



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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**Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**

**June 14, 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) —  
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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

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Chair);

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Karen DeMasi; Andrea Foley-Murphy Michelle Jung;

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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.

## 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, Sr. Joan Curtin,  
Dorothy Danzi, Ellen Diurova, 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, Patricia Stella-Rivera,  
Eliana Melody Thomas, Tom Uzzo, David Von  
Ancken, Carl Wassmann

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

Richard Baldelli, Josephine Cavallaro, Jeanne Cibroski,  
Frances Cousins, Elizabeth Grace Earl,  
Fr. James J. Fedigan S.J., Dante Flagello, John Fralick,  
Joseph Garcia, John Gargan, James Lily, Teresa Long,  
Gigimarie Rosado, Zach Sandstrom, William Vericker  
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*

The Feast of Corpus Christi is an especially Catholic feast celebrating, as it does, our belief in the actual presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the Body of Christ. In different times and places, the feast would be the occasion for a great procession through the neighborhood around the local church, the faithful following the monstrance containing the host with prayers and chants of praise. It would conclude back in the church with incense and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

This popular devotion was a sign of genuine piety and brought the local Catholic community together. This year's celebration is stripped of all of the externals, the tangibles. We still cannot gather together to celebrate the Eucharist in person. We still cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ. We have been fasting. Fasting and praying.

For most of us, this time of fasting has heightened our awareness of the gift of the community of faith we form, the gift of the real presence of Christ when we gather together in prayer and praise. We hunger to be back. We long to reconnect. Virtual masses and spiritual communion, though helpful, are not satisfying. Not the real thing.

In the Eucharist, we receive the Body and Blood of Christ and we become the Body of Christ as church, as a people of faith. We are united as sisters and brothers. All are welcome.

As a community of faith, as the Body of Christ, we are wounded when any of us is wounded. We are diminished when anyone dies but, most especially, when one dies senselessly as a victim of violence. We are shocked and appalled when that violence comes from those sworn to protect and defend us.

Over these last two weeks, we have struggled to find an appropriate response that expresses solidarity with the legitimate protests in our streets. We have organized a prayer service last Saturday and will have another one Sunday afternoon at 1:30pm. A group that had been in conversation with the parish of St. Charles Borromeo and St Francis De Sales over issues of racial justice and white supremacy has reconnected and will be planning to help us all work for reconciliation. We have united around a Pledge for Racial Justice. Different ministries within our parish have issued their own statement to join their voice to that of so many in righteous indignation and a call to reform.

In the midst of this, we have a moment of grace. After our ministries retreat in February, we invited each of the ministries to reflect on their experience of bias as the object of it and their own bias toward others. We are all sinners. Graced and forgiven sinners but sinners nonetheless. Our national sin is racism, which has supported the privileged at the expense of the oppressed. This sin has tainted all of us and we have the opportunity to do an Ignatian Examen, an examination of conscience and consciousness with the lens of racism and white privilege. It will not be easy, nor will it be comfortable, but conversion never is.

For the foreseeable future, we will develop programs to help us move from examination to conversion to reconciliation. Together we will work to bring about effective change in our hearts, our church and our world. Let us be guided by the Spirit of Pentecost, nurtured by the Body of Christ to respond to the current tragedies with grace and courage to make a new "normal," a normal when all will recognize the dignity of each as a beloved child of God.



Pope Francis on Climate Change:  
*"Everything is Connected"*

A webinar on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the release of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'*, to discuss its significant contributions, hopes for the future, and call to action.



**Sunday June 14th • 4:00 PM (ET)**

**Dr. Nancy Tuchman**

Founder & Dean, Institute for Sustainability at  
Loyola Chicago

**Dr. Erin Lothes**

Professor of Theology, College of Saint Elizabeth

**Moderator: Br. Kevin Cawley, C.F.C., Ph.D.**

Dir. Thomas Berry Forum for Ecological Dialogue,  
Iona College

Showcasing examples of living *Laudato Si'*:

**Brigid McCabe**, Notre Dame High School  
**Bernie Yozwiak**, Holy Name of Mary Parish,  
Croton-On-Hudson, NY

**Nancy Lorence**, Metro NY Catholic Climate  
Movement

**ZOOM REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/  
WN\\_a6h38cNZRby7BLiAepDK7w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_a6h38cNZRby7BLiAepDK7w)

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St. Francis Xavier Environment Ministry  
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**COMMUNITY PRAYER SERVICE  
FOR RACIAL JUSTICE**

*"Action from Lamentation, Fury and Hope"*



**THIS SUNDAY, June 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 1:30 PM**

**Livestream via our Website &  
our Facebook**

**PRIDE MONTH EVENTS**

**New Ways Ministry Virtual  
Catholic Pride Celebration**

Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

[https://www.newwaysministry.  
org/2020/05/15/virtual-catholic-lgbtqpride-  
event-we-thought-many-are-one-body/](https://www.newwaysministry.org/2020/05/15/virtual-catholic-lgbtqpride-event-we-thought-many-are-one-body/)

**Out at St. Paul's Annual Pride Mass**

Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mass via Facebook Live like our Sunday Mass

[https://www.facebook.com/  
events/272337134121811/](https://www.facebook.com/events/272337134121811/)

**St. Francis of Assisi LGBT Ministry  
Annual Pride Mass**

**via Website and Facebook Live**

Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

<https://stfrancisnyc.org/lgbt-ministry/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisnyc>

# SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS IN TIMES OF PANDEMIC

June 12 from 6 PM to 7 PM

**This Week's Reflection:** How has the virus disrupted your daily life? What are you missing? What are you grateful for in this challenging time?

