



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

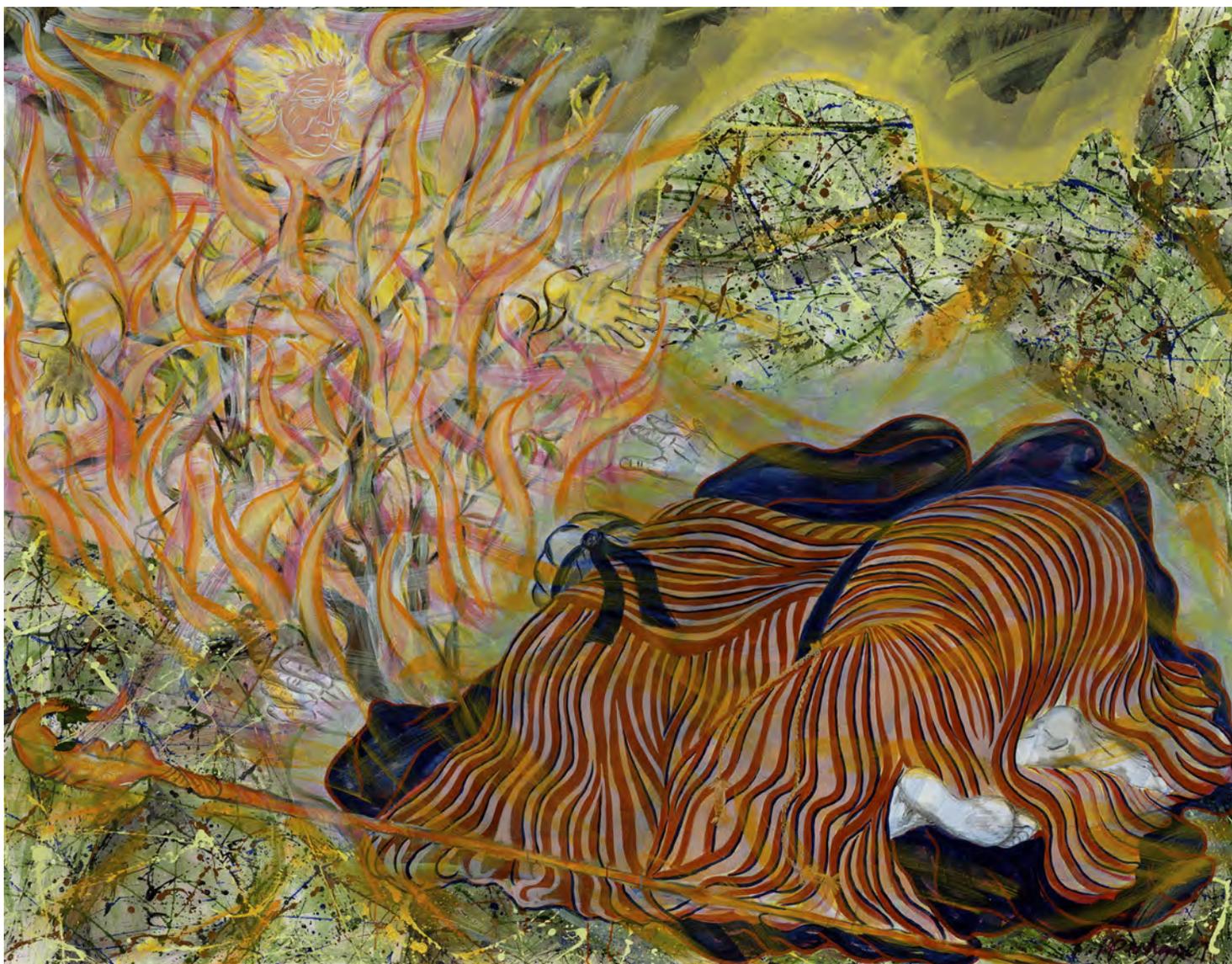
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Moses said to the Lord, “But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ if they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what am I to tell them?” God replied, “I am who am.” Then the Lord added, “This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you.” (Exodus 3: 13-14)

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of the Music Ministry

Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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, March 5th

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

Sunday, March 6th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Paula Acuti, Angelina Alejandria, Australia Baez, Marc Boorstein, Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell, Kyle Chepic, Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio, Minnie Depalo, Carol Ferrone, Joaquin Gager, Gary Gatzka, Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham, Terri Harrington, Robyn Luisi, Dee Kelly, John Marshall, Betty & Ron Miller, Lou Mouauro, SJ, Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keeffe, Jake Ratcliffe, Riederman Family, Denyse Robinson, Cynthia Ruiz, Rocco Scura, Amando Solero, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend, Dr. John Sony Valentino, Molly Wolfe

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

Emelise Aleandri, Michael Allocca, Gregoria Arnaldo, Eugene Curtis, Joan Florio, John Guiliano, Judith S. Kaye, Marisa Kruger, Patrick Loughlin, Joe Mattioli, Sr. Jan McNabb, R.S.C.J., Thomas McManus, 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

TO STAND OR TO KNEEL?

