



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Mary's Annunciation by Owen Barbagallo (4th grade Family Faith Program and Hospitality Minister)

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask of God in my name may be given you. This is what I command you: love one another. (John 15: 16-17)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2015

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 Handicapped Accessible)

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 1:00 to 2:00 in the Main Church
confessional or by appointment with one of the priests.

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. Joseph Marina, S.J. (Pastor) — 204

Cassandra L. Agredo (Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207

Jacqueline Falco (Parish Manager) — 221

Rev. Peter Fink, S.J. (Associate Pastor) — 211

Stephanie Fuentes (Parish Secretary) — 222

Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

Rev. Marc Roselli, S.J. (Visiting Priest) - 206

Receptionist — 201

Damely Tineo (Assistant to the Pastor) - 205

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Jack Schmitt (Chair); Jacqueline Perez (Vice-Chair);

Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Patricia Dahl;

Phil Gutierrez; Bob Lepisko; Deborah Olley Murphy;

Adel O'Regan; David Pais

PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org

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 7:30 pm

Saturday: 11:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices send e-mails to sfuentes@sfxavier.org and Space Requests send e-mails to jfalco@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.

Main Church Accessibility from 16th street during regular office hours. Simply ring the bell on the two furthest entrances on the West & East sides of the Church.

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, May 16th

5:00pm Vigil: *Rev. Marc Roselli, SJ*

Sunday, May 17th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Peter Fink, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: CONFIRMATION

Bishop Gerald Walsh

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Barbara Beharry, Michael Brooks, Dr. Christopher Bulgarelli, Alex Campbell, Lisa & Chris Cirri, Francis Coleman, Jack Conway, Tom Cooney, Louis DeFazio, George Gilmore, Robyn Luisi, Teresa Mitchell, Scott McKinney, John Nesbit, Carmine Novembre, Dorothy Oliva, Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek, Ellen Palumbo, Dennis Petragnani, Natalie Russo, David Saulius, Rocco Scura, Teri Sheridan, Barbara Starkey, Mary and Gabino Torres, Charles and Janet Townsend, Carl Wassmann

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

Rose Ann Boyle, David Gotay, Stephen Quigley, Pauline Zunno

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

A very happy and blessed Mothers Day to the wonderful mothers, grandmothers, (and their children) in our parish and everywhere. During a month that we dedicate to our Blessed Mother Mary, this particular Sunday seems extra special. And so we celebrate motherhood in its diverse and sacred expressions. On a personal note, I am very grateful for your prayers and good wishes as I recently helped my own mom make her transition from independent to assisted living. She's in, and making friends already!

I would like to take this opportunity to provide some updates on a number of different things going on at Xavier, presently or in the very near future. Next Sunday, at the 11:30am mass, we will offer a special blessing and message of thanks to the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our church continues to be blessed by the presence of women religious from a number of communities. The ICM Sisters have done so much for Xavier over the years and they are in the process of moving to a new residence in the Bronx. While I expect (and hope) that some of them will continue to make their way downtown, it is most appropriate that we recognize, thank, and pray for these wonderful women. Please join us at the 11:30 mass next weekend and stay to enjoy some coffee afterwards.

I am working my way through a big stack of thank you letters for this year's Easter gifts. We exceeded our goal once again, thanks to your great generosity! We will celebrate the 22nd anniversary of our LGBT ministry on Friday, May 15, with a mass and reception beginning at 7pm. AIDS Walk NY will take place on Sunday, May 17th. Confirmation (May 17@5pm) and First Communion (June 7@9am) are coming up and the "busy season" for weddings is just beginning. On Sunday, June 14th, Fr. Dennis Baker SJ will celebrate his first mass as a priest at our 11:30am liturgy. Dennis served as a teacher of history at Xavier High from 2009-12 and is a familiar face to many of us.

