



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Before the LORD the whole universe is as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew come down upon the earth. (Wis 11: 22)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2019

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

Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207

Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to the Pastor) — 222

Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

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Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221

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John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Chair);

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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, November 9th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Rev. John Mulreany, SJ

Sunday, November 10th

9:00am Mass: Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30am Mass: Rev. John Mulreany, SJ

5:00pm Mass: Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jesus Andaluz, Jessica Appel, Stephen Appel,
Robert L. Beauchemin, Fr. Don Doherty, MM,
Kathleen Friel, James Fox, Juan Garcia,
Mary Korba, Luz Helena Nauzán, Jim Pypelink,
Mathew Levy, Manny Lopez, Joe Mauer, Ron Miller,
Fr Adolfo Nicolás S.I., Jim Schwab,
Elizabeth Ann Seymour, Raymond and Terri Sharpe,
Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, Tom Uzzo,
Carl Wassmann

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

Dave Edgerley, Amor Panlasigui, Thomas Morris,
Nelson Navarro and Felicitas Tolentino

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 Pastor's Desk

November is a month when we are invited to consider many of the blessings in our lives. Liturgically, we begin by celebrating the Feast of All Saints and then remember All Souls. In our Catholic tradition we are connected with the living and the dead, with the heroes and heroines who have touched our lives and inspired us. So much of who we are today comes as a gift from the example and teaching of parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, friends who have enriched our lives. And, of course, we end the month of November with Thanksgiving Day, a national feast day of remembrance and gratitude. For the original pilgrims and for us, it is a day to thank God for all of the blessings received throughout the year. We can begin reflecting on our personal list of people, places and things to be grateful for now and throughout the month.

In the Jesuit world, we have additional days of prayer for all of the saints and blessed of the Society of Jesus as well as a day of remembrance for all departed Jesuits. November is also filled with seven additional feast days for Jesuit saints, some martyrs, some dedicated pastors and teachers, all inspirations for us.

In that context, the first week of November is a week of **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE SOCIETY OF JESUS**. I invite us all to pray for vocations and encourage likely young men to consider whether they have a vocation to be a Jesuit priest or brother.

This year the Xavier Jesuit Community has among its members a deacon, Rev. Ricardo Da Silva, S.J. Ricardo is from South Africa and is completing a degree in journalism at Columbia University. He will be ordained a priest back home this summer. In order to better help him prepare for his future ministry, I have invited him to be part of our worshiping community in a more official role. We, as a community, can help to form him for service in the Church. I'm sure you will find him a welcome addition and that your support and prayers will help him grow as a minister of the Gospel. Ricardo will start helping at some masses and baptisms in the coming month.

We are excited to announce a collaboration with The Center for Anti-Violence Education (www.caeny.org) and will be sponsoring an UpStander Training and Basic Self-Defense. "Upstander workshops are designed to equip those facing hate and violence with de-escalation skills and basic self-defense techniques. Additionally, this training empowers bystanders with the tools they need to help those facing harassment by choosing intentionally from a continuum of tactics. These two approaches combined offer New Yorkers unique and critical options for keeping our communities as safe as possible and mitigating violence."

Our training workshop will focus more on Upstander and de-escalation skills.

Date: Saturday, November 9, 2019

Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm

Place: Keenan Commons

Please join us, all are welcome. Sign up at sanxnyc@gmail.com - with the subject: Upstander / bystander Workshop

The Xavier Immigration Initiative

Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Día de Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a Mexican holiday that honors and reveres deceased family, friends, and ancestors. The cultural celebration can be traced back to the time of the Aztecs, 3,000 years back. It is not the Mexican version of Halloween. Though the theme is death, it is about remembrance, respect, and life-affirming joy for our beloved dead. This tradition is rooted in the native Mexican belief that life on earth is a preparation for the next world and of the importance of maintaining a strong relationship with the dead. It is a time for families to gather and welcome the souls of the dead on their annual visit home. The holiday is celebrated throughout Mexico and over the years has become popular in some regions of the U.S.A, and other parts of the world. The multi-day traditional celebration officially begins on Oct. 31 (All Hallows' Day), followed by Nov. 1st (All Saints' Day), and ends on Nov. 2nd (All Souls' Day).

In observance of this significant culturally-rich holiday, our Día de Muertos altar was created in the Joseph transept. The traditional custom is to build altars called "*ofrendas*" (offerings), honoring the memory of our beloved who have passed. The altars are typically adorned with Marigold flowers (*Cempasúchil*), *Calaveras* (skulls), *catrinas* (richly dressed skeletons), incense (*copal*), candles, *papel picado* (intricate tissue paper banners), sugar skulls, *pan de Muertos* (bread of the dead), photographs, and other mementos to honor those who have passed, including their favorite food and drink. It is a means of always keeping the departed alive in our hearts by celebrating their lives lived.

