

## CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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**Pursue** 

RIGHTEOUSNESS,

DEVOTION,

FAITH,

LOVE,

PATIENCE,

AND GENTLENESS.

1 Tim 6:11

**SECOND COLLECTION** to benefit the St. Joseph's Seminary

### **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 <a href="https://www.sfxavier.org">www.sfxavier.org</a>

## Staff

Rev. Kenneth Boller, S.J. (Pastor) - 204
Rev. John Mulreany, SJ (Associate Pastor) - 206
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### Pastoral Council

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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 <u>sfuentes@sfxavier.org</u>

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, October 5th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ

## Sunday, October 6th

9:00am Mass: Rev. Kenneth Boller, SJ 11:30am Mass: Rev. John Mulreany, SJ 5:00pm Mass: Rev. Thomas Feely, 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 John Uehlein

## CULTURAL INCLUSIVITY IN MUSICAL WORSHIP

What do you think of when you hear the terminology of our "Universal Church?" We experience it every Sunday when we hold hands and sing the chanted version of The Our Father. Chant and Latin are historically one of the primary examples of the Church's universality. The first time I experienced it at Xavier was one of the most inspired Church moments of my life. Absolutely everyone sings it!

But what does it mean to us when we make the claim that "All are Welcome?" How can "All be Welcome" and "Universal" at the same time? I've been asking myself these questions throughout the years and have always prided myself on choosing musical selections for worship that are eclectic. But at the present time I am taking inventory in this regard and find that it is time to go further with this inclination. My question today is "How can we acknowledge cultural diversity in our Universal Church without supporting Nationalism as something exclusive rather than inclusive?" The answer to that, for me, is to focus on that which is beautiful. Beauty draws people together, it does not divide.

Some of you are saying by now, "Come on...get to the point!" Music in worship gives us a very direct way to acknowledge the cultural diversity within our Catholic Faith while at the same time giving credence to our claim that "All are Welcome!" But it only does this if we are using the music of various cultures. And although we have done so over the years, the question remains....to what extent? On Martin Luther King weekend, we often sing "We Shall Overcome" as a fitting tribute to this modern day prophet and to the civil rights movement. And even though we have three African-American members in the choir and a number of Filipinos and Latinos with most choir members being "white folks," we have often taken ownership of African-American Spirituals and Canciones Latinas (this reflects our congregation as well). Three years ago we started celebrating The Feast of Guadalupe. For the last number of years we have been singing some bilingual mass acclamations from the Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante. We have sung in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Swahili and of course, the occasional French, Italian and German. It is my dream to have the refrain of 'That All May be One in Christ' translated into Arabic for our use at church (any translators with a flare for music out there?)

Over the last couple of years, I have been very intentional about choosing pieces for the choir from what has been commonly referred to as "Black Church" within the Catholic church. But now, I would like to continue opening the doors, making sure that "All are Welcome," and acknowledging our black brothers and sisters from both black Catholic and Protestant faiths by introducing a setting of the "Our Father" that they commonly use in the liturgy as a congregational alternative written by Albert Hay Malotte. Although we have always sung the chanted version, there are Catholics around the country and the world who sing a simplified congregational version of the Malotte Our Father. And in solidarity, we could join them. The music ministry of St. Francis Xavier Church will present and teach this version to you between now and the First Sunday of Advent when we will return to the chanted version. Many of you may already know it and some of you will find it a familiar melody as it is in wide usage even if not yet for us. We won't give up the chanted version, we will simply alternate by liturgical season between the two. In so doing, we will "Open the Doors," "Welcome the Other," and "Acknowledge the Cultural Diversity which makes our Catholicism so compelling."

We would also like to expand our utilization of the Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante as a gesture of opening the doors to our Latino and Latina Brothers and Sisters by introducing this mass's version of the Lamb of God: Cordero de Dios. What better way to respond to the plight of the immigrant and refugee trying to enter our country at the present time? We are going to sing this very prayerful moment of our liturgy completely in Spanish, unlike the Glory to God/Gloria a Dios and the Holy/Santo, which are bi-lingual. You may ask, "But how can I do that? I don't speak Spanish!" You don't need to! You know this prayer in your dreams: "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, Grant us Peace." Let us all join together, and with God's help, shirk the sins of division by acknowledging our "other" Catholic brothers and sisters and their cultures, and in so doing, bring just a little more peace to ourselves, our community and to our world

**THE PROVINCE OFFICE OF THE NORTHEAST JESUITS** has informed us that Fr. Bob VerEecke, S.J. has been returned to ministry at Eastern Point Retreat House effective October 1. The province has made the following statement:

"In the current climate with the expectations it has created we approach any questions of boundaries with children or adults with great caution and an understanding that transparency and quick response is required.

- -Bob understood that his actions could have been perceived very badly and for the sake of all that he would have to be removed from Xavier and the pastorate.
- -Bob took time after his removal to step back from ministry, to consider the issues of boundaries and appropriate behaviors, and to recommit himself to pastoral professionalism.
- -Following This year-long period of prayer and reflection, Bob returns to ministry with the Provincial's full confidence that he will continue to benefit those whom he will now serve as a priest in retreat ministry.

We hope that anyone who has a concern about boundary issues will understand that we take those concerns seriously and that we hold ourselves to the highest of pastoral expectations."

