



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission*

Feast of The Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 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

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 sfxbulletin@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 18th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Rev. James Miracky, SJ

Sunday, January 19th

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

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jesus Andaluz, Jessica Appel, Stephen Appel, Sr. Frank Bain, Carol Barnes SC, Kathleen Fenton, Kathleen Friel, James Fox, Juan Garcia, Karl Gold, Mary Hannan, Mary Korba, 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:

Maribel Brandi, Crispina Diaz Aquino, Fr. Don Doherty, MM, Frank Faraci, John Gargan, Larry Hooper, Stefania Hurko, William Kawka, Altigracia Quezada, Thomas Morris, Dr. Russell Perry, 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

I was recently asked if the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which we celebrate today was the end of the Christmas Season or the beginning of Ordinary Time to which I replied, "Yes." The celebration of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan is indeed a hinge feast, transitioning us from the celebration of the birth of the Messiah to Jesus' adult active ministry announcing the good news to the people of his time and place.

For most of us the decorations are down and put away and the tree has been put on the sidewalk to be mulched. We are settling in to a new year and decade which promise to be anything but ordinary.

As a people of faith, hope and love we turn first to prayer, as Jesus did immediately after the baptism in the Jordan. Our prayer should be for our leaders. For political leaders to try to heal the wounds of divisiveness which plague us. For Church leaders to bring transparency and healing to the wounds caused by the abuse of vulnerable people. For world leaders to work for healing of our Mother Earth. We pray also for the many people around the world who suffer from unjust conditions.

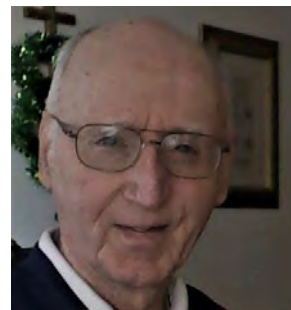
After prayer, with hope and love, we turn to action. No one of us can heal all of the wounds around us or achieve perfect justice and peace, but each can do something. We can become informed citizens as our electoral process moves forward. We can become more actively involved in issues which speak to our hearts. We can resolve to be more kind and forgiving in our daily life. Such acts touch lives and bring healing.

One hundred years ago, in the aftermath of the "War to end all wars," there was an optimism which spawned a decade we called the "Roaring Twenties." Let us work to make this decade a decade when hope was restored and healing begun.

CELEBRATE and ACCELERATE!

That is the theme for this year of anniversaries: the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si' (in May) and the 50th anniversary of Earth Day (April 22), as well as the fifth anniversary of the Global Catholic Climate Movement. If you would like to participate in planning activities for these significant dates, come to the next meeting of the SFX Environment Ministry, **Saturday, Jan. 18**, from 11am to 1 pm in the West Room. For more information, email Nancy Lorence, n.lorence2013@gmail.com, or SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.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.



HOLIDAY HOPE & HEALING CAMPAIGN ROUNDUP!

Donations for the campaign have continued to come in, as mail that was delayed over the holidays arrives. But now we finally have a total and we are excited to share it with you!

The total raised for our annual Holiday Campaign is.....

\$295,635!

This is INCREDIBLE!! Our original goal was \$200,000 and we met that before the end of the year! Last year we raised \$191,309, so this is a 55% increase from last year!

To put this in Mission perspective, \$295,635 is equivalent to:

- 296 families and individuals being saved from eviction and the trauma of homelessness!
 - 130,000 meals at our Welcome Table!
 - 7 years worth of food for our food pantry!
 - Salaries for our entire staff for the year!

We could not do any of this work without you!

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATE: THE ROARING TWENTIES! ANNUAL DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER: SATURDAY MARCH 21st

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 29th 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/>

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, February 14, 6:00 p.m.--9:00 p.m.
West Room

Do you know what Valentine's Day is truly about? Games, games, and more games! So come play with Catholic Lesbians at the 3rd Annual Game Night. Gail Kennon, the hostess and leader for the evening's event, says, "There's sure to be good snacks and laughter and sistership . . . with a dash of competition." BYOCups (cup, utensils, plate, serviette) and a snack or beverage to share. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (929) 333-5011.

RELIGION IN THE MOVIES, PART 2

A historical look at religious films

Thursday, January 16th
West Room at 1:00pm

The Xavier Adult Group invites you to join us for an In-depth look at religion in the movies, part 2 from the mid 1930s to mid 1950s. Roy Schlemme, our movie expert, will show examples of movies with a religious theme and tell us the stories behind them. All are welcome. Popcorn included.



