

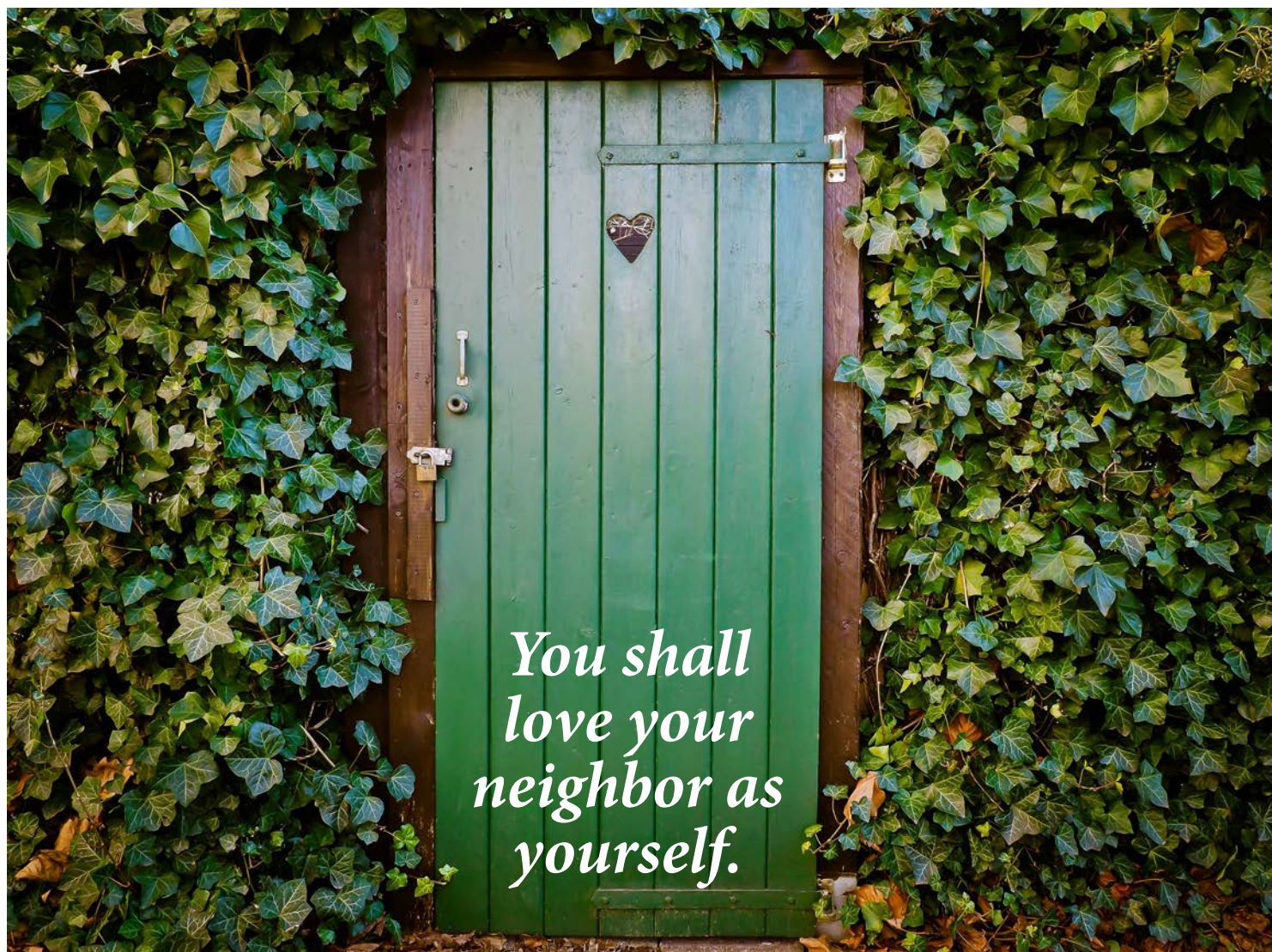


CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*You shall
love your
neighbor as
yourself.*

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 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.

