



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Happy
Mother's
Day

*SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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;

Mission Statement



ACCESSIBLE
CONGREGATIONS
C A M P A I G N

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.

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, Judy Cole, Joan Curtin, Dorothy Danzi,
Kathleen Fenton, Kathleen Friel,
Rich Franz, Juan Garcia, Mary Hannan, Fitsum Kassie,
Jamie Keane, Mary Korba, Manny Lopez,
Shirley Strong Lutz, Joyce Maresea, 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, David Von Ancken, Carl Wassmann

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

Richard Baldelli, Frances Cousins,
Elizabeth Grace Earl, Dante Flagello, John Fralick,
Joseph Garcia, John Gargan, James Lily, Teresa Long,
Gigimarie Rosado, Zach Sandstrom, and Jay Williams

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 Sunday we celebrate Mothers' Day in the context of the quarantine and sheltering in place. As with so many "ordinary" events of the last two months, our isolation adds a poignancy to our celebrations. The Gay Catholics group in the parish circulated a request through their email list for folks to share their favorite picture and memory of their mother. It has been quite touching.

In that context I was thinking of my own mother and resilience. The third of four daughters and seventh of ten children, Regina was just about to start junior year of high school when her mother contracted tuberculosis and was sent into isolation for a year. It was the mid-nineteen thirties and the great depression was in full force. Her older sisters had jobs necessary to support the family and so Mom had to take a leave of absence for the year to run the household. She never talked about it much. It was what you did in families in those days.

From my own observation, years later, the experience of that year created a special "glue" in the relationships of the siblings to one another and to her especially. An extra closeness developed which passed on to the next generation and the next as my mother's family continues to get together for an annual Christmas party, now in its sixty-eighth year. Around 110-120 of the cousins show up each year. Adversity, mixed with love and faith, became a source of unity. That is what constitutes resilience.

I think the year of organizing a large family contributed to a sense of equilibrium for nothing seemed too phase her after that. Oh, and by the way, when she resumed school she ran into a dashing ex-Bronxite now commuting to Fordham University from Queens. They dated, fell in love and the rest, as they say, is history.

A Happy and Blessed Mothers' Day to all.

VIRTUAL MASS COMMUNITY

Your are invited to join fellow parishioners in virtual community each Sunday for the live stream mass!

Each Sunday, a Zoom conference will be available for those who wish to join with others for the live stream mass at 11:30 am. The Zoom will open at 11:15 am for some socializing time before the mass. During the mass, the screen will be focused on the live stream. Participants will be able to see one another and share a sign of peace during the mass.

The Zoom link is:

<https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/92250692524>

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH HAS ITS OWN SECTION OF NICHEs AT THE OLD ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL. ON MULBERRY ST IN MANHATTAN. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED THERE ARE ONLY 11 NICHEs LEFT.

Did you know that Cremation is an acceptable form of Christian burial?

Did you know that Cremated remains must be cared for reverently and properly interned in a sacred place?

Did you know that there is only one Catholic Cemetery in Manhattan? It is "The Basilica of Saint Patrick's "Old Cathedral at 263 Mulberry St New York N.Y. Over a century ago due to lack of space the practice of interring on Basilica grounds was suspended and limited to the interment of former Catholic Pastors. The Basilica revised the tradition with the introduction of a Columbarium. Due to the overwhelming demand for the niches in the first outdoor Columbarium, more will be added to the Basilica's historical cemetery, as well as adding many more in the indoor catacombs. Each Columbarium will be hand built by stone artisans and contain niches for the internment of cremated remains. They will fit impeccably into the historic design of the Basilica creating a solemn refuge for the faithful departed and a sanctuary for the bereaved. The urns will be reverently placed inside a secured niche and memorialized with a granite stone face plate on which the names will be meticulously engraved.

For over 200 years the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral has been preparing Catholics for eternity. With the introduction of the Columbaria, they are preparing a sacred and historical place in which to spend it.

THE COST FOR SFX IS \$9,995 FOR THE NICHE WHICH WILL HOLD 2 URNS. THE PRICE IS NOW SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER BUT WILL BE HONORED FOR OUR PARISHIONERS. WITH CORONA VIRUS TAKING SO MANY LIVES IN NYC AND MORE PEOPLE BEING CREMATED THE DEMAND FOR SPACE IS HIGH. IF YOU WANT TO SECURE YOUR NICHE WE NEED YOUR COMMITMENT.

