



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Season of Creation Month

OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

*One Mass will be celebrated at
9:00am in the Main Church.*

*SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission*

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 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

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur: 10:00am to 4:00pm Fri: 10:00am-1:00pm

Saturday: 11:30am to 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am to 6:00pm

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's Presider Schedule

NEXT SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: John Mulreany, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Patrick Gilger, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Patrick Gilger, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us especially, remember those
who have asked for our prayers

Sari Bartling, Judy Cole, Sr. Joan Curtin,
Dorothy Danzi, Ellen Diurova, Kathleen Friel,
Juan Garcia, Jeanne Grimaldi, The Kamus Family,
Richard Kielar, Mary Korba, Marco Leal Sr.,
Manny Lopez, Joyce Maresea, Hector Moran,
Michael Orza, Anne Sheridan and
Patricia Stella-Rivera

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

Richard Baldelli, David Bays, Paul Begley,
Josephine Cavallaro, Fr. James J. Fedigan S.J.,
Catherine Garbowski, Joseph Gatto, Gloria Landorno,
Hugh Rohrer, Stanley Simon, Elizabeth Walton
Simpson, Billie Tonos and William Vericker

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

In the book of the prophet Ezekiel from this Sunday's reading, we learn that the prophet is charged with correcting the people to help them to change their evil ways. In a similar vein, Jesus tells his disciples that they must correct their brother or sister who sins so that we may win them over to the right way.

That's not an easy charge. First, we must discern what is true. If we are to correct another, it cannot be merely a matter of difference of opinion. We may differ in preferences for music or food or other things-matters of taste or preference. We shouldn't deny truth such as climate change. There is incontrovertible scientific evidence that our planet is warming as a result of human intervention. This has caused polar ice to melt, seas to rise, storms to be more severe. In the last month alone, we have seen raging fires in California BEFORE THE FIRE SEASON BEGINS! The weather service has predicted more hurricanes in our part of the world than ever before.

On September first, we began the Season of Creation for 2020. It is a month of reflection, prayer and action on behalf of Mother Earth. Pope Francis has urged Catholics around the world to be actively engaged in this movement. Here at Xavier we will be offering a number of programs including webinars, prayer services and calls to action. I strongly encourage you to participate, as I will.

In our highly polarized political season, we can get caught up in the passions of one side or another in a debate. We may differ on language but there are truths which must be defended. We recently received a great deal of criticism for our use of the Pledge for Racial Justice at Sunday mass. The truth we proclaim is the inherent dignity and worth of all of God's children and the necessity to strive for equity and justice for all. That has been proclaimed eloquently and forcefully by Church authorities.

If we are to proclaim the inherent dignity and worth of all, we need to be careful how we express ourselves; how we speak with others. We may be upset at someone's seeming insensitivity or even cruelty, but we have no right to denigrate or abuse them ourselves.

St. Paul, in writing to the Ephesians set the tone for Christian living and correcting when he reminded us that we are called "to live the truth with love."



SEASON OF CREATION

As we enter into the Season of Creation, we are aware of the more than 185,000 deaths in the U.S. from the covid-19 virus, and the more than 25 million who have contracted the virus world-wide. We are reminded in this terrible tragedy of the interrelatedness of all things, an important theme in Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* encyclical.

How is covid-19 related to the environment? Human communities have encroached more and more into natural biospheres such as rainforest areas. As we do that, we are in contact with animals that carry viruses that have a very harmful impact on the human population. SARS, MERS, Ebola, Zika and now covid-19 are just a few of the outcomes. We can expect more to come as the climate warms.

We've also seen with global warming that what happens in one country impacts all other countries. We are currently witnessing wildfires in the Russian Arctic caused by the melting tundra's release of stored methane, and 90 to 100-degree temperatures in the Canadian Arctic. We are witnessing another devastating fire season in parched California, and more frequent hurricanes in the south due to warmer ocean surface water. And we are coming to a new awareness of how racial injustice is connected to environmental injustice.

Jubilee for the Earth, this year's theme for the Season of Creation, means giving the planet a rest. In a terrible way, Covid-19 did that for a while. But Covid-19 also laid bare the racial disparities in vulnerability to the virus. Our task is to **not** go back to "normal", but to build a new normal so we can continue to repair, restore and regenerate the earth and our relationship to one another.