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: Thomas Feely, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: James Miracky, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: Samuel Sawyer, 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, James Held, Dr. Deborah Hoyle,
Jane Jacobus, The Kamus Family, Richard Kielar,
Davida Kilgore, Mary Korba, Joyce Maresea,
Paul Marshall, Hector Moran, Michael Orza,
Teresa Pucciarelli, 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 Sympson, Billie Tonos,
Kim Townsend 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 Desk of the Pastor

"You shall not oppress or afflict the resident alien, for you were once aliens..." Exodus 22:20.

These opening words from our first reading this Sunday direct the people of Israel on how to treat the immigrants in their midst, motivating them to remember their history. Although these words were written down about 2600 years ago, the admonition and the motivation still apply in our day and age.

The directive is not just a theological reflection of the commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves, it calls for us to identify with the immigrant as well as the widow and the orphan in light of our common human experience. Everyone living in the United States is descendant from immigrants, even our indigenous tribes have roots in Asia before crossing over to the Americas. Despite this we have a long and shameful history in this country of denigrating the other, those who look and sound different than we do. Sometimes it comes from the very human frustration of not understanding or being understood. I recall an exchange with my mother years ago. She complained, "Why can't they all learn English?" I pointed out that, according to my uncle, my German paternal grandmother spoke little or no English despite living in this country for forty years.

In the lead up to election day our differences and disagreements are highlighted and intensified in the name of partisan politics. Let us pray for healing in our country. Let us pray for empathy. Let us recall that we are all immigrants in this land of opportunity, sisters and brothers, children of a God who loves each one of us.

REMEMBER XAVIER IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

Over the years, the estate gifts received by Xavier have helped us continue to operate as a welcoming community and place of worship. October is National Estate Planning Awareness Month — a perfect opportunity to begin creating your will or trust. Everyone should have an estate plan in place to protect what you worked so hard for and so you can document the legacy you wish to leave behind for your family, your friends, and the charities you love. Already have a will or trust? Although a well-drawn will or trust provides for certain changes, professionals still advise that you review yours every three to five years. Events that should prompt a review include changes in your family situation, moving to a new state, changes in the value of your estate, changes in tax law, and changes in your charitable giving goals. Please consider a gift to Xavier in your estate planning. Please contact the Parish office if you have any questions.

A CALL FOR XAVIER'S VOICES OF COLOR

Among Xavier's blessings is a rich community of people of color whose experiences of life and faith are integral to the Xavier mission. This is a call for the formation of a group to give expression to these many voices - a Multi-Racial Team for Social and Economic Justice comprised of Xavier's people of color. One project we will undertake is to build an oral history remembrance archive to give lasting historic voice to our individual and collective experiences as people of color in New York. Once we gather, this will be a springboard for other efforts. If interested, please contact *Lynda Stewart-Kennedy* at multiracialteam@sfxavier.org.



Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead) is upon us once again. It begins on October 31st, followed by November 1st (All Saints Day), and ends on November 2nd (All Souls Day). This year will be our third year of celebrating the rich Mexican catholic tradition of honoring our beloved dead with the building of the traditional Día de Muertos altar; ofrenda (offering). We invite you to join in the time-honored tradition of remembering those who have died by bringing in a photo of your loved ones... pets included. They will be incorporated into this year's altar. Feel free to bring in your photos and leave them in the bowl on the table of the altar of the dead.

The COVID-19 protocol of the Altar of the Dead is as follows.

1. Bring a copy of pictures, no originals. Due to the pandemic, all paper materials must be thrown away, which will be done with reverence and prayer. Use hand sanitizer before and after placing pictures.
2. No more than 6 people are allowed in the sanctuary, placing photos into the bowl and praying before the altar. Please keep six feet separation in all directions.
3. Do not place objects nor candles on the altar of the dead.
4. Do not place or touch any object on the altar.
5. Wear a mask all time.

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES FINDING CHRIST IN THE WORLD 18TH ANNOTATION

*A Twelve Week Ignatian Retreat in Everyday Life
Advent – Lent – Resurrection*

The 18th Annotation is the shorter form of the Spiritual Exercises. The purpose of the retreat is to find God in your everyday life through prayer and reflection. There will be 2 weekly group meetings with sharing on Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, in person at Xavier and also on Zoom.

