



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Lev 19:17-18)

*SECOND COLLECTION  
to benefit Music Ministry*

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 23, 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

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Receptionist — 201

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

## Pastoral Council

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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 [sfxbulletin@sfxavier.org](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

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

11:30am Mass: Rev. James Miracky, 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, Todd Bachmann, Larry Blansky, Christopher Brophy, Kathleen Fenton, Kathleen Friel, James Fox, Juan Garcia, Karl Gold, Mary Hannan, Fitsum Kassie, Mary Korba, Manny Lopez, Hector Moran, Michael Orza, Sue Rosansky, Tom Rocha III, Jim Schwab, Raymond and Terri Sharpe, Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, Benildo Tengco, Eliana Melody Thomas, Tom Uzzo, Carl Wassmann*

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

*Mariel Brandi, Crispina Diaz Aquino, John Gargan, Allison Koziol, Esperanza Bautista Macareg, Enrique Mariquez, Nancy Miller, Dr. Russell Perry, Jose Samson Jr., Maryann Sauerzopf, 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

This Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time is our last “ordinary” Sunday until late June. Appropriately, it prepares us for Lent with an exhortation to holiness. The ordinary holiness we are called to is to live in the light of God’s love and grace in our lives. It’s a life of gratitude, of sharing God’s abundant love with others. The challenge for us, in our hectic ordinary lives, is to be aware of the love and the grace.

That’s where Lent can help us. The season of prayer, penance and good works asks us to be more mindful for forty days as we prepare for the Sacred Triduum. Many have regular observances for the season—foods to give up, prayers to say, acts of generosity to engage in. If they are helpful, please continue to do them.

Here at Xavier, we have a variety of programs to choose from. The Environment Ministry has prepared a “Care for Creation 2020 Lenten Calendar” to encourage awareness and environment-friendly activities. The Xavier Players will present “No Greater Love” this Saturday. We have started the podcast/discussion series Deliver Us, in conjunction with America Media to process the abuse crisis in the Church. Various ministries have come together to sponsor Stations of the Cross with different perspectives and emphasizes on Fridays in Lent. We will have a Lenten Camino on five Sundays in Lent from 1:30 to 3:30p. Each will present a contemporary faith leader and offer opportunity for discussion and material for prayer during the week. Bill Cain, S.J. has put together The Diary of Jesus Christ based on a series of talks he gave to the 7:45 mass group a few years ago. That will be on March 22 at 6:30. All of these programs are listed in the bulletin. The offerings are broad. We hope you will find something to engage you in your own Lenten journey.

Two Jesuit websites for your personal prayer are [www.clicktopray.org](http://www.clicktopray.org) and [www.sacredspace.ie/](http://www.sacredspace.ie/). Let us pray for one another during this special season of grace.

### SAVE THE DATES FOR CHORAL CONCERTS

**Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8pm: Cecilia Chorus**  
**Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 8PM: Cantori**  
**In the main church**

*Free tickets available from John Uehlein.*

**THIS  
WEEKEND'S  
MUSIC**



*Scan me*

### Save money! Make the SWITCH!



SWITCH your home electricity to a renewable source!

Renters can do it; co-ops can do it! Even your condo can do it. And you can save money by doing it. It's a win-win: save money and be kinder to the planet. Call it ethical energy, sun power, or God's gift!

Come find out how after the Masses on March 7 and 8. The Environment Ministry and representatives from renewable energy companies will provide information on how to switch and still have ConEd deliver your electricity. Bring your current electric bill to find out how much you can save.



**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

**ANNUAL DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER:  
SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>**



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](http://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/>



# ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

## February 26, 2020



**MASSES WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES:**  
7:45am, 12:05pm, 7:30pm with the choir in the Main Church.