ACTION SUGGESTION

In this 5th Anniversary year of *Laudato Si'*, join with other Catholics in signing the Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement's **Declaration of Commitment** to participate in the Jubilee and care for our common home. It's located on the Environment Ministry page of the St. Francis Xavier website: <https://sfxavier.org/environment-ministry>

NOTE: CORRECTED LINK FROM LAST WEEK: WWW.SEASONOFCREATION.ORG



FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM

Registration for the Family Faith Program is open to all children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. For information about the program and to register, visit the website <https://www.xavierfamilyfaith.org/>

Due to the pandemic, we have adopted a family faith model that combines some in-person classes, some home classes, and some events for everyone via zoom on special occasions. Each month, catechists will send parents the lesson plan and activities for the home lessons. In-person classes are limited to three grades at a time each Sunday. This year we will also offer special religious education classes for children in Autism Spectrum. To learn more about special religious education classes, contact *Lori Legano* at lorilegano@gmail.com

CATECHISTS

The program needs catechists. If you are interested in sharing your faith with children and/or adolescents, contact the director of religious education *Luz Marina Diaz* at lmdiaz@sfxavier.org

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, September 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
"Mary Oliver's 'The Other Kingdoms'" via Zoom

"Consider the other kingdoms. The trees, for example, with their mellow-sounding titles: oak, aspen, willow. . . ." We will dive into the inspiring life and poetry of Mary Oliver. This Pulitzer-Prize winner has touched countless readers with her brilliant verse. With her love for the physical world and her deeply spiritual understanding of nature, her work is timeless.

Join us for this discussion. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (929) 333-5011 for the Zoom link.

**RCIA 2020-2021 WILL START ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 FROM
1 PM TO 3 PM IN THE X-CAFE.**

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
(RCIA) is for:**

1. Anyone who has never been baptized.
2. Anyone who has been baptized into another Christian faith and would like to convert to the Roman Catholic faith.
3. Anyone who was baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.
4. Any Catholic who has received all the sacraments but would like to deepen his or her faith by attending the RCIA sessions.

If you want to be part of the RCIA 2020-2021 process please fill out the below form. Due to the pandemic, we are following some policies and practices for social distancing for in-person gatherings at Xavier that will be shared with all RCIA participants.

<https://form.jotform.com/21146349174150>

PART II DISMANTLING RACISM

Tuesday, September 8th 6:00pm via Zoom

Learn how to meditate and reflect on racism on a deeper level. Please bring your open mind and a piece of paper for journaling.

The instruction will end with some community sharing.

This workshop will be led by Ko Im, who leads the Yoga Ministry. She went to Columbia Journalism and has her meditation certification from the Nalanda Institute for Contemplative Science. She is a wellness and mental health advocate.

Co-presented by the Xavier Interfaith and Yoga Ministries

Please rsvp to **Ko** ko@Nyyogalife.com

Registrations are now open for Mass this weekend, September 5th and 6th. Reserve a seat by visiting our website at:

<https://sfxavier.org/news/weekend-mass-sign-up>

DEADLINE ON FRIDAYS AT NOON

OTHER WAYS TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

By email: massreservations@sfxavier.org Send an email with your name, the day and time of the mass, and the number of people who will be coming with you. You can reserve six seats (yourself and five family members.)

By phone: Front Desk at 212-627-2100 ext. 201

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL MASSES.
CHILDREN ABOVE THE AGE OF
2 YEARS OLD ARE ALSO REQUIRED
TO WEAR MASKS.**

THIS WEEKEND'S MUSIC



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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>



*"Grant me O Lord to see everything now with new eyes,
To discern and test the spirits
That help me read the signs of the times,
To relish the things that are yours and to communicate
them to others.*

*Give me the clarity of understanding that you gave
Ignatius. "*

-- Pedro Arrupe, SJ

*Have you been trying to read the signs of the times?
Are you looking for clarity?
Have you felt challenged to see everything in our world
with "new eyes?"*

Developing your relationship with God can help to answer those questions. Speaking with a spiritual director can assist you in exploring those life areas which may need some clarity.

Come to an information session about

- Spiritual Direction
- The Spiritual Exercises (19th Annotation)
- The 18th Annotation Retreat (Advent, Lent and Easter)
- and more!

