



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Campaign for Charity & Justice

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 24, 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;

Karen DeMasi; Andrea Foley-Murphy Michelle Jung;

Ron Oberdick;

PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

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 30th

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

Sunday, December 1st

9:00am Mass: Rev. Patrick Gilger, SJ

11:30am Mass: Rev. Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00pm Mass: Rev. Patrick Gilger, 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., Sue Rosansky, 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, Stefania Hurko, Thomas L. Jacobs (20th
anniversary of his death), William Kawka, Amor
Panlasigui, Altagracia Quezada, Thomas Morris,
Nelson Navarro and Felicitas Tolentino, Simone
Vaccaro

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.

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55 West 15th Street, New York, NY 10011

PASTORAL COUNCIL

pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org

November 23, 2019

Dear Fellow Members of the St. Francis Xavier Community:

This year, among the things we will do as a community, the Church of St. Francis Xavier will reflect together about the process by which members of our Pastoral Council discern and are selected to serve on the Council. The current process was adopted about 10 years ago after careful parish-wide reflection. Some parishioners have recommended that the parish community look at the discernment process and consider together how well the procedure is working and how it might be improved going forward. Good governance principles support this kind of reflection.

Over the next year, the Pastoral Council will reach out to the broad Xavier community, offering a variety of opportunities to consider how the discernment process might be refined and improved. Among those we hope to engage in this reflection are the Xavier ministries, our parish staff, liturgical ministers, parishioners who participate in our liturgies, and former members of the Pastoral Council. This year's Ministries Retreat, scheduled for February 2, 2020, also will include this topic. With this letter, as explained below, we solicit personal responses to questions about the process and any other thoughts you might have about it.

Background. As Xavier's *Guidelines for Leadership* explain, the Council is the primary leadership body of our parish, gathering monthly in meetings with the Pastor. Acting as servant leaders and stewards of the entire parish, the Council is empowered to provide pastoral planning for the parish community by setting goals and objectives, assisting parishioners as they implement pastoral plans, and evaluating Xavier's activities in light of fulfillment of the parish's overall mission. The Council consists of ten parishioners, each selected to serve a three-year term. At the conclusion of this term, Council members may choose to serve for a second consecutive three-year term. You may find more information about the Council—including its current membership, *Guidelines for Leadership* and recorded minutes of recent meetings—on the website, www.sfxavier.org.

When an opening on the Council arises, all registered parishioners are invited to participate as selectors and/or discerners in the new member discernment process. The selection process takes place over two meetings held in early June on weeknight evenings. At the first meeting, Council members explain the commitment expected of those who serve on the Council and describe the Council's responsibilities and decision-making principles. Persons who feel called to serve on the Council introduce themselves, though people who have not yet decided to discern may choose to introduce themselves at the second meeting. Five questions are distributed that ask the candidates to reflect on Xavier and the gifts they believe they can contribute to the Council's work. The candidates reflect on these questions over the following week and prepare brief responses to them.

The following week, the group again gathers. The candidates who are discerning to serve on the Council share their responses to the questions with the group. The deeply personal and often moving testimony provided by discerners in response to the questions is a moment of grace for everyone in the room. After hearing these responses, the group prayerfully reflects and talks with one another. Then registered parishioners who have attended both meetings indicate privately on a slip of paper who they believe to be best suited to serve on the Council at this time. A two-thirds majority is necessary for selection to the Council. If no person achieves two-thirds level of approval, the names of the three discerners supported by the greatest number and their level of support are announced to the meeting. This process is repeated until a discerner receives the support of one-half of those assembled. If there is more than one opening on the Council, the entire procedure is then repeated until all openings are filled.

Unlike selection processes for secular leadership bodies, the discernment process for Xavier's Pastoral Council is intended to summon the Holy Spirit in our midst. We prayerfully gather together to determine as a community whose gifts are best suited to serve the parish at this time, in this way. In practice, the process has led many to feel called to serve even when they did not initially expect to discern. And, the movement of the Spirit that unfolds has led to selection of Council members known by a broad cross-section of the parish community.

Reflection. As a first step in reflection on the selection process, we invite all members of the community to let us know your thoughts about it. We offer the following questions about the process to assist your consideration:

- How can Xavier achieve our dual aspirations to select Pastoral Council members in a communal, prayerful fashion while encouraging as many parishioners as possible to participate in the selection process?
- How can the process continue to encourage personal, Spirit-filled testimony from those discerning for the Council while taking tender care of the vulnerability this requires?
- How can the selection process yield a Pastoral Council that reflects Xavier's vibrant community in all of its diversities, which are a true gift from God?
- Are there ways that the process can be more open, transparent, and accessible to all? Are there ways that the process can be more prayerful and holy? And how do we put all these hopes for the process in right balance?

Please forward your thoughts to us via email (pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org.) Of course, each of us is always available to talk about this reflection and any other topic with you in person. Also, please know that as we move forward, we expect to provide updates about the steps taken and insights people offer. Together with the parish community, we look forward to the year ahead!

Faithfully and with love,
The Xavier Pastoral Council



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**

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.



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



STOP HOMELESSNESS IN ITS TRACKS!

Keep families in their homes this holiday season!

Ever look around and think, “How can we possibly solve homelessness?” Well guess what – YOU can be the one to do it!

The best way to end homelessness is to stop it before it starts, and that’s where champions like you come in! One of the main uses of our holiday campaign funds is for 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.

Make a gift to our Holiday Hope & Healing Campaign and 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 / 18): \$87,560 – 44% of our goal!

xaviermission.org/donate

GET YOUR MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CERTIFICATION!

