



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because I have been anointed to bring glad tidings to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. (Luke 4: 18-19)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2016

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)

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 Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208
Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207
Rev. Peter Fink, S.J. (Associate Pastor) — 211
Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to the Pastor) — 222
Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201
James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship and
Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205
Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201
Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221
Rev. Sean Toole, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206
Receptionist — 201
John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Jack Schmitt (Chair); Adel O'Regan (Vice-Chair);
Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Patricia Dahl;
Phil Gutierrez; Bob Lepisko;
Deborah Olley Murphy (secretary); 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 and Space Requests send
e-mails to sfuentes@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 Presider Schedule

Saturday, January 30th

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

Sunday, January 31st

9:00am Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Maria Caruana, Kyle Chepic,
Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio, Minnie Depalo, Carol Ferrone,
David Fuentes, Joaquin Gager, Gary Gatzka,
Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham,
James Griffin, Jerica Elaine Harris, Elizabeth Jones,
Kvetka Kaplan, Anne Karle-Zenith, Ana Gerda Kennedy,
Robyn Luisi, Dee Kelly,*

*Robert Labissiere, John Marshall, Ron and Elizabeth Miller,
Joseph Morrone, Kathy Mulvaney, Nicole Mysak,
John J. Nesbit, Catherine Anne Olnek, Dorothy Oliva,
Jacob Michael Olnek, Riederman Family, Denyse Robinson,
Rocco Scura, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend,
Dr. John Sony Valentino, Bess Vindigni, Molly Wolfe*

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

*Michael Allocca, Expedit Codo, Eugene Curtis, John Guiliano,
Judith S. Kaye, Patrick Loughlin, Sr. Jan McNabb, R.S.C.J.,
Barbara Mohr, Rachel Monteleone, Jim Murphy, Anthony
Muto, Catherine O'Regan, Nelda Salas, Maxell Shief,
Aidan Frank Stephens, Dr. Alex Wong*

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.**

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Thank you to all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support our parish throughout last year. We are pleased to report that we are currently operating at a \$44,294 surplus compared to a budgeted deficit of \$27,259 for the first three months of this fiscal year ending November 30, 2015. The favorable results are due primarily to a large bequest of \$52,500 and increased wedding income. Without this bequest however, the parish would have operated at an \$8,200 loss. Our planned deficit for this year is \$74,000 and therefore we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your donations this year, if you can. We need your increased support in the coming year through your Sunday offertory, maintenance 2nd collection, and Easter gifts to help reduce this deficit.

First Three Months Revenues and Expenses Ending November 30, 2015

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Support	\$543,234	\$476,933	\$66,301
Expenses	\$498,940	\$504,192	(\$5,252)
Net Support Over (Under) Expenses	\$44,294	(\$27,259)	

We are overwhelmed by your generous support during the Christmas season. Whether you gave your time to serve during the liturgies or share your musical talents or volunteer to decorate the church or share your financial blessings with the parish...or a little bit of everything, we want you to know it is greatly appreciated! Our Christmas collection of \$100,854 exceeded our budget of \$65,000 and last year's total of \$74,333. We received \$7,745 for Christmas flowers compared to \$5,195 last year. Also we received approximately \$20,000 in end of year gifts. It is only through your gifts that we can make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Our Faith Direct e-giving option provides a convenient and secure way to support the parish via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card. There is no cost to you for using Faith Direct. It also gives you the opportunity to support our parish even when you are on vacation or away for other reasons. Using Faith Direct helps us bring consistency to our cash flow and reduces the time it takes our staff to count and report cash. Please consider joining the 266 other families who use Faith Direct for their Sunday offertory.

Adult Activities

Wednesday, January 27th
1:00 p.m.
Mary Chapel

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
"A HISTORY OF THE MOVIES PART 3"

Roy Schlemme lecturer, writer, cartoonist is returning this year with an entertaining presentation about movies from 1980 to the present.

Join us for a fun afternoon and learn more about our most popular and enduring visual entertainment.

Women's Ministry

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST MEETING OF 2016!
HEAR ABOUT OUR NEW INITIATIVE,
"I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY!"

Reflect on the theme of Mercy.
Get a preview of Sr. Elizabeth Johnson's new book.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH
1-3PM, MARY CHAPEL

Also, hear about the exciting plans for coming months and how you can be involved.

Bring light refreshments to share.
All are welcome!



AND THE WINNER IS... YOU!!

A Night at the Oscars
Saturday, February 20th
7:00pm—11:00pm
Hurtado Hall

Join us for an **“A Night at the Oscars”-themed Dinner Dance** fundraiser to celebrate and support the work of Xavier Mission! Throw off those post-holiday winter blues and enjoy appetizers and cocktails, a buffet dinner, bar, dancing, and the added bonus of supporting your favorite community organization!