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH - 1:30PM
ON ZOOM**

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH - 6:30PM
IN ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH**

For more information contact :
Marie Bannister, 917-301-2426,
mariebannister1@gmail.com
Gerry Moss,gerrymoss@gmail.com

Why We Need Your Support, Now More Than Ever

Thank you for your generous support this past fiscal year that ended on August 31st. We know these are challenging times for many parishioners. You should know your continued generosity especially since the COVID-19 crisis began has made a tremendous difference. You might ask, "Does the parish really need my gift? Does my weekly financial contribution make any difference? What are the parish's expenses?" Without your support we simply would not be the vibrant parish community that we are today. Our operating expense budget for the fiscal year that started on September 1st is \$2.42 million. Below is a breakdown of our budgeted expenses and the ways your support is needed and does make an impact. We need your increased financial support in the coming year through your Sunday offertory, maintenance 2nd collection, and Christmas and Easter gifts to ensure we cover these expenses.



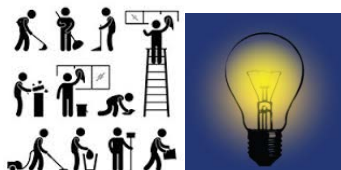
Clergy and Lay Administrative/Maintenance Salary & Benefits: The budget of \$727,626 includes the salary and benefits costs of our two priests, four full-time and seven part-time lay administrative and maintenance employees, and stipends for visiting priests. Benefits include healthcare and retirement costs and payroll-related taxes. Living expenses plus travel and retreat allowances are also included for our priests.

Restoration Loan: The parish borrowed \$6 million in 2009 to fund part of the restoration expenses for the church interior. We will make principal and interest payments of \$324,235 annually until the loan is paid off in March of next year.



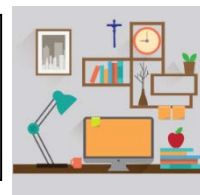
Archdiocesan Assessments: The Archdiocese funds its pastoral and administrative functions through an assessment on all Parishes equal to 8% of revenue. Our assessment this year is \$209,578. We also contribute \$42,423 for the capital needs of the Archdiocese. Additionally, we contribute \$244,000 annually to support elementary schools within the Global Regional School System of the Archdiocese.

Music Ministry: Our budget of \$209,185 funds the salaries and benefits of the Director and Assistant Director of Music, stipends for Cantors, musicians for special liturgies, upkeep of our organ, pianos & hand bells, purchase of music related supplies and equipment, and our Performing Arts at Xavier musical events.



Maintenance, Repairs, and Utilities: Our budget of \$107,500 covers our maintenance and repair expenses of \$62,000 and utilities expenses of \$45,500. Utilities include electricity used for lighting, powering office equipment and air conditioning, steam for heating, and telephone and internet services.

Support Expenses (Non-Salary): Our Support Expenses budget of \$142,500 covers a wide range of expenditures in support of church and back-office operations. These expenses include live streaming of Masses and Lessons and Carols, copier, printing, computer, postage, office supplies, flowers & decorations, liturgical & sacristy supplies, and fees paid to our parish accountant and FaithDirect.



Religious Education and Youth Ministry Program: Our budget includes our Family Faith and RCIA programs and our new Youth Ministry Program. The budget of \$166,916 covers the salary and benefits of our Director of Religious Education, stipends for the Youth Ministry Coordinator, catechists and guest speakers, books & supplies, and other program costs.

Insurance: To minimize any financial loss from a property damage or liability claim we purchase a wide variety of insurance policies. Our budget of \$85,000 includes the costs of our property, flood, earthquake, liability, employee dishonesty & crime, and equipment breakdown policies in addition to the retainer paid to our insurance consultant.



Other Program Expenses: The budget of \$144,400 includes expenses not covered above such as parish and special events, food & beverages, Stewardship Program, stipends for guest speakers and charitable contributions to other organizations.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Matt 18:15-20.

TWENTY THIRD MONDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11.

TUESDAY~FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Mic 5:1-4a;
Rom 8:28-30; Matt 1:1-16, 18-23.

7:45AM: GEORGE WITT, S.J. (L)
12:05PM: JACK REBAS (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. PETER CLAVER:
1 Cor 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE
BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM: FR. JOHN BUCKI, S.J. (D)

TWENTY THIRD THURSDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6:27-38.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: BARBARA ROBIDOUX-SHIENER
(D)

TWENTY THIRD FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: REGINALD & MARGARET
OSBORNE (D)

TWENTY THIRD SATURDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Luke 6: 43-49.
12:05PM: AVAILABLE

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Sir 27:30-28:9; Rom 14:7-9; Matt 18:21-35.

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

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. 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

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