



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 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) —
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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

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: John Mulreany, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Sari Bartling, Robert & Dolores Castle, Judy Cole,
Sr. Joan Curtin, Dorothy Danzi, Ellen Diurova,
Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia, Ellen Gatto,
Jeanne Grimaldi, Jane Jacobus, The Kamus Family,
Richard Kielar, Mary Korba, Marco Leal Sr.,
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,
Br. Tom Caldwell, Don Casey, Josephine Cavallaro,
Fr. James J. Fedigan S.J., Catherine Garbowski, Joseph
Gatto, Gloria Landorno, Hugh Rohrer, Stanley Simon,
Elizabeth Walton Sympson, 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

The Gospel for Sunday reminds us that our loving God continues to invite us to work in the vineyard, coming back time and again, waiting for us to respond. With the backdrop of the *Season of Creation*, and looking at the images of destruction from the wildfires in the West and the hurricane driven floods in the South, I cannot help but hear the call of the God of Creation to work for healing for our planet.

I think most of us have made efforts to reduce our carbon footprint in recent years but clearly, we have not done enough individually or as a society. Our SFX Environment Ministry, in conjunction with Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement, continues to offer opportunities to learn more about the environmental impact of our patterns of daily life as well as public policy initiatives which can have greater, longer lasting impact.

It's not too late to hear the call and respond generously.

It goes without saying that two actions which demand our attention at the moment are **Census 2020** and the upcoming election. Please be sure to be counted and make a prudent determination to vote by mail or in person. Neither party or candidate gets a perfect score in the light of Catholic Social teaching. Each of us must weigh the balance of all the issues involved and decide on the better rather than the perfect choice.

Let us be informed. Let us prayerfully discern. Let us act.

OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE

Weekly

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

Xavier Yoga Tuesdays at 6pm on Zoom.
Zoom Link: <https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/97816446368?pwd=OlpqVXYxeURzZmFCS3BB-NGhmc2tDQT09>

Praying the Rosary is available online Wednesday 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 are 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>



**SFX MASKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
FOR SALE. COST OF OUR MASKS
ARE \$12. SEE OUR FRONT DESK
ON 15TH STREET ENTRANCE.**



SEASON OF CREATION

“...we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.” -Pope Francis, Laudato Si’

How does Care for Creation relate to the racial equity movement?

The environmental movement has largely been perceived to be a concern of white, middle class folks. Yet there is a whole parallel movement called the environmental justice movement which started in the context of the Civil Right Movement. In the 1980’s, Black and Brown communities started becoming aware of the harmful effects on their health of toxic landfills placed in their neighborhoods. And they began to ask why they had been located there in the first place.

Today, low wealth communities and communities of color still struggle for clean air and clean water in their communities, which pits them against NIMBY neighborhoods in some cases, and powerful corporate or government interests in other cases in spite of mandated environmental impact reviews.

It is no coincidence that the Bronx is the country’s capital for childhood asthma; the now-closed incinerator for burning the city’s garbage operated for years in the low-income neighborhoods made up mostly of people of color with little political voice.

It was no coincidence that the Dakota Access Pipeline’s initial plan was to build it further south through a white community, but because of opposition, it was rerouted through Native American land, threatening their water.

And it is no coincidence that people in low wealth communities and communities of color have had a more difficult time rebounding from the impact of Hurricane Sandy that happened here seven years ago.

Climate change is already happening in our country and around the world. As it worsens, communities of color and low wealth will have fewer resources to deal with the impacts, so many of the so-called EJ organizations are trying to build resiliency in their communities.

Laudato Si’ calls on us to support their efforts. That might mean helping to prevent urban pipelines from going through their neighborhoods or supporting tree-planting in their communities to mitigate increasingly hot summers. But the key word is “support”, following their initiative.

WE ACT, West Harlem Environmental Action, New York’s first environmental justice organization, was created to improve environmental and health quality in communities of color by empowering the community to become a vocal, informed, and proactive force. We are called to be allies of WE ACT and similar organizations...allies for environmental justice.

The background of the entire page is a light-colored wood grain. It is decorated with various autumn-themed elements: several large and small maple leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow are scattered around the edges. There are also two pumpkins, one on the left and one on the right, both in bright orange with green stems. The text is centered on the page.

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SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS ON RACE, RACISM AND RACIAL JUSTICE

Autumn Sessions

Fridays from 7 pm to 8 pm via Zoom

October 9, 16, 23 & 30

November 6, 13 & 20

Participants will receive weekly emails with information and questions on race, racism, and racial justice to ponder at home to prepare for the Zoom conversations. We will engage in an hour of weekly safe, inclusive, and respectful Zoom conversations by sharing the fruits of our reflections and insights.

We will use the Ignatian Three Rounds Conversation Method.

To participate in these conversations, contact Luz Marina Diaz at lmdiaz@sfxavier.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 lm Diaz@sfxavier.org

**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>

XAVIER SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Family Faith Program is for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students. Each catechetical session provides inclusive education for children with different learning and developmental abilities. Last year we realized that there are students with intellectual and developmental differences who will benefit better to receive catechetical sessions separately. Therefore, we are starting a Special Religious Education class this fall. Xavier Special Religious Education will respond to the needs of individuals on the Autism Spectrum and Down Syndrome by sharing our faith with them and preparing them to receive the sacraments. To inquire about Special Religious Education and learn if your child will benefit from this class, please contact *Lori Legano* at lorilegano@gmail.com. For other questions about the Family Faith Program, please contact *Luz Marina Diaz* at lm Diaz@sfxavier.org.

Registrations are now open for Mass this weekend, September 19th and 20th. 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



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>

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

**Friday, October 9, 2020, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Astrology, the Church, and The Little Prince**

"People have stars, but they aren't the same." The Little Prince by Antoine De Saint-Exupery explores the way we assign meaning to life. People have assigned many meanings to stars from the Ancients to the present day, and the Catholic Church is no exception. Danielle Nista will explore the spiritual connections between astrology, the Church, and The Little Prince, focusing on how we assign meaning to God's creation. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (929) 333-5011 for the Zoom link.

THREE E-GIVING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT XAVIER ANYTIME

Faith Direct: Support any collection or make a one-time gift from your checking account or credit card. To enroll go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/NY406>



Venmo: Find us at Username: StFrancisXavier-Church or Phone number: 646-596-5696. For new users download the Venmo mobile app to create an account.

Text to Give: Text any dollar amount to (646)-681-7010 and complete the one-time registration to enroll.



To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or victimsassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Isa 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Matt 20:1-16a.

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Matt 9:9-13.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: SERGIO ALVAREZ ESPINA (D)

TWENTY FIFTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; John 8:19-21.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE
BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM: GREGORY P. NEIDERMAN, SR. (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF STS. PIUS OF
PIETRELCINA: Prov 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: MARGARET MEEHAN (D)

TWENTY FIFTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Eccles 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: FRANK TORTORA (D)

TWENTY FIFTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Eccles 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: ANNA DOROTHY GREYTAK (D)

TWENTY FIFTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Eccles 11:9-12:8; Luke 9:43b-45.

12:05PM: CATHERINE CARROLL (D)

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Matt 21:28-32.

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