



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*to benefit Communications/Catholic University*

**Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 5, 2020**

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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, January 11<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Rev. Kenneth Boller, SJ

### Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

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

11:30am Mass: Rev. John Mulreany, 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, Sr. Carol Barnes SC, Kathleen Fenton, Kathleen Friel, James Fox, Juan Garcia, Mary Hannan, Manny Lopez, Sue Rosansky, Tom Rocha III, Jim Schwab, Raymond and Terri Sharpe, Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, Carl Wassmann*

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

*Crispina Diaz Aquino, Fr. Don Doherty, MM, Frank Faraci, Larry Hooper, Stefania Hurko, William Kawka, Altagracia Quezada, Thomas Morris, Carla Leto Sabini, Gloria Secchi, Matthew Simzik, Mary Trainor, Simone Vaccaro and Anthony Vertucci*

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

On the Feast of the Epiphany we recall the story of the Magi, the wise men from the East, who followed the star to discover the newborn king of the Jews.

There are many levels on which we can pause to reflect: the star to be followed, the role of the seekers, the gift of the revelation to the Gentiles.

As we focus on this last aspect, the universality of God's mercy, we need to let that become a characteristic of our own lives. Some use the fulfillment of God's promise to the Jewish people and the extension of God's mercy to the whole world as a pretext for anti-Semitism. That's simply wrong. It's a twisted reasoning which flies in the face of God's love for all peoples.

In the midst of a growing number of hate crimes around the country and in our area, instances of anti-Semitic violence in our area are increasing. Faith based hate in all its forms needs to be confronted and, when it involves violence or other criminal activity, promptly prosecuted.

Let us find ways to stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers of all faiths in standing up against hate in all its forms.

The Magi were guided by the light of the star. We should be guided by the light of Christ's love for all people.

### CATHOLIC LESBIANS

**Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.**  
**West Room**

*"There was a person with leprosy. Seeing Jesus, the sufferer fell to the ground and implored him, 'Teacher, if you are willing, you can heal me.' Jesus stretched out his hand, touched the person and said, 'I am willing; be cleansed.' Immediately the leprosy disappeared." (Luke 5:12-13)* Please bring a snack and/or beverage to share, and BYOCUPS (cups, utensils, plates, serviettes).  
[SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com); (929) 333-5011

### Holy Communion Ministry for the Sick and Homebound

There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the Mary Chapel** for current ministers to the sick and homebound, and other parishioners interested in participating in this ministry.

**Please register for this meeting by emailing Nick Grimaldi at [nlgnyc@gmail.com](mailto:nlgnyc@gmail.com)**

Xavier's Ministers for the Sick and Homebound administer communion to parishioners in their apartments, but also may visit them in hospitals, nursing homes, and extended care facilities in our locality. We help Xavier to meet the needs of our large parish which has only two full-time priests and a small, pastoral staff.

A poster for 'ART as Prayer' workshops. It features a yellow background with a sun icon and a green leaf. The text is in various colors and fonts, including green, yellow, and black. The workshops are led by artist Lourdes Bernard and explore art making as embodied prayer. There are three 2-hour sessions, each for \$30. A suggested donation includes the fee for art supplies. To sign up, email Lourdes Bernard at lourdesbernardstudio@gmail.com. The website www.lourdesbernard.com is also listed.

**ART as Prayer**  
JANUARY 19, 1:30 PM  
FEBRUARY 2, 16, 1:30 PM  
ISEL ART WORKSHOP WITH ARTIST  
LOURDES BERNARD- EXPLORE ART MAKING  
AS EMBODIED PRAYER  
THREE 2-HOUR SESSIONS @\$30 EACH  
SUGGESTED DONATION INCLUDES  
FEE FOR ART SUPPLIES-TO SIGN UP EMAIL  
LOURDESBERNARDSTUDIO@GMAIL.COM  
[WWW.LOURDESBERNARD.COM](http://WWW.LOURDESBERNARD.COM)



## SAVE THE DATE: THE ROARING TWENTIES!

*Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser: Saturday March 21, 2020*

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! Hot dawg!

