



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

West 16th Street, NYC • Phone: 212-627-2100 • Fax: 212-675-6997

Mailing Address: 55 West 15th Street, New York, NY 10011-6801
(Wheelchair Accessible 55 West 15th Street - All Masses are Wheelchair Accessible)
E-Mail Address: StFrancisXavier@sfxavier.org • Website: www.sfxavier.org



*“You are the
salt of the earth.
But if salt loses
its taste, with
what can
it be seasoned?”*

*It is no longer
good for anything
but to be thrown
out and trampled
underfoot.*

*You are the light
of the world.”*

-Matthew 5:13-14

*SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Peter Pence*

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 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, February 15th

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

Sunday, February 16th

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

11:30am Mass: Rev. Kenneth Boller, 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, Sr. Frank Bain, Todd Bachmann, Larry Blansky, Christopher Brophy, Kathleen Fenton, Kathleen Friel, James Fox, Juan Garcia, Karl Gold, Mary Hannan, Mary Korba, Manny Lopez, Michael Orza, Sue Rosansky, Tom Rocha III, Jim Schwab, Raymond and Terri Sharpe, Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, Benildo Tengco, Tom Uzzo, Carl Wassmann

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

Mariel Brandi, Crispina Diaz Aquino, John Gargan, Allison Koziol, Esperanza Bautista Macareg, Enrique Mariquez, Dr. Russell Perry, Jose Samson Jr., and Tony White

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

Many thanks to all who participated in and those who organized and supported last Saturday's Ministries Retreat. It was another excellent example of Xavier in action as the group discussed issues of importance and priorities for the year ahead. More will be forthcoming from the Pastoral Council.

I have been away this week on my own retreat. Be assured that I have kept all of you in my prayers.

LEARN ABOUT THE FELDENKRAIS METHOD OF EXERCISE

**Tuesday, February 11th
in the West Room at 1:00pm**

Join the Xavier Adult Group for an introductory lesson to the Feldenkrais method of exercise. Our instructor Peggy Schubert, L.Ac. will describe and show us how this gentle method uses simple, easy movements that bring more flexibility, a greater degree of balance, and can ease pain.

MUSIC GOES GREEN!!!

As you know, we are blessed with a vibrant music ministry under the direction of John Uehlein. So that all may join in the singing, we print copies of the music program each week. We are also making copies of the program available on your mobile devices. Simply open the camera on your phone and hover over the QR code below and a link will appear on the top that will take you to today's music program. Our hope is that a significant number of people will use this paperless alternative and we will be able to reduce the number of copies we print each week. This is an optional alternative. We will continue to print our large format programs for the foreseeable future. Please let us know how this option works for you.



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.



**Sunday, February 16, 2020
6:15pm -7:30pm West Room**

Ah, the joys of dating! Join the Xavier Young Adults as we have an open and frank discussion about dating as Catholics in NYC. From ghosting to hook up culture, dating app fails to power couple goals, we all have a unique perspective to share during the season of Valentines and love. How do we connect to others? What are we looking for? Can our faith help us answer these questions? Come talk to fellow Catholic millennials to find out!



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

**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 gaming tables! Hot dawg!

Cocktails, gaming tables, 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 and sponsorships are now on sale!

Visit www.xaviermission.org

**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/>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SUPPORT IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Each Wednesday evening, St. Francis Xavier hosts hundreds of immigrants and asylum seekers who are seeking assistance through New Sanctuary Coalition's Per Se Legal Clinic. Volunteers are needed to take notes, translate (Spanish to English) and provide childcare. A training for new volunteers is held at 5:30pm each week. All are encouraged to participate in this critical work of mercy and justice. For more info contact Robert Choiniere at rchoiniere@sfxavier.org.

SAVE THE DATES!

A LENTEN CAMINO: WALKING WITH TODAY'S SAINTS

Five Sunday afternoon presentations in Lent
(March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29)

*Reflecting on the lives of: Pope Francis,
Sr. Thea Bowman, Oscar Romero, Dorothy Day &
Jean Vanier.*

*Presenters will be Ken Boller, SJ, Boreta Singleton,
Luz Marina Diaz, Daniel Marshall & Marie
Bannister.*

LET'S WALK TOGETHER!



TEXT TO GIVE:
(646) 681-7010

DELIVER



LISTENING THROUGH LENT

How did the Catholic Church's sex abuse crisis happen? And what, if anything, can we do to help? Hear from experts, advocates, and survivors to learn what the church can do to move forward. Because you can't fix something until you know how it's broken.

Join with other parishioners to listen to and discuss Deliver Us, America Media's podcast on the abuse crisis, along with host and creator Maggi Van Dorn and Sam Sawyer, SJ, who helped produce it.

INTRO: Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 1:30 pm,
Mary Chapel

LENTEN SESSIONS: Sunday, 1:30 pm,
West Room on March 1st, 15th, and 29th.

Get the podcast: americamagazine.org/deliverus


Sponsored by parishioners and the Pastoral Council

To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator at 646-794-2949 or victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure."



Friday, February 14th
6:00pm
Mary Chapel

Notices from Other Places



**SERVANTS OF GOD
AND
PROPHETS OF JOY**


THEA BOWMAN DOROTHY DAY AUGUSTINE TOLTON
NICHOLAS BLACK ELK

An EXHIBIT of PAINTINGS by
BROTHER MICKEY MC GRATH
February 12, 2020 - March 10, 2020
SHEEN CENTER FOR THOUGHT & CULTURE
18 Bleecker St. NYC 10012

OPENING RECEPTION THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH 5:30 to 7:30pm

A visual CELEBRATION of FOUR SAINTLY HEROES FROM THE
MARGINS who lead us in hope to a CHURCH waiting to be born.

Women.
African-American.
Native American.
Rising up to glory.



FORDHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL

*Higher Achievement Program(HAP)
For Rising 8th Graders
June 29th to July 29th*

Application is required
Visit: fordhamprep.org/HAP

Fordham Prep is located on the Rose Hill campus
in the Bronx, adjacent to Fordham University and the
New York Botanical Garden
(718) 367-7500x263
Hap@fordhamprep.org

ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE

Come to the Valentine Party for the Women's
Mental Health Shelter at the Park Avenue
Armory on Saturday morning, February 15th
9:30am to 11:00am. Contact [jeprendergast@
gmail.com](mailto:jeprendergast@gmail.com) if you'd like to bring something for
their Valentine brunch and/or get a song sheet
to sing love songs with the women.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Isa 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Matt 5:13-16

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. SCHOLASTICA:

1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56.

7:45AM RYAN O'SHEA (D)

12:05PM CHIARINA LOFFREDO (D)

FIFTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05PM JOAN M. GOTTSALL (D)

FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23.

7:45AM MACEO ONYANGO (D)

12:05PM LARRY HOOPER &

ANTHONY VERTUCCI (D)

FIFTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30.

7:45AM D. MARISA VERGARA (D)

12:05PM PATRICIA THORMAN-BOGUT (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS:

1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37.

7:45AM TOM RAINONE (D)

12:05PM ENID HITCHMAN-JOHNSON (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. CLAUDE LA COLOMBIERE:

1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10.

12:05PM JAMES BRASSEL (D)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Matt 5:17-37.

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