This retreat has a workbook with daily scripture, writings and questions for reflection, prayer and journaling. The introductory meeting will be November 22 on Zoom at 6:30pm. The first gathering is Wednesday, December 2 for both groups.

- Registration deadline is November 2
- Suggested donation for the workbook \$40.00

To register or questions, contact
Marie Bannister mariebannister1@gmail.com (917 301 2426)
or Gerry Moss gerrymoss@gmail.com

Stewardship News

In this most challenging and unusual year we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support Xavier throughout the year. We're grateful for your financial support of our live streaming of masses. We also welcome the 329 donors this year who took advantage of e-giving using Venmo, that we introduced in March, to support the parish.

We are pleased to present the preliminary financial results for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2020. The Statement of Activities summarizes revenues and expenditures for last year compared to budget and the budget for the new fiscal year that started September 1st. Our final financial results will be included in our 2020 Annual Report that is planned for distribution on Thanksgiving weekend. We finished the year with an operating surplus of \$277,441 that does not include the \$283,239 in capital expenditures for exterior repairs to our former elementary school on 17th Street. The favorable results versus budget were due primarily to increased income from Donations & Bequests and the Sunday Collection offset by higher than budgeted expenses.

Although we are budgeting a \$181,487 operating surplus this year, we also are planning on \$1.1million in capital expenditures this year to complete the repairs at 17th Street and to renovate the elevator at the 15th entrance to the church. Our cash reserves and this year's budgeted surplus will be the primary source to fund these capital projects. As we reopen the church and resume public masses, Family Faith and other programs we still rely on your generous support in the coming year through your Sunday offertory, maintenance 2nd collection, and Christmas and Easter gifts to help ensure we cover our operating expenses and capital expenditures.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year ending August 31st

	Actual 2019/20	Budget 2019/20	Difference	Budget 2020/21
Revenue	\$ 2,883,806	\$ 2,654,700	\$ 229,106	\$ 2,597,150
Expenses	\$ 2,606,365	\$ 2,494,929	\$ 111,436	\$ 2,415,663
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 277,441	\$ 159,771	\$ 117,670	\$ 181,487
Major Revenue Sources				
Sunday Collections	\$ 877,893	\$ 805,000	\$ 72,893	\$ 770,000
Rental Income	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ -	\$ 1,332,500
Donations and Bequests	\$ 230,322	\$ 104,000	\$ 126,322	\$ 103,000
Weddings	\$ 88,290	\$ 90,000	\$ (1,710)	\$ 65,000
Christmas	\$ 90,353	\$ 75,000	\$ 15,353	\$ 72,000
Easter	\$ 58,374	\$ 54,000	\$ 4,374	\$ 54,000
Maintenance Collections	\$ 63,979	\$ 66,000	\$ (2,021)	\$ 62,000
Votive Candles	\$ 19,083	\$ 27,000	\$ (7,917)	\$ 27,000
Flowers	\$ 14,875	\$ 13,000	\$ 1,875	\$ 15,000

	2020	2019
Capital Expenditures not included in Statement of Activities	\$283,239	\$37,981
As of August 31st the parish had cash balances and investments as follows:		
Cash and Money Market Funds	\$1,060,122	\$1,075,090
Capital Improvement Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
As of August 31st the parish had the following receivables:		
	\$0	\$0
As of August 31st the parish had the following obligations:		
Restoration Loan	\$320,270	\$848,343
Archdiocesan Loan	\$131,200	\$131,200
Archdiocese Invoice & Collections	\$1,646	\$2,054
Vendors and Service Providers	\$54,556	\$8,494
Parish Organizations	\$13,505	\$20,319
Donors Contributing to the Sunday Collection using FaithDirect:	511	451
Percentage of the Sunday Collection from FaithDirect:	56.0%	52.7%

Capital Improvement Fund established in 2019 to fund future repairs at 17th St. location and church.