Marking our first anniversary of the holiday here at Xavier, this year, we are dedicating the altar in the memory of the seven children who have died under the care/custody of the various U.S. immigration agencies over the last year alone. Their names are Mariee Juarez, 1-year-old; Darylin Valle, 10-year-old; Jakelin Caal Maquin, 7-year-old; Felipe Gomez Alonzo, 8-year-old; Juan de León Gutiérrez, 16-year-old; Wilmer Josué Ramirez Vasquez, 2.5-year-old; and Carlos Gregorio Hernandez Vasquez, 16-year-old. May we honor their memories and hold them and their respective families in our prayers and consciousness.

Join in this special traditional celebration of remembering those who have died by bringing in a photo of your lost ones, pets included. Please place the pictures in the basket by the altar, or leave with the parish office front desk. These will be incorporated in this year's altar. The altar will remain on display for November.

Día de Muertos or Día de los Muertos:

The frequent use of Día de **los** Muertos in the U.S. is a back-translation of Day of the Dead into Spanish. In Mexico, traditionally, this holiday is known as **Día de Muertos** (dropping the article "los" from the festival name).



La Calavera Catrina or Catrina La Calavera Garbancera (1910-1913) by Mexican printmaker, cartoon illustrator and lithographer José Guadalupe Posada



'HOLIDAY HOPE & HEALING CAMPAIGN' IS WELL ON ITS WAY!

Make your family a little bigger this
holiday season by helping one of ours!

We invite you to join us in spreading the love to families who are struggling this holiday season. Your generosity helps to ensure that they won't have to worry about their basic needs and can celebrate the season in peace and joy. This year our campaign will help us achieve many things, including replacing our soup kettle, fixing our shelter floor, and caring for the thousands of people who visit us each year for help when they need it most.

GOAL: \$200,000

RAISED (as of 10/29): \$41,000 – 20% of our goal!

Join us and make an impact on your community!

WHAT'S HAPPENING!



******THIS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6: 'CAUSE AN EFFECT' at Chipotle! ******
Make dinner a selfless act by joining us at Chipotle for a fundraiser! Come to the Chipotle at 864 Broadway (b/w 17th & 18th Sts.) between 5pm and 9pm and 33% of your order will be donated to Xavier Mission! Bring the flyer below or mention the event to the cashier.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21: Gorjana Styling Party!

Join us at the Gorjana jewelry boutique at 266 Elizabeth St. between 5pm and 7pm for a private styling event and reception! 19% of all merchandise sales that evening will be donated to Xavier Mission. It's the perfect time to pick up some beautiful holiday gifts. Champagne and refreshments will be served. You do not need to buy anything to attend! Join us for the company and lovely atmosphere. Please RSVP to Cassandra at cagredo@xaviermission.org.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29: Mental Health First Aid Training

In conjunction with the City of New York and St. Francis Xavier Church, Xavier Mission is offering a FREE Mental Health First Aid Certification Training for volunteers and parishioners. This all-day training covers topics such as depression, anxiety, self-injury, suicidality, panic attacks, traumatic events, psychosis, and substance use. The training will discuss the symptoms and how to engage someone who may be experiencing these illnesses. All participants who attend will receive an information manual and a certificate of completion from the National Council for Behavioral Health. Please RSVP to cagredo@xaviermission.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020: Dinner Dance Fundraiser

Our annual Dinner Dance will be held from 7:00-11:00pm In Hurtado Hall. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of January. Stay tuned for more information, including this year's theme! (WHAT WILL IT BE?!?!)

Remember Xavier When Considering a Year-end Gift

First we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support our parish throughout the year. As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to Xavier. Over the years, it has been the gifts left to Xavier that have helped us to continue to operate as a welcoming community and place of worship where injustice is challenged, where the poor, the alienated and the marginalized find a home, and where people are refreshed, reconciled and renewed. Your year-end gift can help us continue to celebrate vibrant liturgies and support our many ministries

The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support Xavier for years to come. There are many different ways of contributing a gift. Two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. For more information on how you can help make a difference contact the parish office.

SFX GROUP AA MEETING

Every Thursday 5:45 PM

There is an AA meeting, newly formed, here at Xavier. The group meet's at the Church Thursday evening's 5:45-6:45.

Please join us and enter through 15th St. entrance.

Beginning THIS SUNDAY, we will resume using mustum for the consecration of the Precious Blood during all the Masses. Please note mustum does contain trace amounts of alcohol (0.01% to 0.049%). If you cannot consume alcohol please receive only the consecrated host . Thank you.

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

**Friday, November 8th, 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
West Room**

Christianity vs. Love . . . that is a battle in Uganda right now, and Ssenfuka Joanita Warry, human rights defender / feminist, will talk to us about the situation on the ground. Warry is the executive director of Freedom and Roam Uganda in Kampala and is visiting scholar at Columbia University this fall. Please bring a snack and / or beverage to share, and BYOCUPS (cups, utensils, plates, serviettes). SFXWomen@aol.com; (929) 333-5011.

On Wednesday evenings beginning November 6th, Xavier will be hosting the New Sanctuary Coalition's (NSC) legal clinic in Hurtado Hall. The clinic provides critical legal assistance each week to hundreds of asylum seekers. We are proud to partner with the New Sanctuary Coalition to provide this support and service to migrants and refugees. Volunteers are also needed to help with documentation, translation, childcare and hospitality. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about the work of the clinic, contact Miguel Orea at Miguel@newsanctuarynyc.org.