Several much-needed renovations are on the horizon as well. As the end of June approaches, we will begin replacing the floor between the parish offices and the Mary Chapel. As the next step in our "Take Back the Tap" water justice initiative, spearheaded by the Peace and Justice Committee, water fountains will be installed in the parlor area and outside the music room. We will add fall-prevention guards to the windows of the west room, music room, parlor, and Mary Chapel. And when July arrives, we will offer a fond farewell to Fr. Marc Roselli, SJ and a warm welcome to Fr. Sean Toole, SJ. We are blessed to have the help and support of such fine Jesuits (including Fr. Peter!) and the rest of our great parish staff.

Finally, I am currently receiving more email messages than I can respond to in a timely fashion, often more than a hundred per day. If you do not receive a timely response to your email, please do not hesitate to call me or resend your message. I am very sorry to those of you whom I have not responded to in recent days.

There's a lot more going on around this very special place but that's enough for now. Be sure to enjoy the glorious arrival of a long-awaited Spring! May Mary, mother of us all, guide and protect us and bring us the graces of her Son.

Your servant,
Fr. Marina



JOIN THE XAVIER MISSION URBAN MUDDER TEAM!

Ever wondered what it would be like to jump across buildings? To navigate a laser field? To walk a balance beam twenty feet in the air? If you answered yes, then come be part of the **XAVIER MISSION TEAM** at the first ever **URBAN MUDDER** challenge on July 25th! Join our Executive Director, staff members, and volunteers as we work together to maneuver through a course of urban-inspired obstacles, while raising money for the programs of Xavier Mission! Contact Cassandra Agredo for more information or to register at cagredo@xaviermission.org. Check out more details of the event at www.urbanmudder.com. See you in the air!

WEST VILLAGE CSA AT XAVIER MISSION JOIN US FOR THE 2015 SEASON!

Join the West Village CSA for the most reasonably priced locally-grown organic vegetables and locally-sourced fruit around! Help our partner farmers at Stoneledge Farms in the New York Catskills have enough start-up funding to make it through an entire season, and in return you'll receive the freshest vegetables and fruits you can imagine!

We are an all-volunteer organization and part of purchasing a membership includes the requirement to volunteer on one Tuesday during the season, either from 3:30—5:30 pm for setup or from 5:30—7:30 pm for clean up.

Shares available:

Standard Vegetable Share: \$535

Discount Vegetable Share: \$425 (available to income-qualified members. Please contact the West Village CSA site coordinator for details)

Sponsor Vegetable Share: \$605 (the Sponsor share helps offset the discounted share price for the Discount Share)

Donation Vegetable Share: \$535 – Purchase a share to be donated to Xavier Mission who will in turn distribute the produce for free to the families of our Food Pantry!

Optional Shares that can be added to the Vegetable Share:

Standard Fruit Share: \$240

Coffee Share: \$126

Mushroom Share: \$120.

Please go to the farm website for complete information on shares!

www.Stoneledge.farm



Pickup Address: St. Francis Xavier Church, 46 West 16th St.

Operating Hours: Tuesdays, 4:00-7:00pm, June 9 through November 17, 2015.

Contact info@westvillagecsa.org for more information.

Standard Shares can be paid for in 3 payments.

This is a great value for organic vegetables of \$22.30 per week!



YIKES!

Peace and Justice has a new Twitter page! Yes, you read correctly, SFX Peace and Justice Committee has a new Twitter page:

@SFXpeacejustice



Visit the new page (or see it on the Peace and Justice Committee page on the trendy, new SFX website).

Or better yet, “follow” us to receive news of activities and peace/ justice related events. It’s fun for the whole family!....

...and we promise not to bore you with much that is typical of Twitter fare, such as “just finished washing my sox” or “#soxRcleannow”.

But really, we have already listed a few things of parish interest on our page and we “follow” a number of other Peace and Justice accounts that may interest you (these are a good example that not everything on Twitter is lame). Hard to believe, but there’s a lot of good work going on out there in the twittersphere.

So, follow us - It’s your easy way to stay up to date with the Peace and Justice work going on at SFX.

C’mon, give it a try!

