-STEP is about to begin their semester and we are looking forward to an exciting 14 weeks ahead! With a sponsorship you can ensure that someone will have a life-changing experience!

Visit <u>www.xaviermission.org/donate</u> to make your gift today.

L-STEP is seeking mentors for our upcoming session! The mandatory mentor training session is being held on **Saturday**, **October 5th**. If you're interested in attending, please contact the Director of LSEP, *Rachel Johnson*, at rjohnson@xaviermission.org

MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

If you're interested in being a part of the Music Ministry at St. Francis Xavier in 2019-20, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Director of Music Ministries: John Uehlein (juehlein@sfxavier.org or 646-573-0099)

THE SUNDAY 5PM SCHOLA CHOIR

THE XAVIER PLAYERS AT THE SUNDAY 5PM

Instrumental Ministry

THE SFX ADULT CHOIR

THE FAMILY FAITH CHOIR

THE BELL CHOIR

Visit

https://sfxavier.org/news/music-ministryseeking-new-members-1

for more information about each opportunity.

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER

AT St. Ignatius Loyola (980 Park Avenue at 84th Street)

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

Fall Dates

- Tuesday Mornings, October 1st November 20th, 9:30 AM 11:00 AM
- Wednesday Evenings, October 2nd November 20th, 7:00 PM 8:30 PM

The cost of materials is a sliding scale of \$30-\$50 and a good faith offering will be appreciated.

To register, email $\underline{\text{MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org}}$ by September 27th, 2019

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Luke 16:10-13.

Monday~Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18.

7:45AM: MARGARET McCarthy (D) 12:05PM: MARGARET MEEHAN (D)

TWENTY-FIFTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21.

7:45AM: ISMAEL & ENA RODRIGUEZ (D)

12:05PM: JACKIE PICARD (D)

TWENTY-FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6.

7:45AM: Anna Niznik Greytak (D) 12:05PM: Florence Lisanti (D)

TWENTY-FIFTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Hag 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9.

7:45AM: Leo & Antoinette Buongiorno (D) 12:05AM: Deborah LoCicero (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Hag 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22.

7:45AM: Mary Vining & James H. Brassel (D) 12:05AM: James Ranello (D)

TWENTY-FIFTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Zech 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45.

12:05PM: DONALD SMITH (D)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31.

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

XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLOTHING ROOM: 2nd & 4th Sundays, contact Ann Mary: xmClothingRoom@gmail.com

FOOD PROGRAMS: Every Sunday soup kitchen and

2nd Saturday food pantry, contact

Christine: xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com

L-STEP: Spring and Fall semesters, contact J: xmLSTEP@gmail.com

SHELTER: Every night, contact Jim: xmShelter@gmail.com

Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact <u>abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com</u>

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room (offsite July & August), <u>SFXWomen@aol.com</u> (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 refer to the link on the parish website under Outreach Programs or contact: SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com

FAMILY FAITH: Catechetical ministry for parents/guardians and children pre-K through 12th grade. Meets Sundays 10:00am, Mary Chapel. Contact Luz, <u>LMDiaz@sfxavier.org</u>

GAY CATHOLICS: Men meet in a caring and affirming environment on the first and third Fridays, 7pm Mary Chapel. Contact sfxgcgroup@gmail.com

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact Jose Ramon, joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com

LITURGICAL COMMITTEES: See website or Contact Luz, <u>LMDiaz@sfxavier.org</u>

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact James Fox, sumiko120@nyc.rr.com, (212) 427-5070

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE:

Examines root causes of injustice and works towards a more just and sustainable world. Contact Tracey Tynan at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Marie Bannister, mariebannister1@gmail.com or Gerry Moss, gerrymmoss@gmail.com

THE WOMEN WHO STAYED: nurtures, empowers, calls forth and celebrates the emotional, intellectual and spiritual growth of women and men at SFX. For more information: TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com

XAVIER ADULT GROUP: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact xaviersharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact sanxnyc@gmail.com

XAVIER YOGA: Tuesdays at 6pm. Open to all levels. Contact Ko_ko@nyyogalife.com

XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Spiritual, service, and social activities for parishioners 20s-30s, and the young in spirit. We meet every 3rd Sunday of the month in the West Room after the 5pm mass. Contact sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

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