



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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My steps have been steadfast in your paths, my feet have not faltered. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my word. (Ps 17: 5,6)

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, November 11th

One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am in the Mary Chapel. Please use 15th street entrance.

*SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Military Services Collection*

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 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

James Martinez (Assistant for Financial Planning)

Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201

Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221

Receptionist — 201

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Chair);

Patrick Egan (Vice Chair); John Karle (Secretary)

Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Belinda Conway;

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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 16th

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

Sunday, November 17th

9:00am Mass: Rev. John Mulreany, SJ

11:30am Mass: Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ

5:00pm Mass: Rev. Patrick Gilger, SJ

Online Giving: Download the FaithDirect App and use code NY406 or text-to-give (646)681-7010.

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., Tom Rocha III, 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 parishioners and friends, especially:

Dave Edgerley, William Kawka, 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

This weekend we celebrate the thirty-second week of ordinary time. There are three more weeks in the liturgical year and the tone of the readings will become more apocalyptic, asking us to reflect on the final judgement.

Today, we reflect on our belief in the resurrection of the dead, an appropriate follow-up to the celebrations of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day last weekend. We believe that death is not the final end to our existence and that we will be reunited with our loved ones in the resurrection of the dead.

Belief in the resurrection was controversial at the time of Jesus and fiercely debated by the Pharisees and the Sadducees. In fact, in the Jewish tradition, belief in the resurrection really only emerged about two hundred years before Jesus. The Book of Maccabees was accepted into the Church's canon of inspired books because of its testimony to belief in the resurrection as we hear in today's reading.

The back story to the Maccabean revolt has some application to our present day. The Jewish people had been restored to Jerusalem and allowed to practice their religion after the period of exile through the benign rule of the Kings of Persia, Cyrus and Darius. When the Macedonians under Alexander the Great conquered the Persian empire, they continued the policy of toleration. When Alexander was about to die, he divided his kingdom among his trusted lieutenants. Antiochus was given a portion and proceeded to raise an army and conquer Egypt and then Israel. Besides plundering the gold of the Temple, he issued decrees demanding that all people abandon their religion and offer sacrifices to his gods.

The two books of Maccabees recount the revolt which was ultimately unsuccessful. Toleration came with the Roman conquest.

Our faith and the ability to practice it is not under such dire and violent persecution in this country these days although there are many parts of the world where our Christian sisters and brothers suffer greatly. The challenges we confront on a daily basis are pervasive secularism which treats religious belief and practice with contempt and scorn and consumerism which tells us we need more of everything to achieve happiness even if it means exploiting others through unfair labor practices.

The list of issues crying out for justice seems never ending and, while we do a great deal to address many of them here in our parish community, the demands exceed our capacity to address them.

That's when we place our trust in God as the Maccabees and their followers did. Standing up for our beliefs as fearlessly as we can while knowing that, ultimately, salvation comes from our gracious and loving God, the God of the living and the dead.

The Maccabees stood up for their belief and, in defeat, proclaimed their trust in God. In these days when we may be discouraged, we press on, striving to work for justice, making a difference where we can, and turning our cares over to the God of all mercy. Our faith gives us perseverance in the struggle for justice for all.



PREVENT AN EVICTION – GIVE TO THE HOLIDAY HOPE & HEALING CAMPAIGN!

Keep families in their homes this holiday season!

One of the biggest beneficiaries of the holiday campaign is our Financial Assistance Program, which assists families in danger of eviction to pay their rental arrears and stay in their homes. Last year our program kept 78 families in their homes, safe and secure. The majority of the money that enabled us to help so many people came from our Holiday Campaign.

Please join us this year to ensure that we can continue to help families avoid the traumas of eviction and homelessness by keeping them in their homes for the holidays, and all year long!

GOAL: \$200,000

RAISED (as of 11/06): \$54,571 – 27% of our goal!

Join us Now! xaviermission.org/donate

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

We Stand in Solidarity with Chipotle Employees

We hope that everyone got the notice that the fundraiser at Chipotle scheduled for this past Wednesday was cancelled. We apologize if anyone showed up and was disappointed! It was brought to our attention that the City is investigating 17 Chipotle locations in NYC for labor violations and has a pending lawsuit against the company for violating the Fair Workweek Act. As an organization that recognizes the inherent worth of every human being, Xavier Mission could not in good conscience take part in a fundraiser designed to gloss over Chipotle's abusive practices by promoting a facade of corporate responsibility.