LAY SPIRITUALITY

For more than 30 years, through listening, prayer, reflecting and sharing, we have found that our relationship with God is a beautiful, surprising and fulfilling journey.

The Lay Spirituality Program of the Church of St. Francis Xavier, invites you to go within ... to find the more your soul yearns for.

Group 26 is now forming & will begin a 10-month program on spirituality in September.

An information session will be held on **Sunday, June 7th at 1:30 PM** in the **Mary Chapel.**

For more information, please visit our website at layspirits.org, send us an email at layspirits@gmail.com or leave a message at 212.627.2100, ext. 216.

SFX Women’s Ministry, Xavier Mission, Catholic Lesbians, Gay Catholics, and Peace & Justice invite you to a conversation on

DOROTHY DAY

FOUNDER, CATHOLIC WORKER MOVEMENT

**HER SPIRITUALITY, HER WORK,
AND HER MISSION**

**Tuesday, May 12th
6:30 pm – 8:45 pm
Mary Chapel**

with Jane Sammon, who was mentored by Dorothy Day and has dedicated her life to the Catholic Worker in New York City since 1972, and Joanne Kennedy, who is managing editor of The Catholic Worker newspaper and has lived and worked at the Catholic Worker since 1997.



CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

Sunday, May 17th

5:00pm Mass



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, June 7th

9:00am Mass



Pray the Rosary every Saturday in May after the 12:05pm Mass. Hosted by the Family Faith Program. All are welcome. If anyone wishes to lead a mystery please contact *Luz Marina Diaz* at lm Diaz@sfxavier.org.

“THE MANY FACES OF GOD’S FAMILY”



22 years of LGBT Ministry at Xavier

Friday, May 15th

7:00 PM

All are welcome

There is a reception in Hurtado Hall immediately following the Mass. With great joy you are invited to share our celebration of Eucharist; As we are all Eucharist for each other.

With gratitude and very best wishes, we will offer a Special Blessing of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the **11:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 17th**. Please join us for coffee in the Mary Chapel immediately following.



Scripture Readings For the Week

Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17. *The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also. God is love. No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

Sixth Monday of Easter: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a. *The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what Paul taught. The Spirit of truth will testify to me.*

Sixth Tuesday of Easter: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11. *Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you and your household will be saved. If I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you.*

Sixth Wednesday of Easter: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15. *What therefore you unknowingly worship, I proclaim to you. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you to all truth.*

Sixth Thursday~ Feast of The Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20. *As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus was lifted up. God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens. The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.*

Fifth Friday of Easter: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17. *It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities. This is my commandment: love one another.*

Sixth Saturday of Easter: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28. *Apollos established from the Scriptures that the Christ is Jesus. My Father loves you because you have loved me and believed in me.*

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11b-19. *It is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us become with us a witness to the resurrection. Whoever remains in love, remains in God, and God in him. That may be one just as we are one!*



Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

ADULT ACTIVITIES: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact bowcol@hotmail.com

BAGA: A parish youth group (for teens) that meets monthly to promote peace and justice by performing corporal works of mercy. Contact b.a.good.apostle@gmail.com

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday, 6 p.m., West Room, SFXWomen@aol.com, (917) 297-6804.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Contact **Katherine Cleary**, krcoff5th@netzero.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

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact **Jose Ramon**, joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com

SFX WOMEN: We continue to stay to address the specific concerns of women in the church. Xavier women are invited to join our ministry. Contact thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com or (917) 297-6804.

LITURGICAL COMMITTEES: See website or Contact **Luz**, LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact **James Fox**, sumiko120@nyc.rr.com, (212) 427-5070

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE: Examines root causes of injustice and works towards a more just and sustainable world. Contact **Tracey Tynan** or **Peter Locascio** at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact **Rose Alloca**, allocarose@gmail.com or **Marie Bannister**, mariebannister1@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Spiritual, service, and social activities for Xavier's 20s-30s community. Meets twice a month. Contact **Zahrah** or **Phil**, sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com.

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact **Peggy & Paul** 212-260-2486, 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