Cocktails, "casino games", dinner and dancing!

Silent Auction will be held online and will launch a few weeks prior to the event so keep your eyes open for announcements!

Early-bird tickets will go on sale towards the end of January.

## 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/>

Celebrating a Life in loving memory of  
**Rev. Donald J. Doherty, M.M.**



**January 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM  
in the Main Church.**

*His warmth, love, and laughter  
filled our spirits with joy.*

*All are welcome and we hope to see you there.*

## SUPPORT XAVIER DURING THE HOLIDAYS

During Advent we prepare our minds and hearts for the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. As we reflect on the upcoming Christmas season, it is likely that we will be busy with parties and family gatherings. Perhaps even a trip out of town to visit friends. With all of those joyous celebrations, we might miss Mass. That's where eGiving with Faith Direct can help simplify your life. By supporting Xavier, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season.



Signing up is easy! Visit [faith.direct/NY406](https://faith.direct/NY406), or text the word ENROLL to (646) 681-7010. Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account, or text a dollar amount to (646) 681-7010 to make a one-time gift today!

Thank you for your continued support of Xavier.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**SUNDAY~ FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:** Isa 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matt 2:1-12.

**MONDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME:**  
1 John 3:22-4:6; Matt 4:12-17, 23-26.

7:45AM MAY BURKE  
12:05PM CHARLES SMYLEY (D)

**TUESDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME:**  
1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44.

7:45AM SISTER VIVENNE JOYCE (L)  
12:05PM SISTER SHEILA BROSNAN (L)

**WEDNESDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME:**  
1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52.

7:45AM ULДАРICO SANTISTEBAN (D)  
12:05PM SYLVIA RUPPENTHAL (D)

**THURSDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME:**  
1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a.

7:45AM TARA MURRAY (D)  
12:05PM MICHAEL GIGLIO (D)

**FRIDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME:** 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:5-13.

7:45AM ELAINE TARASENKO (D)  
12:05PM PADDY LOUGHLIN (D)

**SATURDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME:**  
1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30.

12:05PM RONALD MAZZUCCO (D)

**SUNDAY~ FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:** Isa 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matt 3:13-17.

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](mailto:xmClothingRoom@gmail.com)

**FOOD PROGRAMS:** Every Sunday soup kitchen and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday food pantry, contact Christine: [xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com](mailto:xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com)

**L-STEP:** Spring and Fall semesters, contact J: [xmLSTEP@gmail.com](mailto:xmLSTEP@gmail.com)

**SHELTER:** Every night, contact Jim: [xmShelter@gmail.com](mailto:xmShelter@gmail.com)

## Ongoing Parish Happenings

**ABILITY XAVIER:** Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact [abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com](mailto: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), [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) (929) 333-5011.

**EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:**  
Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sfxgcgroup@gmail.com)

**HOLY COMMUNION MINISTRY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** Eucharistic Ministers bring Communion to parishioners who are sick, homebound, hospitalized, or in care facilities in local proximity to Xavier. *To arrange visits or to become a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and Homebound*, please contact Nick Grimaldi at [nlgnycc@gmail.com](mailto:nlgnycc@gmail.com). *To arrange for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.*

**INTERFAITH COMMITTEE:** works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact [Xavierinterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:Xavierinterfaith@gmail.com)

**LITURGICAL COMMITTEES:** See website or Contact Luz, [LMDiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:LMDiaz@sfxavier.org)

**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](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

**SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES:** Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Marie Bannister, [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com) or Gerry Moss, [gerrymoss@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com)

**XAVIER ADULT GROUP:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com)

**THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE:** Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

**XAVIER YOGA:** Tuesdays at 6:15pm. Open to all levels. Contact [Ko@nyyogalife.com](mailto: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](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

**ZEN MEDITATION GROUP:** Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com)