**SERVICES WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES:**  
1:30pm and 6:00pm in the Main Church.

*Ministers available all day imposing ashes in the Main Church.*

The continuing **BELSHAZZAR PROJECT** continues with *The Cecilia Chorus* under the Director of *Mark Shapiro*

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm  
in the Main Church**

*Featuring music and poetry from Handel to rap, from Rossini to Johnny Cash, from Harold Rome to Lord Byron and Emily Dickinson. Featuring actress Kathleen Chalfant*

**COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
SFX DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, JOHN UEHLEIN  
OR AT THE RECEPTION AREA.**

### **LEADERSHIP OF WOMEN: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN VARIOUS FAITH TRADITIONS**

*Event sponsored by The Interfaith Committee,  
Catholic Lesbians and The Women Who Stayed*

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm-8:30pm Mary Chapel**

To celebrate International Women's Day designated by the UN Annually in March, women leaders from Judaism, Islam, Roman Catholic, and Presbyterian traditions will share their personal experiences leading as women.

*The Xavier Company presents*

### **No Greater Love: A Passion Play for the Lenten Season**

**Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**

**WRITTEN BY  
JANEEN STEVENS**

**DIRECTED AND CHOREOGRAPHED BY  
CAROL FERRONE**

**MUSICAL DIRECTION BY  
GERARD De MAN, JR.**

No Greater Love, a vibrant musical drama that celebrates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, will be performed in the sanctuary of churches throughout the tri-state area during the 2020 Lenten Season. Pasqualino Beltempo plays the role of Jesus and Nikki Casseri plays the role of Mary. No Greater Love also features: Benjamin Culpepper, Dorothy Dobkowski, Ashen Falter, Kyle Jack, Brandon Schraml, and Tony Bartoli on percussion. Additional choreography is provided by Rhonda Denise Reid. In a conversation with the director, Fr. Kelly said, "I have reviewed more than 30 Passion Plays around the world. No Greater Love is one of two that I would recommend."

# LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2020

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>:** *"Stations of the Cross for Racial Justice,"* led by the Racial Justice Group

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>:** *"Stations on the Margins,"* led by the Gay Catholics, Ability Xavier, Environment Ministry, Peace and Justice Committee, Prison Ministry, and the Xavier Immigration Initiative

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>:** *"Women at the Heart of Change,"* led by the Catholic Lesbians and The Women Who Stayed

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>:** *"Cries From the Border: Stations of the Cross through the Eyes of the Immigrant,"* written and led by Ann Suriano, Sponsored by the Xavier Company

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>:** *Good Friday Stations of the Cross,* organized by the R.C.I.A. Program

*All Offerings of Stations are on Friday evening at 6:30pm in the Main Church, with the exception of Good Friday, which is at 12:00 Noon in the Main Church.*

## THE DIARY OF JESUS CHRIST

### *a one god show*

The Diary of Jesus Christ has recently been discovered in a cave very near where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Bill Cain, S.J. – writer/producer of the Xavier-based Peabody Award winning TV series *Nothing Sacred* - will be presenting excerpts from his version of *The Diary of Jesus* (with notes on the translation) in two acts on Laetare Sunday – **March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Mary Chapel.**

## 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!

## 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. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:30 pm, Mary Chapel

**LENTEN SESSIONS:** Sunday, 1:30 pm, West Room on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>

**GET THE PODCAST:** [americamagazine.org/deliverus](http://americamagazine.org/deliverus)

*Sponsored by parishioners and the Pastoral Council*

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Matt 5:38-48.

**SEVENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29.

7:45AM EILEEN INGLESBY (D)  
12:05PM JANET DICLERICO (D)

**SEVENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**  
James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM ANTHONY WILLIAM GARGIULO (D)

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Joel 2:12-18; Matt 6:1-6, 16-18.

**THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY:**  
Deut 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25.

7:45AM DERRICK McCLEAN (D)  
12:05PM MARY OILLIETTE (D)

**FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY:**  
Isa 58:1-9a; Matt 9:14-15.

7:45AM FRANK TROTTIE (D)  
12:05PM RUSSELL PERRY (D)

**SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY:**  
Isa 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32.

12:05PM PHILIP BRASSEL (D)

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:**  
Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11.

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 [nlgny@gmail.com](mailto:nlgny@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)