### JESUIT FRIENDS AND ALUMNI SUNDAY

## Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 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

Please join Xavier Society for the Blind for

# A Conversation with Father James Martin, SJ

THURSDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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

## 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** 



For our last week of Season of Creation, let's reflect on what the scientists are **SEASON OF** telling us about climate change. **First**, global warming is happening at an even more rapid rate than they were predicting and is causing great alarm. **Second**, **CREATION** we are close to reaching the tipping points on various aspects of climate change: global temperatures, fossil fuels in the atmosphere, the melting of polar ice, and acidification of the oceans. Passing a tipping point means that it will be nearly

impossible to return to the normal we have lived with for thousands of years. Third, global warming impacts our ecosystems and disrupts all of the intricate interdependent systems within them. We are facing the sixth great extinction of species – the only one caused by human activity.

At Fr. Ken's installation Mass, our Environment Ministry chose two symbols: a copy of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment that offers us a spiritual grounding, and a copy of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's report which was released last October, and sounded the alarm from the scientific world.

The report estimated that we have twelve years – yes, just twelve years! - to transition our economies off fossil fuels and onto renewable energy, in order to avert passing the tipping points. A daunting task. ... on the scale of rebuilding Europe and Japan after WWII. The younger generation is feeling the urgency of it.

As with any transformation, some sectors oppose it because they will not continue to profit from the new reality. And in fact, we see that happening with the fossil fuel industry and their supporters.

The fossil fuel companies have known about global warming for decades and yet they continue to discredit the science. How? By creating doubt....in the same way the tobacco industry did with smoking and lung cancer. Ignore the science and just create doubt.

What do we need to do? Read the science. Look around and acknowledge the destructive impacts climate change is already having on communities. And think of our common home.

How do we have hope? Hope comes from action, says Greta Thunberg, the Swedish teenager who did her homework on the science of climate change. As Christians, we have hope by acknowledging the problem, by entering into a deep spirituality that calls us to be co-creators with God, and then to work with God for the good of all creation... to work for the protection of the planet and all living things on it, to challenge our own lifestyles and reduce our carbon footprint, to not despair or leave the challenge to others. It will take all of us to change policies, to adopt less harmful lifestyles, and to restore the environment where damage has been done... and to create with God that new heaven and new earth.

Then we can truly celebrate a Season of Creation.

### 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 5th, 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



# VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR MISSION WEEKEND!

Join us October 5-6 for a weekend dedicated to re-introducing Xavier Mission to 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!
- Open House at the Coughlin Men's Shelter after all the Masses and at the Welcome Table after the Sunday morning Masses!

We invite you to be a part of this celebration by being a gift bearer at the Masses!

Please contact Cassandra at <a href="mailto:cagredo@xaviermission.org">cagredo@xaviermission.org</a> to sign up.

# CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE TODAY!

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 <u>rjohnson@xaviermission.org</u>

## SERVING TIME TOO: A MEMOIR OF MY SON'S PRISON YEARS

(Rowman and Littlefield, 2019)

by parishioner Patricia Dunlavy Valenti with Rosalind Boone Williams

### Sunday October 20 at 1:00 in the Mary Chapel

Rosalind's son was convicted of murder and spent sixteen years behind bars, but her love for him never faltered. She tells her story to encourage others with a loved one in prison and to enlighten those who have not experienced this sadness. This personal story, with tremendous national significance, exposes the damage that crime and punishment inflict upon those good people who stand by loved ones during and after their incarceration. Pat will talk about the evolution of this book and what can be done to support families of the incarcerated.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

Monday~Feast of St. Jerome: Zech 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50.

7:45AM: PATRICIA LAPOINTE (D) 12:05PM: JOHN PICARD (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. THERESE OF **THE CHILD JESUS:** Zech 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56.

7:45AM: RUBEN PINEDA (L)

12:05PM: MARGARET THERESA SCIBELLI (D)

Wednesday~Feast of The Holy **GUARDIAN ANGELS:** Neh 2:1-8; Matt 18:1-5, 10.

7:45AM: GEORGE F. DEAN (D)

12:05PM: KATHLEEN KRETSCHMER (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS **BORGIA:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12.

7:45AM: Leo & Antoinette Buongiorno (D) 12:05AM: Julia Giammanco (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF **ASSISI:** Bar 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16.

7:45AM: ROGER ST. GERMAIN (D) 12:05AM: HELEN & WILLIAM DREXLER (D)

TWENTY-SIXTH SATURDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME:** Bar 4:5-12, 247-29; Luke 10:17-24.

12:05PM: BONNIE LAVIN (D)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME:** Hab 1:2-3;2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10.

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

#### XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**CLOTHING ROOM:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, contact Ann Mary: xmClothingRoom@gmail.com

FOOD PROGRAMS: Every Sunday soup kitchen and

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS:** Ministry since 1993, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

**GAY CATHOLICS:** Men meet in a caring and affirming environment on the first and third Fridays, 7pm Mary Chapel. Contact <a href="mailto:sfxgcgroup@gmail.com">sfxgcgroup@gmail.com</a>

**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, <a href="mailto:LMDiaz@sfxavier.org">LMDiaz@sfxavier.org</a>

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: <a href="mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com">TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com</a>

**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 6:15pm. 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