By supporting this event, you will help the Mission to feed, clothe and give hope to thousands of men and women in our community. Please purchase your tickets today!

Visit www.xaviermission.org/dinnerdance for tickets or mail a check made out to Xavier Mission (with Dinner Dance in the memo line) to 55 West 15th St. Tickets and sponsorships are available at the following levels:

TICKETS:

Actor - \$80

(1 event ticket, 2 drink tickets)

Hollywood Couple - \$140

(2 event tickets, 4 drink tickets)

Producer - \$250

(2 event tickets, 4 drink tickets, listing in program & website)

TABLE SPONSORSHIPS:

Best Performance- \$1000

(8 event tickets, 16 drink tickets, ¼ page ad in program, tertiary billing on website)

Best Director- \$2500

(8 event tickets, 16 drink tickets, ½ page ad in program, secondary billing on website)

Best Picture- \$5000

(8 event tickets, 16 drink tickets, full page ad in program, primary billing on website)

Black tie attire welcomed (but not required)!

Come strut your stuff on the red carpet (seriously, there will be a red carpet)!!

The estimated value of goods and services provided per ticket is \$35.

Young Adults Group



Attention all young adults... 20's-30's... Xavier's Young Adults Group is back! Join us for the launch of the “new” ministry! The New Year is upon us... A perfect time for a fresh and exciting start. Come join us for our first meeting on **Sunday, Feb. 14**, after the 5pm young adult mass. Together we can make our amazing community even richer.

sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

SEEKERS RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

“God does not hide himself from those who seek him with a sincere heart.” -Pope Francis

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2016
SEEKERS RETREAT
Jan. 29 - 31, 2016**

CHARIS NYC presents this peer-led weekend Seekers Retreat.

- Join other young adults seeking a deeper relationship with God
- Learn how their Catholic faith impacts their lives, through Ignatian spirituality
- Take time to reflect on your journey, your desires, and God's hopes and dreams for you

Register at www.charis.nyc

CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com | (347) 619-CNYC

“Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance.” (Lk: 8:15)



A **healing mass** will be celebrated on

**Friday, February 5th,
at 6:30 pm in the Main Church.**

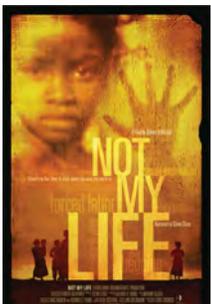
All are welcome to come and pray for healing of body, mind and spirit. **Father Sean Toole, SJ** will preside.



SEEK HUMAN DIGNITY AND END MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

St. Francis Xavier Parish and its Peace & Justice Committee are continuing to learn about and advocate against the \$32 billion global human trafficking and slavery industry. The Polaris Project, a leading organization active in this fight, estimates that there are more individuals in slavery today than at the height of the trans-Atlantic slave trade of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

On **Wednesday, January 27th** we will be holding a screening of the one hour UNICEF documentary “Not My Life” followed by an inter-active discussion with Hannah Gould, a Fellow at the U.S. UNICEF End Trafficking Department and Lima James, the Education and Training Coordinator at LifeWay Network. Filmed on 5 continents in a dozen countries, this story takes us into a world with millions of children exploited every day, through practices of forced labor, domestic servitude, begging, sex tourism, sexual exploitation and child soldiering. The full message of the film is actually of hope: advocates are growing in numbers and effectiveness. As Pope Francis said, “Cry out full-throated, like a trumpet blast. Rub it in the face of all those who invented this infernal machine of exclusion, this infernal machine that disposes of people, and let’s curse their conduct and ask God to convert their hearts.” The choice between good and evil is, ultimately, ours! Peace.



Please join us:
Screening of “*Not My Life*”

Wednesday, January 27th

**6:30pm
Mary Chapel**

Free Will Offerings Gratefully Accepted

**TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
MARY CHAPEL~ 6-7PM**



**ADULT SESSIONS TAKE PLACE IN THE
XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
FROM 10:20 AM TO 11:25 AM.**

JANUARY 24TH-Tracey Tynan on *Laudato Si'*

JANUARY 31ST-*Preparing For Lent*

FEBRUARY 7TH-*Doing Time,
Doing Vipassana (Documentary)*

FEBRUARY 21ST-David Greenan
on Healing Connections

MARCH 6TH-Roseann Bonadia
and Luz Marina Diaz On Women Spirituality

APRIL 17TH-Father Peter Fink, S.J.
Ritual on The Eucharist

If you attend **Sunday 9 am Mass** and want to be part of the intergenerational “*Faith Family Choir*” led by *Anne Holland*, please contact Anne Holland at Anneholland@juno.com

**A TASTE OF THE
CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA:
May 16th to 25th**

A Pilgrimage of Faith, Fitness, and Food! **\$3,375**
Spiritual Guide: *Fr. Joe Costantino, S.J.*

For more info and reservations, contact us *Angie Cruz* at 917-607-0937 or angiecruzphd@gmail.com

THE 18TH ANNOTATION RETREAT CONTINUES

Join the 18th Annotation Retreat of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises which began in Advent and continues for Lent and Easter - 10 weeks of prayer and sharing beginning in February. Groups meet on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings. Space is limited. Free-will donations are appreciated.