If you had planned to attend, we invite you to donate your burrito money directly to Xavier Mission where it will support those in our community most in need, including our guests who work multiple minimum wage jobs just to make ends meet. xaviermission.org/donate

We thank the community for the support that you gave us regarding this decision, and we are grateful for the parishioner who educated us about these issues. Thank you!

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.



The choir is looking for a few new members in the Adult Choir for the Advent/Christmas season and beyond. If interested, please contact **John Uehlein** by email: juehlein@sfxavier.org

The Pastoral Council invites
you to join us for a

PARISH-WIDE COFFEE HOUR

as we welcome
parishoners new and old.
Sunday, November 17th
in the entrance
of the Church
(following the 11:30 Mass)

All are welcome



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.

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 & Friends—All Are Welcome!



17TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PARTY

**Friday, December 13th
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Hurtado Hall**

200 kids, 33 days--you have the opportunity to bring Christmas cheer to children from Picture the Homeless, Community Voices Heard, Life Experience & Faith Sharing, and STEPS to End Family Violence. Contact SFXWrap@gmail.com or (929) 333-5011 for one, two or three names, and bring your brand-new unwrapped gifts to the wrapping party.

Mark your calendar for the
PEACE AND JUSTICE FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY SALE
Saturday, December 7th & Sunday, December 8th

*After all Masses
In the back of the church*

*Coffees, Teas and Chocolates from Equal Exchange and
gifts from fair trade women's groups.*

Please support us as we work to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound while empowering workers with every purchase!

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Sisters of Charity, the Peace and Justice Venezuela relief efforts and LifeWay Network, one of only two organizations in the NY Metro area providing safe housing for women survivors of human trafficking.

**NOTE: ALL SALES
WILL BE CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

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



Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

TOPIC: "What the recent 'Synod on the Amazon' tells us about Pope Francis"

SPEAKER: Rev. Tom Massaro, S.J.
Fordham University

Local and national Ignatian partners invite those connected to the Jesuits and the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola to join us for a simple gathering for socializing and social justice.

More information: bit.ly/solidaritytap

Join us to discuss Ibram Kendi's "*How To Be An Antiracist*." Fr John Mulreany will lead our Racial Justice group on **Sunday, November 17th**. We'll meet at 3:30 in Mary Chapel. We're planning to make a difference in the racism of our country and be active in Voter Registration.



The pre-reading of "How To Be An Antiracist" for this session is pp. 122 – 165 and also the Pastoral Letter to the People of God in El Paso. If you want a copy of the pastoral letter, contact jeprendergast@gmail.com

Could you give a gift of a sturdy nighty to those women left behind during the holidays? Your present will be wrapped for one of the 80 homeless, mentally ill women, sheltered on the 4th floor of the Park Avenue Armory. This year, on **December 14th**, we hope to bring them song, joy and a few gifts, especially what the ladies need most, sturdy nighties. All sizes are welcome from XXL – M.

You can drop off your gift for the homeless women at the 55 W 15 St entrance. **LEAVE YOUR DONATION WITH THE FRONT DESK.** We'll wrap them for you. Thank you again for your great generosity. If you have a question, contact jeprendergast@gmail.com

REMEMBERING THE JESUIT MARTYRS OF EL SALVADOR AND THEIR CAMPAIGNERS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

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

All are welcome. The Teach-In will explore the legacy of the martyrs, the plight of immigrants and refugees, and care for our common home. Registration begins at 3:45 p.m., with our first session at 4:15 p.m.

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

SAVE THE DATES



This December, join an Advent retreat read, reflect and share 3 Sunday afternoon gatherings
December 1, 8, 15
at 1:30pm.

More Information and sign up to follow

Sponsored by ISEL
(Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)

Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

MONDAY~ MEMORIAL OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP: Wis 1:1-7; Luke 17: 1-6.

TUESDAY~MEMORIAL OF ST. JOSAPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR: Wis 2:23-3:9; Luke 17:7-10.

7:45AM MARGARET MARY MCGUIRE (D)
12:05PM JAMES HANNON (D)

WEDNESDAY~MEMORIAL OF ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI: Wis 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO(D))
12:05PM THOMAS JOHN MANNO (D)

THIRTY-SECOND THURSDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Wis 7:22b-8:1; Luke 17:20-25.

7:45AM ARLENE NARIO (L)
12:05PM WILLIAM REILLY (D)

THIRTY-SECOND FRIDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Wis 13:1-9; Luke 17:26--37.

7:45AM MARY A. DEAN (D)
12:05PM JUDY BAGGE (L)

THIRTY-SECOND SATURDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8.

12:05PM STEPHEN BUCKLEY (D)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Mal 3: 19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19.

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. 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

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