



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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“Whenever the enemy with an army surrounds the one being pursued, the Guide is compelled to make the sea passable.”

-St. Gregory of Nyssa (330-395 AD)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of the Xavier Mission

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 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, June 27th

5:00pm Vigil: *Rev. Peter Fink, SJ*

Sunday, June 28th

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

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

**NEXT WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Parish Maintenance**

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Antonio Bird, Alex Campbell, Kyle Cheplic, Eileen Cocchini,
Teddy D'Alesio, Louis DeFazio, Racquel Gager,
Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Edith Maier, John Marshall,
John Nesbit, Catherine Anne Olnek, Jacob Michael Olnek,
Rocco Scura, Teri Sheridan, Mary and Gabino Torres,
Charles and Janet Townsend, Carl Wassmann, Molly Wolfe*

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

*Julia Ann Barnes, Helen Bowen, Jack Conway,
George Gilmore, Ann B. Hogg, Dorothy Jones, Lori Mitchener,
Dominga Nazareno, Ralph Torres, 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.**

A FATHERS DAY MESSAGE

I'm writing this column unexpectedly. I have played several roles in my life: brother, partner, uncle, Godfather, cousin, friend, but the one that I never thought I would inhabit was Dad. As a gay man who is now 65, I am from a generation who presumed if you had come out when you were in your twenties, being a Dad was not a vocation to which you would be called. Well, as they say, the Holy Spirit had other plans.

Five years ago, I met Bill. On our first date he told me that he had a son, Gui, who was 36 and who spent two weekends a month with him. Gui also spent two weekends with his mother, and the rest of the time Gui shared a home for people who are differently abled. Gui has been the light of Bill's life since he was born. Life expectancy for people with Down's syndrome when Gui was born was 14 years. Since then medical advances have increased life expectations to the upper 50's. Last month we celebrated Gui's 42nd birthday.

I fell in love with Bill in part because of the love he has showered on Gui. The patience and devotion that both Bill and Gui's mom have demonstrated have nurtured a wonderful son who is open, optimistic, caring, eager to engage the world, and all it can offer.

I joined not certain what role I could play, but open. By the second time I met Gui, I was welcomed with big hugs. Within a short time, not only had I been fully accepted by Gui, but I was adopted as an integral part of his family. To feel that unconditional, unquestioning love that he radiates, is to have a glimpse of what I think God feels for God's creation.

The gift of my fatherhood has been immeasurable. Having never expected it, I am enraptured by the commitment, trust and dedication it evokes from me. I watch in amazement as the joy and affection that Gui distributes so unconsciously, calls forth the best from those with whom he is in contact. He doles out grace, not as a precious commodity that is to be guarded, but as the abundant gift that he has received. He passes it on with gusto.

Most Sundays when Gui is with us, he joins me for mass. I am thrilled when he comes as the parish has embraced him as fully as he has embraced me. His ability to see good and to find God in everything is truly Ignatian. In his uncomplicated way, he shows me where God is. That is what unexpected fatherhood has taught me: Never say never where the Holy Spirit is concerned, and to always be surprised by joy for that is what fatherhood has brought me.

Happy Fathers Day!

David Pais

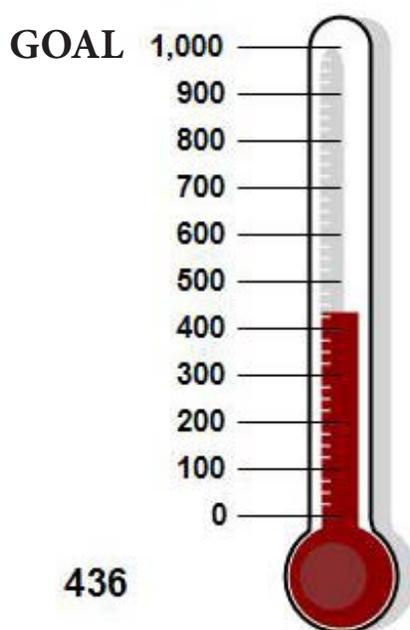


THE XAVIER SHELTER NAMING PROJECT

As previously announced, we will name the Xavier Shelter for Men in honor of former pastor, **Fr. Ned Coughlin, SJ**. To make this possible and provide much needed resources for the shelter, the Parish and Xavier Mission are teaming up to hold a community-wide **50/50 RAFFLE!**

Until the Fourth of July, tickets will be available for purchase in the church after all weekend Masses and through *Faith Direct* at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/59>. The cost is \$20 per ticket and we hope to sell 1,000 tickets (or more)! Half of the proceeds will benefit the shelter and the parish while the other half will be awarded as cash prizes according to the following scale:

Tickets Sold to Date



GRAND PRIZE:

\$5,000 (or 25% of the raffle's gross income)

2nd PRIZE:

\$1,750 (or 8.75% of the raffle's gross income). Two prizes will be awarded at this level.

