



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4, 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.

OFFICE HOURS

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

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: Samuel Sawyer, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

11:30 am Mass: John Mulreany, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Sari Bartling, Brian Becker, 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, Paul Marshall, Hector Moran, Michael
Orza,
Brian Scott, Anne Sheridan, Patricia Stella-Rivera and
Eleanor Sundaram

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved
departed parishoners 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, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Gloria Landorno,
Hugh Rohrer, Stanley Simon,
Elizabeth Walton Sympton, 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

This weekend marks the formal close of the Season of Creation celebration. We are very grateful to Nancy Lorence and the members of the Environment Ministry for their efforts to inform and engage us in reflection on the various threats to Mother Earth and invite us to take action to preserve and protect our planet. The formal end of the celebration isn't the end of our efforts and, I'm sure, we will be alerted to opportunities to take action at appropriate times.

Last weekend we celebrated Catechetical Sunday and welcomed the children from pre-k through third grade to Family Faith. As part of their blended learning program this year, each grade will be in-person once a month and remote for the other three weeks. No more than half the grades will be present at a time so we will have some children twice a month.

RCIA welcomed eleven candidates to the beginning of this year's program.

I hope most of you have received your voting instructions. I found the new "voter's tag" interesting. Hopefully it will expedite in person voting. Personally, I will explore the opportunity to vote early. Whether you choose to vote in person or by mail. PLEASE VOTE.

The Pastoral Council met for its annual retreat last weekend. Among the new initiatives this year: two members of the Council will be in touch with ministry leaders to discuss how we can support your efforts in this pandemic environment; we hope to offer a Prayer Service on a Civic Examen on **October 18th**. The Pastoral Council will also sponsor a Town Hall meeting both in person and through Zoom on **Monday, November 9**. The topic: Our Life Together. Stay tuned for further information.

Christian Life Communities (CLCs) are small faith groups who come together regularly in prayer, support and service rooted in the Ignatian tradition of mission and discernment. Xavier currently has one CLC group which is open to new members. An information session will be offered for all who might be interested in learning more.



An Information Session will be held via Zoom on **Sunday, October 18 at 1:00pm** and a second session will be held on **Monday, October 19 at 7:00pm**.

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

Please contact *Bob Choiniere* for information – [**rchoiniere@sfxavier.org**](mailto:rchoiniere@sfxavier.org)



The Music Ministries of the Church of St. Francis Xavier present

THE URGENT CALL:

Love Goodness, Love God

Featuring music performed by
the *St. Francis Xavier Choir* and *Xavier Players*
under the musical direction of John Uehlein

Readings presented by
Ann Harris-Jacobs, Elizabeth Jones
Roberto Gutierrez, Ko Im and Frank Cappucci

Dance by Luz Marina Diaz
Choreography by Stefano Nappi

Production by Joel Dabu

To access the program, visit:
[YouTube.com/SFXChurchNYC](https://www.youtube.com/SFXChurchNYC)

Streaming live on
Sunday, October 4, 2020
at 7:00 p.m.



SEASON OF CREATION

Currently, the Global Catholic Climate Movement, GCCM, posts on its website an article, 10 saints whose care for creation still inspires us today. For some of the saints listed, it meant simply appreciating the beauty of God's creation about them (St. Therese of Lisieux). For others, it meant doing no harm to animals and being a vegetarian (St. Philip Neri). For others, it meant raising their voice in praise of God's creation and calling us to be co-creators (St. Hildegard) or raising their voice in alarm at the degradation of the world's environment and calling us to care (St. John Paul II). And for St. Francis of Assisi, the patron of ecology whose feast day we celebrate this Sunday, it meant showing us *"how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and inner peace"* (LS 10). Pope Francis calls us to follow their examples.

We can add our names to the list, maybe not as saints, but as people of faith who care for creation in a saintly way. As we close this Season of Creation, let's take a look at the beauty around us. Think about what actions we can take personally to give more life to the environment or reduce harm to it. And consider how we might use our voice to protect our Common Home.