## **4, 4, 4 Method**

© DIANE M. MILLIS, RE-CREATING A LIFE: LEARNING  
HOW TO TELL OUR MOST LIFE-GIVING STORY  
(BELLEVUE, WA: SDI PRESS, 2019), 170-171.

**Telling:** The focus person shares their story in response to the prompt (up to 4 minutes);

**Responding:** Listeners take turns contributing their responses to one or more of the following (up to 4 minutes):

*How the story stirred the heart. I noticed...*

*Lessons from the story. I appreciated...*

*Questions the story raised for them. I wondered...*

**Retelling:** the focus person describes how they might re-author their narrative in light of listeners' responses (up to 4 minutes);

**Pausing:** Honoring what has been shared (1 minute).

## **Join the Zoom Meeting:**

<https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/99044996261?pwd=dTJFQWhtQlIHSmdIczBLZmZtdFVqQT09>

**Meeting ID: 990 4499 6261**

**Password: 323855**

**or (646) 558-8656**



## **XAVIER MISSION STATEMENT**

Xavier Mission watched in horror and outrage as George Floyd endured nearly nine minutes of torture before his life was snatched away from him. It is profoundly disturbing and shameful that it has taken so long for our collective consciousness to be awakened to the vile realities of racism and police brutality in our country, and to be spurred to action. The knee of America has been pressing down on the necks of black people for centuries, and we stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in demanding that they be allowed to breathe.

Xavier Mission recognizes that each one of us has a story, and that every story deserves and needs to be heard. Creating lasting, meaningful, systemic change requires that we get to know each other. It's much harder to kneel on someone's neck, or call the police on a person just going about their life, when you actually know who they are. George Floyd's story was abruptly ended, in many ways before it had begun. The world has borne witness to what happened to Mr. Floyd. Let us bear witness to who he was as a human being.

George Floyd was a big brother. A beloved friend. A father to a six-year-old daughter. He was a man who loved and needed his mother, right down to the very last seconds of his life. Mr. Floyd wasn't perfect. He made mistakes. He struggled with addiction and spent time in prison. But he was given an opportunity to change, and was trying to make the most of it. After he was released from prison, he moved to Minneapolis to escape his tough surroundings and get a fresh start. He found an organization called Turning Point that helped him find a job. Mr. Floyd dreamt of opening a restaurant called 'Convict Kitchen' with his girlfriend. They planned to staff it with ex-prison inmates — to give formerly incarcerated people such as himself a second chance — and use food available at prison commissaries to make gourmet meals. George Floyd had hopes and dreams. He had people he loved, and people who loved him. His life was valuable, and had meaning. His life mattered.

**Visit [www.xaviermission.org](http://www.xaviermission.org) to read  
Xavier Mission's full statement.**

## 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.

**Xavier Yoga** Tuesdays at 6pm on Zoom.  
Zoom Link: <https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/97816446368?pwd=QlpqVXYxeURzMmFCS3BB-NGhmC2tDQT09>

**Praying the Rosary** is available online Wednesday and Friday at 12:45pm via Zoom. Zoom Link: <https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/241306093?pwd=RTNkSndzd3dVWE5b0FXZEI0R1RNdz09>

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>

## VIRTUAL MASS COMMUNITY

You 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>

THIS  
WEEKEND'S  
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The Xavier Parish is rightly known for its outreach to the needs of the greater community.

It is also true that we want to be responsive to the needs our Parish family.

It is clear that present circumstances are placing additional burdens on all of us. Some of us may find that we are in need of some sort of support - financial, logistical, emotional - as a result.

If you find you, or parishioner you know, could use assistance please feel comfortable to reach out to the Pastoral Council at our email address [pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org).

We will respond and think together with you to figure out how the parish can help you. Be assured that any request will be held in strict confidence.

See our website  
[www.sfxavier.org](http://www.sfxavier.org) for more  
Online Praying Opportunities.



## Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~ SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST: Deut 8: 2-3, 14b -16a; 1 Cor 10: 16-17; John 6:51-58.

ELEVENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42.

ELEVENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Kings 21: 17-29; Matthew 5:43-48.

ELEVENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.

ELEVENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Sir 48: 1-14; Matthew 6:7-15.

FRIDAY~ SOLEMNITY OF MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS: Deut 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16; Matt 11:25-30.

SATURDAY~ MEMORIAL OF IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: 2 Chr 24: 17-25; Luke 2:41-51.

12:05PM: MAEL & ENA RODRIQUEZ (D)

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Jer 20: 10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Matt 10:26-33.

YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.

## 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)

### 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)