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
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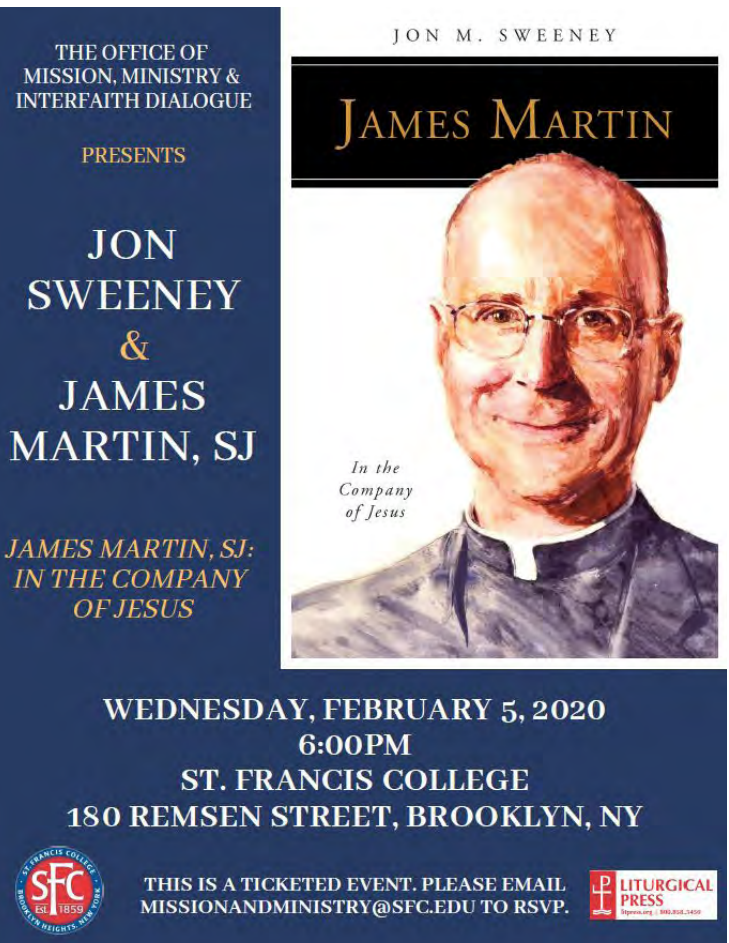
ZEN SPIRIT/CHRISTIAN SPIRIT AT XAVIER

Saturday, January 25th
9:30 am - 4pm West Room

Exploring Silence and Deepening Awareness
A day of teaching, reflection, and meditation

Many Christians have discovered in Zen a profound connection to life. Through the practice of stillness and awareness, we wake to a world of wonder and gratitude for life in all its aspects. This day of meditation and discussion provides an excellent opportunity for both the curious and committed.

Space is limited, please make a reservation by emailing Peggy and Paul Schubert at schubertnyc@gmail.com. A \$20 donation is suggested to cover lunch and refreshments.



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INTERFAITH DIALOGUE
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&
JAMES
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JAMES MARTIN, SJ:
IN THE COMPANY
OF JESUS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020
6:00PM
ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE
180 REMSEN STREET, BROOKLYN, NY
THIS IS A TICKETED EVENT. PLEASE EMAIL
MISSIONANDMINISTRY@SFC.EDU TO RSVP.
LITURGICAL PRESS

Feast of Santo Niño

Saturday, January 18 at 6:30 pm.

St. Francis Xavier Church

46 W 16th St between 5th and 6th avenues



Parishioners from varied nationalities, ethnicities, and races all bring cultural traditions to their interactions.

Let's build inclusion by learning from each other!

Trilingual Mass (*Spanish, Tagalog, & English*)
to celebrate the Feast of Santo Niño.

If you have a statue of the Santo Niño, whatever the size,
please bring it for the procession.

Reception afterward in the Hurtado Hall
a great opportunity to savor the traditional cuisines
of the cultures sponsoring the event.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

FIRST MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sam 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20.

7:45AM MIHEER WALAVALKAR (L)
12:05PM LYDIA SERRANO (D)

FIRST TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sam 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28.

7:45AM FRANK BACCHUS (L)
12:05PM PATRICIA CROFTON (D)

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sam 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39.

7:45AM JAMES B GORRA (D)
12:05PM AL JENNINGS (D)

FIRST THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sam 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45.

7:45AM GULIA KONCZAK (D)
12:05PM ROSALIE CALVE (D)

FRIDAY ~FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY: 1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12.

7:45AM KATARZYNA KONCZAK (D)
12:05PM AVAILABLE

FIRST SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Sam 9:1-4, 17-19; Mark 2:13-17.

12:05PM JULIA DE LA CRUZ (D)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Isa 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; John 1:29-34.

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

**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. *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

LITURGICAL COMMITTEES: See website or
Contact Luz, 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.

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