



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Exod 17:3-7

OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, March 17th

One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am in the Mary Chapel. Please use 15th Street entrance.

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Catholic Relief Services

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 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, March 21st

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

Sunday, March 22nd

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

11:30am Mass: Rev. Kenneth Boller, 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.,
Jeanne-Ann Bacote, Todd Bachmann,
Larry Blansky, Frances Cousins, Kathleen Fenton,
Kathleen Friel, James Fox, Juan Garcia,
Mary Hannan, Fitsum Kassie, Mary Korba, Manny Lopez,
Hector Moran, Joshua Pizarro, Michael Orza, Virginia Fabro
Rivera, Tom Rocha III, Jim Schwab,
Raymond and Terri Sharpe, Anne Sheridan,
Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, Eliana Melody Thomas,
Tom Uzzo, Carl Wassmann*

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

*Nadia Agaman, Tony Agaman, Mariel Brandi, John Gargan,
Allison Koziol, Enrique Mariquez, Remedios Mendoza,
Nancy Miller, Dr. Russell Perry, Ann Sixto Rivera,
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

We live in a time of high anxiety and never more so than these days with the corona virus dominating the headlines and mixed messages from the media.

The threat from the virus is real especially for vulnerable populations. People should act prudently and according to the advice of public health officials: wash your hands frequently, avoid touching your face, avoid crowded situations, don't shake hands, sneeze or cough into your elbow. If you are feeling unwell, especially with fever and a cough, you advised to stay home. There is NO obligation to attend mass on Sunday if you are ill.

The situation is ever evolving and changes from day to day so it is important to keep well informed.

Here at Xavier we have suspended the use of the cup for the duration of the threat. We have emptied the holy water font. We ask people to receive the eucharist in their hands rather than on the tongue and to refrain from holding or shaking hands at the kiss of peace or the Our Father.

At present, we intend to continue with the usual sacramental ministry subject to any directives from the Archdiocese or the City to the contrary. Beginning this Sunday, we will livestream the 11:30 mass each Sunday for those who are unable to attend. This will continue throughout Lent. Easter is already scheduled to be livestreamed. We will review the situation after Easter. For those without internet EWTN broadcasts Sunday masses on television.

Our readings for the third Sunday, remind us that God provides us with the graces and helps we need in different times of our life. With confidence in God and prudence in our self-care, we should get through this troubled time.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

NEW AND EXCITING:

Starting this weekend you can contribute to the parish by Venmo. Please see instructions in the bulletin.



GIVE ELECTRONICALLY NOW WITH VENMO!

You can now donate to St. Francis Xavier Church using VENMO!

Find us at: Username: StFrancisXavier-Church
Phone number: 646-596-5696

Remember to add us as a friend to facilitate future donations!

NEW USERS:

1. Download the Venmo mobile app from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Select the 'Sign Up Now' button to create an account. You will be asked to enter your name, email, cell phone number and password. **Note: a verification code is sent to your cellphone as part of the sign-up process.*
3. Add and verify your bank account information.
4. All set! Start donating using Venmo. Find us by scanning the QR code above or by searching for our username or phone number.

If you need assistance with set-up, please contact
Stephanie Fuentes, sfuentes@sfxavier.org, or Damely Tineo, dtineo@sfxavier.org



MUH MUH MUH, MY CORONA!

Ok, that might be a terrible joke but you gotta' laugh at life or else what's the point, right?? ☺

Please check our website at xaviermission.org for Xavier Mission's preparedness plan to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus on our programs.

Unfortunately, due to the coronavirus situation, Xavier Mission has decided to postpone our Roaring 20s Dinner Dance Fundraiser. We will be looking to late May or June to reschedule and will let you know as soon as possible!

For anyone who has already purchased a ticket, you can either hold onto it for the postponed date, or request a refund by emailing cagredo@xaviermission.org.

Despite the postponement of the event, THE AUCTION IS STILL ON! See below for more information and put on your gear for those bidding wars!



GOT THE CORONOVIRUS BLUES? STUCK INSIDE AND NEED A DISTRACTION FROM THE NEWS?

THE XAVIER MISSION ONLINE SILENT AUCTION IS STILL LIVE!

That's right, even though we're postponing the main event, you can keep on bidding from your home or phone or wherever!

AND we're extending the bidding for a week so you've got even more time to win that bidding war you're locked in over your dream vacation!

Check out some of these awesome items:

Tickets to the Mets!
NY Philharmonic Tickets!
Fancy-schmancy home goods!
Cruises to the Bahamas! (Valid for a year, can be used for a post-corona madness vacation!)
Helicopter Tour of Manhattan!
Chess Lesson by a Chess Master!
Gift Cards to Summer Camp!
Tickets to Bon Jovi and Ringo Starr!

And more! Visit our auction page today!

ONLINE AUCTION IS LIVE!
Visit www.xaviermission.org

SAVE THE DATE

AMAZON/EARTH DAY LITURGY WITH IGNATIAN FAMILY

Sunday, April 19th 11:30am Main Church



Celebrate Earth Day and Divine Mercy Sunday with Cardinal Pedro Barreto, S.J. and indigenous leaders from the Amazon Synod.