Here is a way to solidify that commitment. The Environment Ministry, as part of Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement, invites you to sign the Declaration of Commitment for this 5th Anniversary Year of Laudato Si'. For this anniversary, Pope Francis is asking us to do more. Let's start by joining other Catholics in making a commitment to participate in restoring the earth! Or at least our little part of it!

RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT

DURING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE YEAR OF LAUDATO SI'

I/WE PRAYERFULLY COMMIT TO JOIN WITH OTHERS TO:

ADOPT PRACTICES that help us embrace ecological conversion and increase our appreciation of integral ecology by caring for the earth and caring for the poor.

TAKE SABBATH TIME, alone and with others, to experience the awe, wonder and beauty of God's Creation and to reflect on what kind of world the next generation will inherit from us.

REDUCE MY PERSONAL CARBON FOOTPRINT by reducing my use of fossil fuel-generated electricity, heating/cooling, and transportation, and to simplify my consumption patterns.

BE IN SOLIDARITY with those already affected by climate change by advocating for policy changes to reduce our collective carbon footprint, especially our reliance on fossil fuels..

SHARE THIS Metro NY CCM Declaration with others and invite them to join with Pope Francis during this 5th Anniversary year by taking action to care for our common home.

June 2020 - June 2021: A Jubilee Year to Celebrate & Accelerate, Repair & Renew!

We invite you to sign this pledge, as an individual or group, visit www.sfxavier.org for the link.

The background of the entire poster 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 and uses a mix of bold sans-serif and elegant script fonts.

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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

Registrations are now open for Mass this weekend, September 26th and 27th. 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>

6th Annual HARLEM MARCH & Interfaith Day of Prayer to End Violent Loss in Our Community

FAITH & ACTION

Saturday, October 3rd,

Do you want to see an END to VIOLENT Loss in Our Community? Please join us. Bring your Organization Banners, Bring Pictures of those who were lost.

A CALL TO PRAYER

**To march, please join us. Leaving at 10:15 AM
St. Charles Borromeo**

(211 West 141st St. between Adam C. Powell and Frederick Douglas Blvd.)

Outdoor prayer continues at 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Center

(34 West 134th Street entrance @ Lenox Terrace Place 135th Street

Between Lenox and 5th Avenue)

(Limited seating available)

Sponsored by Parish of St. Charles Borromeo, Resurrection & All Saints

Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Center, Catholic Charities Community Center,

St. Charles Borromeo

Church/Resurrection/All Saints (SCBRA)'s Eucharistic Ministry, Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, Harlem Mothers S.A.V.E., Office of Black Ministry, The Lazarus Project, St. Aloysius Church, St. Joseph Of

The Holy Family Church, Street Corner Resources, Franciscan Action Network / NYC Franciscan Solidarity Table,

Association of Black Social Workers, NYC Chapter, St. Charles Health Ministry, NYC Mayor's Center for Faith &

Community Partnerships, National Action Network, The Riverside Church, Women of Faith, Solid Ground Ministry

Social Justice Committee – Anti-violence Project

<https://www.facebook.com/onecommunityharlem/>

Event will be livestreamed

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.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Isa 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Matt 21:33-43.

TWENTY SEVENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Gal 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37.

7:45AM: JOSEPH & ANNA GREYTAK (D)
12:05PM: MARTHA KAECK (D)

TWENTY SEVENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Gal 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE
BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM: MARY ADAMSON (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF OUR LADY OF
ROSARY: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: ALISON RAMOS (D)

TWENTY SEVENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Gal 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13.

7:45AM: RONALD J. PIERRO
12:05PM: CAROL DOURIS (D)

TWENTY SEVENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Gal 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: JAMES BANKS (D)

TWENTY SEVENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Gal 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28.

12:05PM: GLORIA LANDORNO (D)

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Isa 25:6-10a ; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Matt 22:1-14.

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