For more information please contact *Marie Bannister* at mariebannister1@gmail.com.

“Is God’s Charity Broad Enough for Bears?”

Dr. Elizabeth Johnson

Until recently, the natural world was not a subject of much religious interest to the church at large. This is now changing as the world faces an ecological crisis of great magnitude. Starting with John Muir’s question about the bears, this presentation explores the meaning of creation in a new context. It draws from Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’* and the speaker’s book “Ask the Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love” to explore how loving the Earth can become an intrinsic part of faith in God, rather than an add-on.

Join us on **Thursday, January 28th**, at 7pm as **Dr. Elizabeth Johnson**, distinguished professor of theology at Fordham University, speaks to our church on the important topic of creation and care of the Earth. Dr. Natalia Imperatori-Lee of Manhattan College will respond to Dr. Johnson before time for general Q/A. All are welcome and free will offerings will be greatly appreciated.

WANT TO KNOW ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS HAPPENING AT THE CHURCH?



Get important updates from SFX and the Archdiocese of New York in a timely and convenient way. We want to communicate more effectively with you. But we also want to make it easy for you to control what types of announcements you get from us and how you are notified when we make them. In order to do this we are using a new service called FLOCKNOTE, as in sending “notes” to your “flock”.

The service is free and will make it easy for you to stay plugged into the happenings at Xavier and the wider Church **via text message or email updates**. And don’t worry, your information is completely safe and secure. It will NOT be sold or rented to third-parties. And you can unsubscribe at any time!

You can visit the parish website at www.sfxavier.org and click on the Flocknote icon pictured above.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, February 12th
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
West Room

February is Black History Month. Cynthia May will facilitate a discussion on the importance of the movement Black Lives Matter. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

ZEN SPIRIT/CHRISTIAN SPIRIT AT XAVIER Saturday, January 30th 9:30am - 4:00pm West Room

*Exploring Silence and Deepening Awareness
A day of teaching, reflection, and meditation*

Many people have discovered in Zen a profound connection to the Christian life. Through the practice of stillness and awareness, we wake to a world of wonder and gratitude for life in all its aspects. This day of meditation and discussion provides an excellent opportunity for both the curious and committed.

Space is limited, please make a reservation by emailing *Peggy and Paul Schubert* at schubertnyc@gmail.com or calling 212-260-2486. A \$20 donation is suggested to cover lunch and refreshments.

Lent invites us to turn our minds and hearts back towards our God of mercy. Begin your daily encounter with mercy with Lenten Moments of Mercy. Our daily, Scripture-based series is delivered to you by e-mail. In this series, James Campbell, M.A., D. Min, shares beautiful reflections and the inspiring words of Pope Francis, and provides suggestions for Lenten actions and prayers.

Lenten Moments of Mercy is free from Loyola Press. Sign up now at <http://www.loyolapress.com/lenten-moments-of-mercy> and be ready to connect with the Pope’s message of mercy, and live it daily throughout Lent.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30;
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

**MONDAY~ FEAST OF THE CONVERSION
OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE:**
Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18.

7:45AM RACHEL MONTELEONE (D)
12:05PM MARY SCULLION (D)

**TUESDAY~ FEAST OF SS. TIMOTHY AND
TITUS:** Tim 1:1-8; Mark 3:31-35.

7:45AM FRANK A. PROCOPIO (D)
12:05PM IRVING LEMBERG (D)

**THIRD WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME:** 2 Sam 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20.

7:45AM GAETANO T. RAINONE (D)
12:05PM WILLIAM KOSS SR. (D)

**THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. THOMAS
AQUINAS:** 2 Sam 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25.

7:45AM LEO AND ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM JOHN GUILIANO (D)

THIRD FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
2 Sam 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34.

7:45AM PETER PHILLIOU (D)
12:05PM JOAN FLORIO (L)

THIRD SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
2 Sam 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41.

12:05PM RACHEL MONTELEONE (D)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Luke 4:21-30.

**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

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

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 20's-30's. Meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 5pm Young Adult's Mass, in the Mary Chapel. Contact 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