Want more information? Contact Peter Ranello who is a Trustee for St Francis Xavier at [**Peterranello@hotmail.com**](mailto:Peterranello@hotmail.com) directly with your name and phone number to discuss. Peter will help coordinate a meeting at the Old St Patricks Cathedral.



**VIA LUCIS
STATIONS OF LIGHT:
An Easter Retreat**

*The Ignatian Way of Praying the
Post-Resurrection Life of Christ on Earth*

**Fridays of May 8, 15, 22, 29
6:00pm to 7:00pm
Via Zoom**

If you are interested please email
[**lm Diaz@sfxavier.org**](mailto:lm Diaz@sfxavier.org)

PRAYING OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE

Weekly

Daily Mass will be broadcast through the Parish Facebook site at 12:05, Monday through Saturday. The video will be available after the livestream on our Youtube channel.

Sunday Mass will be live-streamed through the Parish website, Facebook and Youtube at 11:30 a.m.

Taize Chant Monday through Saturday 6:30pm and Sunday 5:00pm on the St. Francis Xavier Church Facebook Page Live.

Praying the Rosary is available online Wednesday and Friday at 12:45pm via Zoom. Zoom Link: <https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/241306093?pwd=RTNkSndzd3dVWEE5b0FXZEI0R1RNdz09>

OR CALL: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Breaking Open the Word is online sessions to pray and reflect on Sunday Gospel together with fellow parishioners on Saturday Mornings at 10:00am. Zoom Link: <https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/284137378>

A VIRTUAL RETREAT FOR PENTECOSTAL REFLECTION AND CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER



Join *The Church of St. Francis Xavier Young Adults, Xavier Lay Spirits, and Charis NYC* in a virtual meeting of prayer and fellowship – featuring short talks, communal prayer, and reflection.

Saturday, May 16, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 pm
on Zoom

Register on Eventbrite:
<https://xaviercharis-may16-pentacostalreflectionprayer.eventbrite.com>

A Zoom link will be forwarded

QUESTIONS:

Danielle Marie Nista: sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

Dave de La Fuente: davedelafuente@gmail.com

Rick Raymond: rickraymond@me.com

See our website
www.sfxavier.org for
more Online Praying
Opportunities.

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CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE FUND

Because of restrictions on gatherings, and concerns about social distancing, we have had to close some of our programs and change how others operate.

Our WELCOME TABLE has switched from a sit-down meal to a grab-and-go lunch bag model (which is twice as costly as a sit-down meal). We are making and distributing 1,500 lunch bags each Sunday!

Our FOOD PANTRY has switched from a customer-choice model to a prepackaged bag model. We are also delivering groceries to our senior guests who cannot safely leave their homes.

Our FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM is open to those facing eviction for unpaid back rent, as well as those who may have trouble paying their rent or other bills due to the current coronavirus situation.

Please consider giving to our Coronavirus Response Fund so that we can continue to serve our community throughout this crisis!

impact.xaviermission.org/coronavirus

VOLUNTEER UPDATES

Our deepest thanks to everyone who has reached out and offered to volunteer or assist in some way during this crisis! If you are interested, please consider the following volunteer opportunities:

- Sunday mornings: Sandwich making/lunch bag assembly
- Sunday afternoons: Lunch bag distribution

In order to ensure that we are following social distancing protocols, we are limiting the number of volunteers for each shift. Only those who sign up online will be allowed to volunteer. Please do not show up without registering!

All volunteers must bring a face covering of some kind (mask, bandana, scarf, etc.).

Please check our website at **xaviermission.org/volunteer** to sign up. You can also visit **xaviermission.org/coronavirus** to see Xavier Mission's program updates and a compilation of helpful resources all in one place!

FOLLOW US!

Keep up to date with our programs and our amazing team members who are working hard to continue serving those most in need.



Facebook: facebook.com/XavierMission
Instagram: @XavierMission



Scriptures & Announced Masses

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12.

FIFTH MONDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 14:5-8; John 14:21-26.

FIFTH TUESDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31A.

FIFTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8.

FIFTH THURSDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17.

FIFTH FRIDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17.

FIFTH SATURDAY OF EASTER: Acts 16:1-10;
John 15:18-21.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21.

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 nlgny@gmail.com.
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

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