Carrying the Gospel of Freedom: integrating spirituality and racial justice

October 29th at 7:00 PM

Church of Saint Francis Xavier

Zoom link:

<https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/94987601341?pwd=alNyQVVOeTBZ0liZk1tVlFqOXVTdz09>

Featuring performances by the Xavier Company:

Gil Pritchett, III*, Rhonda Denise Reid, Kyle Jack, Ann Suriano (soloists) Pasqualino Beltempo, Benjamin Culpepper, Nikki Casseri*

Dorothy Dobkowski, Brandon Schraml*, Rebekah Rawhouser

Carol Ferrone, Director

Gerard DeMan, Music Director

*courtesy of Actors Equity Association

Responders:

Michael Termini, PsyD

President of the Cooke School and Institute

Ann Harris-Jacobs, PhD

Music minister, spiritual director and member of the Social Justice Committee

“Just as the apostle Paul left his village of Tarsus and carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to the far corners of the Greco Roman world, so I am compelled to carry the gospel of freedom beyond my home town. “

“Letter from the Birmingham Jail” The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. April 16, 1963

Sponsored by the Xavier Company

For further information contact:

thexaviercompany@gmail.com

Keynote address:

The Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor



The Rev. Dien Ashley Taylor, Ph.D. is the Pastor of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in The Bronx, New York. He also serves as the First Vice-President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Atlantic District (eastern New York State) and the LCMS President’s Voting Representative to the Board for National Mission. He holds a PhD in religious education from Fordham University, is an adjunct instructor for theology and education at Concordia College, New York and has served as an adjunct instructor for both LCMS seminaries. He has served as a circuit visitor, a vacancy pastor, a congregational revitalization leader, and the chairperson of the board of regents of a college. As a national and international presenter, he has designed worship services, preached, taught, lectured, and led music for many gatherings in diverse settings.

PARISH TOWN HALL LIFE IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Please join us on **Monday, November 9 at 7:00pm**. To share reflections on how our parish can meet your spiritual needs during these turbulent times. Information on the format - in person and/or Zoom to follow.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, November 13th 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Remembering Transgender Lives

"whoever you are, however you are, you are equally valid, equally justified, and equally beautiful."

--Juno Dawson

Join us for a two-part evening: a time of prayer, led by Tess, commemorating Transgender Day of Remembrance, followed by a presentation on queer and transgender culture in precolonial Philippines by Natasha, based on Stuart A. Schlegel's Wisdom from a Rainforest: The Spiritual Journey of an Anthropologist. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (929) 333-5011 for the Zoom link.

Registrations are now open for Mass this weekend, October 24th and 25th. 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.



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

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
MUSIC**



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WEDNESDAYS 6:00-9:00 PM
OCTOBER 28TH -DECEMBER 16TH
REGISTER @ LBSTUDIO@LOURDESBERNARD.COM

"LEARN ART BY HEART"

VIRTUAL DRAWING CLASS TAUGHT VIA ZOOM
USING PADLET
WITH ARTIST & EDUCATOR
LOURDES BERNARD

“P L O R K”

IS THE “ONE RESPONSIBLE ACT NECESSARY FOR HUMAN
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WHEN WORK AND PLAY ARE ONE.”

WE WILL LEARN TO FREE THE CREATIVE
SPIRIT WITH THE JOYFUL TEACHINGS OF
POP ARTIST

SISTER CORITA KENT

8 WEEKS TUITION : \$600.00

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Exod 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5c-10; Matt 22:34-40.

THIRTIETH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Eph 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17.

7:45AM: TIM PURCELL (D)
12:05PM: HELEN GORRA (D)

THIRTIETH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Eph 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE
BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM: MICHAEL DEMPSEY (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF STS. SIMON AND
JUDE: Eph 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: THOMAS MANNO (D)

THIRTIETH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Eph 6:10-20; Luke 13:31-35.

7:45AM: ULEP & JAVIER FAMILY
12:05PM: DOLORES SCHNIEDER (D)

THIRTIETH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Phil
1:1-11; Luke 14:1-6.

7:45AM: ULDARICO SANTISTEBAN (D)
12:05PM: ANNE DONNELLY (L)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSUS
RODRIGUEZ: Phil 1:18b-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11.

12:05PM: CAROL BARBARA DOURIS (D)

SUNDAY~FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:
Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12a.

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

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

XAVIER YOUTH MINISTRY: Social, service, and spiritual community for post-confirmation youth through 12th grade. Activities about twice a month September - June. Contact Philip Waldrop at youthministry@sfxavier.org.

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