CHALLENGE OF FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS: DRAWING FROM OUR IGNATIAN ROOTS

2019 LGBTQ ANNUAL RETREAT

Dates: Friday, November 15, 3:00 p.m., through Sunday, November 17, 1:30 p.m.

Place: Linwood Spiritual Center, 50 Linwood Road, Rhinebeck, NY 12572

www.linwoodspiritual.org

Cost: \$230.00 per person

Mail a check to Linwood or call (845) 876-4178 with a credit card number.

Deposit is due on or before November 1.

Space is limited to the first 34 people who register!

For more information, contact
SFXWomen@aol.com , SFXGCCGroup@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Sunday, November 24th 6:00 PM
Keenan Commons - 39 West 15th Street

The Parish Council and the Church of St. Francis Xavier invite you to Celebrate You!

For all those who serve in any capacity and belong to any of our various ministries ...this is our way of saying Thank You for all that you do.

Food and drinks...music.....we hope you can make it. RSVP: PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

Words of Hope is an organization that is collecting cards with words of encouragement and hope for incarcerated survivors of rape and abuse. We are writing cards at our next meeting at Immaculate Heart of Mary on Monday, November 4th at 7 pm, and anyone who is interested is welcome to join us! Immaculate Heart of Mary is located in Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn. Anyone who needs more information can give Maribeth a call at 347 680 9943 or email her at Maribeth1.Dono@gmail.com.



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REMEMBERING THE JESUIT MARTYRS OF EL SALVADOR AND THEIR COMPANIONS

November 14, 2019



Ignacio Ellacuría, S.J.



Amando López, S.J.



Joaquín López y López, S.J.



Ignacio Martín-Baró, S.J.



Segundo Montes, S.J.



Juan Ramón Moreno, S.J.



Celina Ramos



Elba Ramos

Teach-In, 3:45-6:45 p.m. Xavier High School

Registration • 3:45 p.m.
Opening Session • 4:15 p.m.
All are welcome. Register at xavierhs.org/teachin19.

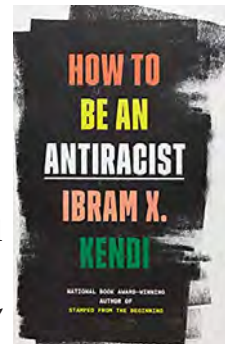
The Teach-In will explore the legacy of the martyrs, the plight of immigrants and refugees, and care for our common home.

Memorial Mass, 7 p.m. Church of St. Francis Xavier

Principal Concelebrant:
John Cecero, S.J.
Provincial, USA Northeast Province
of the Society of Jesus

Homilist:
Matt Malone, S.J.
President and Editor-in-Chief,
America Media

RACIAL JUSTICE - THIS SUNDAY in Mary Chapel, 3:30pm - 4:30pm



Fr. John Mulreany will lead our Racial Justice group on its next step forward with Ibram X. Kendi's newly released, "How To Be An Antiracist." His endearing, truthful voice rings throughout the pages, telling his experience as a black man and his own personal story of awakening to anti-racism.

Prepare pp. 81 - 121.

Contact jeprendergast@gmail.com if you plan to attend.



Taizé Prayer Service Friday, November 8, 2019 at 6:00 PM Mary Chapel

*Join the Xavier Adult Group on Wednesday,
November 13th for a private tour of the*

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY INCLUDING
THE NEW J.D. SALINGER EXHIBIT



Known as the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building on 5th Avenue it is the second largest library in the world. The library holds millions of books, priceless artifacts and secrets we will hear about on this tour. The cost of the tour is \$10 and space is limited. We will meet at the 15th street entrance to Xavier at 1:30pm and travel by subway. Please email or call if you are planning to join us. Nancy and Tom Collins 212-929-3157 xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Wis 11: 22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10.

THIRTY-FIRST MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Rom 11:29-36; Luke 14: 12-14.

7:45AM PHIL NELAN (L)
12:05PM JEANNIE RICKARD (D)

THIRTY-FIRST TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Rom 12:5-16ab; Luke 14:15-24.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM PATRICIA LAPOINTE (D)

THIRTY-FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Rom 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33.

7:45AM NORMA CARLO (D)
12:05PM BOBBY MCSULLA (L)

THIRTY-FIRST THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Rom 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10.

7:45AM ROBERTA SMITH (D)
12:05PM JOSEPHINE D'ALESSANDRO (D)

THIRTY-FIRST FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Rom 15:14-21; Luke 16:1--8.

7:45AM ROSINA ELENA MACRI (D)
12:05PM MASSIMO (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; John 2:13-22.

12:05PM JACK ZORSKI (D)

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 2 Mc 7: 1-2, 9-14; 2 Thes 2:16-3-5; Luke 20:27-38.

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 abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room (offsite July & August), SFXWomen@aol.com (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 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, LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact Nick Grimaldi, nlgny@gmail.com

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, gerrymoss@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 xaversharingandlearninggroup@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@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