A special invitation is extended to all Jesuit parishes and institutions to celebrate in solidarity our commitment to our

common home. Mass will be followed by coffee and a question and answer session with our guests.

THIS
WEEKEND'S
MUSIC



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As Lent continues and we seek to live within the limits of our place in creation, be conscious of your use of plastic. More than 8 million tons of plastic are dumped into our oceans every year. Try to give up single-use plastics, “fasting” from commonly discarded items such as water bottles, straws, plastic shopping bags and Styrofoam. For instance, rather than using disposable cups, bring your own coffee cup to work.

Your merchants were the world's important people. By your magic spell all the nations were led astray. (Revelations 18:23)

LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2020

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH: “*Women at the Heart of Change*,” led by the Catholic Lesbians and The Women Who Stayed

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH: “*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 10TH: *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.

A LENTEN CAMINO: WALKING WITH TODAY'S SAINTS

REFLECTING ON THE LIVES AND SPIRITUALITY
OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

MARCH 15: DOROTHY DAY
PRESENTED BY DANIEL MARSHALL

MARCH 22: ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO
PRESENTED BY LUZ MARINA DIAZ

MARCH 29: REFUGEE FAMILIES IN OUR MIDST
PRESENTED BY MARIE BANNISTER & LINDA CHAVEZ

**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 1:30 IN THE
CHURCH. LET'S WALK TOGETHER!**

St. Joseph's Seminary & College presents
"Shepherds Speak on
Immigration Reform & Racism"
Public Lecture, Sunday, April 19, 1:30 pm



Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio
Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn, NY
Speaking on Immigration Reform

Chairman of the Board of the Center for Migration Studies; Member of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.; United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Migration Committee and Migration Policy Institute; Member of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People



Most Rev. Shelton J. Fabre
Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodeaux, LA
Speaking on Racism

Member, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church; Chair, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Subcommittee for African-American Catholics



Schedule

12:30 pm - Doors Open
 1:30 pm - Bishop DiMarzio - Immigration Reform
 2:30 pm - Break - light refreshments
 2:45 pm - Bishop Fabre - On Racism
 3:45 pm - Break - light refreshments
 4:00 pm - "A Conversation with the Shepherds" - Bishop DiMarzio & Bishop Fabre

Please RSVP online by April 13, 2020
 Suggested Donation: \$15.00

For more information and to RSVP,
 visit our website: www.dunwoodie.edu/shepherdsspeak
 201 Seminary Ave., Yonkers, NY 10704 - (914) 968-6200

POSTPONED

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS BELOW
HAVE BEEN POSTONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.

THE DIARY OF JESUS CHRIST
a one god show

March 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Mary Chapel

LISTENING THROUGH LENT

DELIVER US Podcast Gathering

GET THE PODCAST: americamagazine.org/deliverus

Ignatian Volunteer Corps of New York, New Jersey
 & Long Island In celebration of Our 25th Anniversary
 invites you to

A Conversation with James Martin, SJ
"The Vital Role of Lay People in Today's Church"

Wednesday, April 29th 5:00 – 7:30 pm
The Jesuit Garden & Conference Center
 53 East 83rd Street New York, NY 10028
Celebration with Wine

DISTINGUISHED PANELISTS:

Jay Langdon
 Volunteer mentor and Board Chair of Xavier Mission

Barbara Lee
 IVC Member, author and spiritual director

Mary Podesta
 IVC National Board Member, former Senior Counsel –
 Investment Company Institute, Washington, DC

Eric Van Nostrand
 Director at Blackrock, Social Justice Committee Chair
 at St. Ignatius Loyola, former Staff Economist at
 Council of Economic Advisers under Barack Obama

Donation: \$150
Further Information: mfullam@IVCUSA.org
917-959-0928



Sunday, March 15th
6:15 pm - 7:30 pm West Room

In honor of Women's History month, Xavier Young Adults celebrates the lives of saints and holy women who slayed in the history of the church (we're looking at you, Joan of Arc). Hear stories about women of enormous courage who refused to back down from challenges and who continue to be exemplary of lives of great faith.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT:

Exod 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42.

THIRD MONDAY OF LENT:

Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05PM ANE McCAFREY (D)

THIRD TUESDAY OF LENT:

Dan 3:25, 34-43; Matt 18:21-35.

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF LENT:

Deut 4:1, 5-9; Matt 5:17-19.

7:45AM PRESTON PAMEIJER (D)

12:05PM SR. PEGGY WALSH, C.S.J. (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY: 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matt 1:16, 18-21, 24a.

7:45AM JOSEPH ZISA (D)

12:05PM JIMMY PIERRE (D)

THIRD FRIDAY OF LENT:

Hos 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34.

7:45AM VENEL EDOUARD (D)

12:05PM CRIS NIETO (L)

THIRD SATURDAY OF LENT:

Hos 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14.

12:05PM MARK J. RIVERA (D)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:

1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

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