Dear Friends,

I hope this holy season of Lent is bringing you much grace and peace from the God we come here to worship each week, the God who is love. You may have noticed our new signposts stationed around the sanctuary, asking parishioners to use the side ramps when crossing the sanctuary space. These have been set up in response to a number of falls that have happened on the steps since the restoration of the church. The new signs are there for your safety and so I ask you to please heed their message whenever possible.

Speaking of movement within the church, a question that continues to be raised, especially by our visitors, is why some people stand while others kneel at mass, during the Eucharistic Prayer. Depending on which liturgy you attend, you may see most people standing, most kneeling, or a balance of the two postures. And, as you probably know from your experience at other churches, standing is one of those distinctive hallmarks of Xavier. When I first arrived here, I asked a number of longtime parishioners why people stand. To my surprise, the answers varied quite a bit. Some people referred me to the Book of Exodus: "Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud, they all *stood* and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent." (33:10). Others mentioned the priesthood of the people and the notion of universal concelebration. One of our more fiery parishioners said "If you would kneel, so would the rest of us!" Perhaps I should test out that theory sometime! 😊

In any case, we have a diversity of postures here with some uncertainty as to how that diversity came about. I think we can all live with that and celebrate it. But for the moment, what is the most proper response to those among us who would like to see everyone standing or, on the other hand, everyone following the wider Church's rubric for kneeling? I think the best advice I've heard to date came from a former member of our pastoral council who said: "Xavier proudly boasts of its diversity in so many ways and rightfully so. Why, when it comes to this particular issue, do we need to have conformity?" That makes perfect sense to me!

Both standing and kneeling are acts of reverence in their own fashion and so I don't believe it is up to your pastor or anyone else to tell you which one to assume. Whether you prefer to stand, kneel, or sit, please choose the posture that you find most prayerful. If this proves to be a distraction for some folks, let's move to the high ground by respecting and celebrating the choices of those around us. And let's please avoid conformity for the sake of conformity by honoring that which brings diverse people closer to God in diverse ways. If we can do this, then unity will be found in diversity --as it should, always.

Many thanks for your thoughtful attention.

Your servant,
Fr. Marina

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 8th



Stations of the Cross
7:30pm

Monday, March 21st



***Lenten Reconciliation
and Adoration***
3:00pm-9:00pm

Wednesday March 23rd



Tenebrae Service
7:00pm



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

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

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

CARE FOR CREATION

Unplug this week! When you're not using an outlet, unplug the phone charger, computer charger, or cable box to help conserve energy. Do a quick check to unplug and turn off lights before you leave your home, and help save energy while you're gone!

To be involved in the parish's Care for Creation efforts, email
xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com

GIVE UP YOUR ENVELOPES FOR LENT

Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes! We invite you to help us save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent. Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Xavier with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Go Green and join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! You can quickly sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: NY406 or by mailing an enrollment form available in the parish office. Thank you for all you do to support Xavier.

Honduras Companion Community Project Fundraiser & Auction

Sunday, February 28th
1:00-3:00 pm
Mary Chapel

Last year's auction was a crowd-pleaser! Take part this year by donating sellable goods or services (worth a minimum of \$50). Last year, the most popular items were services (maid service, singing lessons, garden makeover) gift certificates (yoga, restaurants) and a week in a vacation home (Mexico, Adirondacks).

Be a part of the action. Join us for coffee & donuts and peruse prizes! 100% of bids benefit our five communities in Honduras. PLUS Xavier headliners Sean Adcroft and Jim Fox are donating their auctioneer skills for a live auction. You won't want to miss this event!

Please speak to Nancy Fava or Brian Hotaling or email hondurasccp@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

Stewardship at SFX

Thanks to the generosity of two of our parishioners, our old familiar chalice is being restored and will soon be back on the altar for our celebrations. Many thanks to these two generous and humble souls for their wonderful gift to the parish!