3rd PRIZE:

\$500 (or 2.5% of the raffle's gross income). Three prizes will be awarded at this level.

*The drawing will be held immediately following the 11:30 mass on Sunday, July 5th.
Winners need not be present. All are welcome to attend.*



XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS - WITH GRATITUDE

A special Thank You acknowledgment for the members of the 2014-15 Young Adult Ministry Committee:

*Roisin Duffy-Gideon, Emily Jermusyk, Cindy Kusuma, Christine Santisteban, Emily Schmitt, Lisa Slama,
Dan Trucil, Marie Wiltz*

Zahrah Ektefaei-Wattier & Phil Gutierrez, coordinators

This year, Xavier Young Adults' steering committee of servant-leaders provided spiritual, service, and social opportunities for Xavier's 20s-30s community, with over 100 active participants.

Please join us in prayers of gratitude and well-wishes, particularly for a number of our leaders who are beginning new chapters of their lives outside of NYC.

SEEKING ACTIVITY LEADERS & NEW 2015-16 COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

If you are in your 20s-30s, and looking to get more involved by helping plan or assist activities for Xavier Young Adults, we'd love to hear from you!

For this summer and for 2015-16, we are seeking activity leaders (Young Adult Ministry Committee members), as well as 1-2 coordinators to chair the committee. No experience necessary; full training and mentorship available, and first-timers are welcome!

This is a great way to meet fellow young Catholics, grow in your faith, and help other NYC young adults grow in theirs! Email sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com for details.

PAPAL ENCYCLICAL ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Sunday, June 21st

On June 18, the Vatican issued *Laudato Si* (Praised Be), Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for creation. The phrase "praised be" is taken from a famous creation canticle by St. Francis of Assisi. At the core of Pope Francis' message is the idea of "integral ecology" -- that how we relate to one another, especially the poor, and how we relate to the environment are intimately connected. For more on the encyclical, go to our parish website at www.sfxavier.org.

Brief Notices from Other Places

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

FAMILY DAY

fun, food, games, and Mass

Saturday, June 27th

11:30am-5:30pm

San Silverio Shrine

694 Old Route 22

Dover Plains, NY 12522

Admission: \$10 (free for children 3 and under)

11:30am-Registration/Check-in

12:00pm-Food and Games (No outside food allowed)

4:00pm Mass

Celebrant:

The Most Reverend Peter Byrne

Homilist:

His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan

For more information or to purchase tickets visit

<https://archnyfamilyday.eventbrite.com>

TIMOTHY MICHAEL DOLAN ***ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK***

*Cordially invites you
to attend solemn evening prayers
in memory and remembrance
of the Christian martyrs of Africa*

Monday, June 29th
at 6:00pm

Church of the Holy Family
315 East 47th Street
New York, NY 10017

Please visit **<http://archnyafrica.eventbrite.com>**
to RSVP.



Dear Friends,

Many thanks for helping to make Fr. Dennis Baker's first Mass so memorable. I have received an enormous number of messages from those in attendance, affirming the beauty and power of our celebration last Sunday. I am extremely grateful for your warm embrace of Dennis, his family and friends, and my Jesuit brothers --all of whom are still talking about the graciousness of our community. I imagine they will be doing so for quite some time! Thank you, good people of St. Francis Xavier.

Your servant,
Fr. Marina



Please join us for coffee in the Mary Chapel immediately following the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, June 21st, as we say thank you and farewell to ***Fr. Marc Roselli***. He will be sorely missed!

Scripture Readings For the Week

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41. *Here shall your proud waves be stilled! Behold, new things have come. Who is this whom even wind and sea obey?*

Twelfth Monday in Ordinary Time:

Gen 12:1-9; Matt 7:1-5. *Abraham went as the Lord directed him. Remove the wooden beam from your eye first.*

Twelfth Tuesday in Ordinary Time:

Gen 13:2, 5-18; Matt 7:6, 12-14. *Let there be no strife between you and me, for we are brothers. Do to others whatever you would have them do to you.*

Wednesday~ Feast of the Nativity of St.

John the Baptist: Isa 49:1-6; Luke 1:57-66, 80. *I will make you a light to the nations. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance. John is his name.*

Twelfth Tuesday in Ordinary Time:

Gen 16:1-12, 15-16; Matt 7:21-29. *Hagar bore Abram a son and he called him Ishmael. The house built on rock and the house built on sand.*

Twelfth Friday in Ordinary Time:

Gen 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matt 8:1-4. *Every male among you shall be circumcised; thus is my covenant with you. Sarah shall bear you a son. If you wish, you can make me clean.*

Twelfth Saturday in Ordinary Time:

Gen 18:1-15; Matt 8:5-17. *Is anything too marvelous for the Lord to do? I will surely return to you and Sarah will then have a son. Many will come from east and west and recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43. *By the envy of the devil, death entered the world. Your abundance should supply the needs of the poor. Little girl, I say to you, arise!*



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**, sunikol20@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