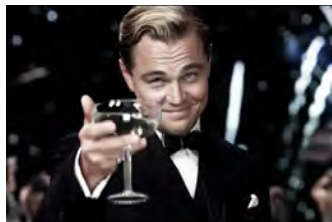
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

9:00am-5:00pm

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 by visiting this website: <https://xm.timetap.com/>

IT’S GOING TO BE THE CAT’S PYJAMAS!!

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020



Our theme for this year’s annual dinner dance is going to be “The Roaring Twenties”! Come to our juice joint for an evening of dinner, dancing, giggle water, and games of chance! Get all dolled up in your best flapper dress or Gatsby suit and make sure to bring plenty of mazuma for the casino! Tickets will go on sale in the new year – we can’t wait to see you there! Hot dawg!

Save the Date

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 15th at 7pm

*Featuring the Music Ministries and Lectors
of St. Francis Xavier Parish*

Christmas Cookie Reception to follow!

Can You Bake Cookies ?

Bakers sought for our annual *Lessons and Carols* program on **Dec. 15th at 7PM**. Wonderful contemporary readings with many of your favorite Christmas



carols will be represented. Wouldn't you like your cookies to be eaten along side of these great readings and carols? We are looking for 30 individuals to commit to baking 2 dozen cookies (or other baked goods). If you think you can help out, please email John Uehlein in the parish office at juehlein@sfxavier.org or if you don't have email, call John at 646-573-0099. Start softening up the butter!!!!

*(PS: leftovers will go to the
Ned Coughlin Homless Shelter.)*

A WINTER RETREAT

There will be a weekend retreat at Mariandale Center from December 13 – 15, "A Writer's Winter Retreat".

Mariandale Center is run by The Dominican Sisters of Hope and is located near Ossining, NY. The retreat is open to everyone. A private room, all meals and all workshops are included. For information: 914-941-4455

To register: <https://mariandale.org/event/a-writers-winter-retreat/>



World AIDS Day Prayers of Remembrance

Sunday, December 1st

Because World AIDS Day falls on a Sunday and the First Sunday of Advent, we will remember those who have died of AIDS and those living with HIV / AIDS and their caretakers during our weekend masses.

There will be a representative of our AIDS Walk team in the back of the church at all mass to begin our 2020 campaign. Please be generous.

As our nation gives thanks to God for our many blessings, the Archdiocese of New York, the Commission of Religious Leaders and the Interfaith Communities of New York gather for Prayers of Remembrance and Recommitment

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

**SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019
9:30 – 10:30AM**

We remember the homeless who died in the past year.

We recommit our communities of faith and our city to protect and advance the lives of individuals and families who experience homelessness and housing instability on our streets, in our shelters or are struggling to preserve their housing.

Registration is now open for the **IGNATIAN YOGA RETREAT** the weekend of March 20-22, 2020 at the Mariandale Retreat Center in Ossining, NY. Visit ignatianyoga.com to register.

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.

HOLIDAY CARD SALE TO BENEFIT HONDURAS PROJECT



The Honduras Companion Communities Project will again offer a selection of holiday cards for sale after all the masses during the weekends of December 8, 15 and 22. The cards provide a way for you to remember friends and loved ones while contributing to the local community projects in Honduras which Xavier parishioners have supported for the last 20 years. This is our major fund raising event for maintaining our scholarship programs managed by local community groups in Honduras. This has been another turbulent year in Honduras, with months of protests and popular demonstrations against the corrupt government which have often disrupted the school year and have resulted in many injuries and some deaths.

Again this year, our cards consist of artwork created by children who have lived in Casa Corazon, a home in Honduras operated by the Sisters of Mercy for orphaned children who are HIV+. Aside from printing expenses, all proceeds from the sale go to continuing the scholarships we have been providing for secondary school students in the hope that education will lead to satisfactory employment opportunities which will allow these students to remain in their country and work to bring about positive change.

As always, thank you for your support !



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

A XAVIER ADVENT RETREAT

LIGHT AN ADVENT CANDLE



Join an Advent retreat at Xavier with daily reflections for Advent and Christmas created by Ron Rolheiser, OMI. Read, reflect and share your prayer experience at 3 Sunday gatherings.

**December 1, 8, 15 2019 at 1:30pm
in the Mary Chapel.**

For more information and to register, please contact *Gerry Moss* at gerrymoss@gmail.com or *Marie Bannister* at mariebannister1@gmail.com or call 917 301 2426.

*Sponsored by ISEL
(Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)*

U.S. v. Nixon at 45: An Evening with Philip Allen Lacovara, Esq.

December 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

*Presented by America magazine
and Fordham University School of Law*

MODERATOR: Matt Malone, S.J., editor in chief,
America magazine

FIRST RESPONDENT: Jed Shugerman, J.D., professor
of law, Fordham University

WHERE: America Media, 1212 Avenue of the
Americas, 11th Fl., New York, N.Y. 10036

RSVP (FREE): Please email
events@americamedia.org

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.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~ THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE:
2 SM 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43.

THIRTY-FOURTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Luke 21: 1-4.

7:45AM BILLY FORBES (D)
12:05PM HELEN KOSS (D)

THIRTY-FOURTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Dn 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM THOMAS L. JACOBS (D)

THIRTY-FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Luke 21:12-19.

7:45AM ROBERT RIZZO (D)
12:05PM MARY PALIOURIS (D)

THURSDAY~THANKSGIVING DAY

THIRTY-FOURTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Dn 7:2-14; Luke 21:29--33.

SATURDAY~ FEAST OF ST. ANDREW:
Rom 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22.

12:05PM JASON VERMONTY (D)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Is 2:1-5;
Rom 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44.

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 Xavierinterfaith@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