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>.

THE 2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL HAS BEGUN!

"You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify our heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:14-16)

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are called to help one another and be merciful, as Jesus is for all of us. It is only with your help that the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters through our ministries and charities.

PLEASE ANSWER THE CALL AND DONATE TODAY!
Envelopes available in your pews.

To make an online gift,
visit www.cardinalsappeal.org

SHELTER DEDICATION OPEN HOUSE!

Immediately following the 11:30 Mass this weekend, you are invited to attend the official dedication of the Fr. Ned Coghlin Shelter, SJ and Michael Pacheco Recreation Room. Light refreshments will be provided. Please enter at 24 W. 16th Street, just east of Xavier High School's awning. Come to celebrate and tour our new and improved shelter!

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, March 11th
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
West Room

The Beguines, Christian lay religious orders active in the thirteenth to sixteenth centuries, lived in semimonastic communities, though they did not take religious vows. Join us for the story of a largely forgotten medieval women's movement, presented by Dr. Jackie Starkey. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

The SFX Women's Ministry
Presents
"JUBILANT VOICES"

Sr. Mary Galeone is celebrating her 50th Jubilee year
with the Sisters of Mercy

Sr. Andrea Dixon has been a Sister of Charity for
over fifty years.

Join us as we listen and learn from their experience
and wisdom. Come celebrate with us!

Please join us on **Sunday, March 13**
from **1-3pm** in the **Mary Chapel**.

**Lenten Liturgy and
Sacred Music Workshops
at St. Joseph's Seminary (Yonkers)**

"Music of Holy Week" Workshop

Friday, March 4 from 2-5:30pm

Presentation by Dr. Jennifer Donelson, D.M.A.

"Liturgy of the Easter Vigil" Seminar

Friday, March 4 at 7pm

Presentation by Fr. Matthew Ernest, S.T.D.

More information: nyliturgy.org/workshops

Contact: liturgy@archny.org or 914.968.6200, x8177

PAPER TIGERS

One high school's unlikely success story.

*Paper Tigers is a film that intimately examines the
inspiring promise of Trauma Informed Communities
- a movement that is showing great promise in healing
youth struggling with the dark legacy of Adverse
Childhood Experiences (ACES)*

Please join us as we watch and then discuss this
powerful new documentary about one school's
answer to childhood toxic stress.

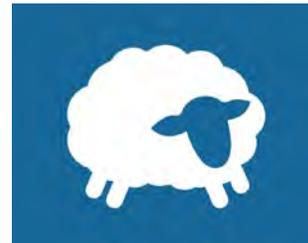
**FILM SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION
with critically acclaimed author and Pulitzer
Prize nominee Andrew Solomon
Monday, April 18 at 6 PM**

*Presented by Joy Farina Foskett,
Prevent Child Abuse NY Representative*

**Grace Church School
46 COOPER SQUARE MANHATTAN
(212) 675-6150 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

*Sponsored by: The Church of St. Francis Xavier,
Grace Church School, The First Presbyterian Church
in the City of New York, National Institute for the
Psychotherapies, Corlears School, Prevent Child Abuse
New York, Go Project, Academy of St. Joseph*

**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.**

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT:

Exod 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9.

THIRD MONDAY OF LENT:

2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30.

7:45AM SUZANNE GAUTHIER (D)
12:05PM FRANCIS T. MURPHY (D)

THIRD TUESDAY OF LENT:

Dan 3:25, 34-43; Matt 18:21-35.

7:45AM ROBERT HYMAS (D)
12:05PM CAROL FINNERTY (D)

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF LENT:

Duet 4:1, 5-9; Matt 5:17-19.

7:45AM ROSE HONIG (D)
12:05PM WILLIAM HEMBERGER (D)

THIRD THURSDAY OF LENT:

Jer 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23.

7:45AM MARLENE MEIER (L)
12:05PM LEO AND ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

THIRD FRIDAY OF LENT:

Hos 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34.

7:45AM BARBARA BEHARRY (D)
12:05PM WILLIAM HEMBERGER (D)

THIRD SATURDAY OF LENT:

Hos 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14.

12:05PM PATRICK AND AGNES LAMBE (D)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT:

Josh 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21.

**YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR
YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE
PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"The land owner said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (Luke 13:7)

How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts you have been given? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called as stewards to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

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 West Room. 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