



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. (Luke 11:9-10)

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. Robert VerEecke, S.J. (Pastor)

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

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

Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to the Pastor) — 222

Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship and

Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205

Rev. Kevin Spinale, S.J. (Visiting Priest) - 204

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);
Deborah Olley Murphy (Secretary); Stephen Alfieri;

Kathleen Cagnina; John Karle;

Bob Lepisko; Charles Mileski;

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe; 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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday: 11:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 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 mini-
mum of six months before qualifying for a
sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.**

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, July 30th

5:00pm Mass (Vigil): Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ

Sunday, July 31st

9:00am Mass: Rev. Sean Toole, SJ

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

5:00pm Mass: Rev. Kevin Spinale, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

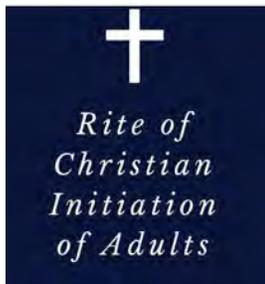
John Bucki SJ, Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell, Kyle Chepic,
Margaret English, Joaquin Gager, Monsignor Neil Graham,
Phil Ingrassciotta, William Koss, James Leung, James Lizzio,
John Marshall, Kay Mazzo, Betty & Ron Miller,
Lou Mauro SJ, Lorraine B. Nelson, Campbell Phillips,
Sister Grace Plimen FSP, Riederman Family, Denyse
Robinson, Valerie Sanchez, Joshua Rota-Tebb, Laura Samoy,
Alice Sharkey, Rocco Scura, Ray and Terri Sharpe,
Amando Solero, Danny Stevens, Gabino Torres,
Janet Townsend, Carl Wassmann

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

Dana Berritto, Expedit Codo, Erlinda Samoy Cano,
Joe Cepelak, John Cossen, George Dietz, Avalynn Marie
Gerber, Maxine Gold, Bob Herlihy, Camille Howe,
James Martinez Sr., Ruth Nazareno, Keith Nolop, Cecilia Pelc,
Marta N. Peri, Pamela Richards, Ruth Rivera, John Valentino

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.**



HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING AN RCIA SPONSOR?

Come to learn the requirements and many benefits of sponsoring an unbaptized adult (catechumen) or a baptized adult (candidate) in the RCIA process.

**Saturday, July 30th
1pm-3pm~West Room**

**Tuesday, August 16th
6pm-8pm~Mary Chapel**

Sponsoring is an amazing learning experience, a wonderful way of walking the path with Jesus and inviting those interested in coming along, and a source of spiritual growth and renewal. To attend one of the meetings, register at 212-627-2100 ext. 207 or imdiaz@sfxavier.org

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, August 12th
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
Venue to be determined**

“A child who gathers in summertime is using good judgment” (Proverbs 10:5).

Because the parish is closed on our second-Friday-of-the-month meeting date and time, we will meet elsewhere for time together. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804.

Brief Notices from Other Places

WE ARE ALL GOD’S DELIGHT!

Based on Proverbs 8:31

**A DAY FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
OF OUR LGBT BROTHERS AND SISTERS
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Saturday, July 30, 2016

9:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Bishop Molloy Retreat House

8645 Edgerton Blvd, Jamaica, New York 11432

Lunch Included

Registration: \$35.00

Call: 718.739.1229

www.bishopmolloy.org

“There is urgent need to work for a world free of nuclear weapons, in full application of the non-proliferation Treaty, in letter and spirit, with the goal of a complete prohibition of these weapons.”

~Pope Francis in his September 2015 address to the U.S. Congress

Please join *Pax Christi Metro New York* for our annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki Memorial at which we heed Pope Francis’s call. We will sing, pray, listen, and act for a nuclear-weapons-free world. Emilie McGlone, International Coordinator of Peace Boat, will speak to us about Peace Boat’s Global Voyages for a nuclear-free world and the Hibakusha Project. Then we will hold a public silent vigil. The afternoon begins on **Sunday, August 7th, at 2:30pm in Casserly Hall, St. Joseph’s Greenwich Village Church, Sixth Avenue and Washington Place**, and concludes at **4:30pm** in nearby Fr. Demo Square. For further details visit www.nypaxchristi.org or contact info@nypaxchristi.org or 212-420-0250.



VENEZUELANS ARE OUT OF FOOD AND CRITICAL MEDICINES!!!



We have all been reading and learning about the deplorable situation in Venezuela. We understand that:

- It is now considered the most violent country in the world.
- Venezuela is experiencing a severe crisis affecting the rights of the population, characterized by shortages of medicines and food, high rates of homicide and violence, and the low level of electricity generation.
- The health care system has atrophied so severely that scores of Venezuelans are dying every week because of chronic shortages of medicine, including antibiotics, cancer drugs and hospitals with no or broken equipment and no backup generators when the electricity is cut.

Luz Marina Diaz, our religious Education Director, is from Venezuela and has family who are personally witnessing great injustices against human rights and freedom.

We believe Venezuela needs help now – they cannot wait for international powers to decide how to intervene or not! In order to avoid goods ending up on the black market, we will be collecting funds to purchase and send the most critically needed items to a secure location in Venezuela and they will be distributed to the needy. Our drive will begin on July 30th. Contributions may be made as follows:

- The 2nd collection at all Masses July 30th and July 31st will be for aid to Venezuela;
- Contributions can be made to Faith Direct through 9/11/16 by indicating “Aid to Venezuela” on your online contribution;
- We will have tables in the church at all Masses on 9/10/16 and 9/11/16 for contributions;

Thank you for helping us to get emergency aid to the suffering people of Venezuela. If you would like to help with our tabling the weekend of 9/10-9/11/16, please send us an email at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com. Peace.

Music Ministry

CABARET~THOSE WERE THE DAYS MORE SAVE THE DATES:

Friday, November 4th at 7:30PM
Saturday, November 5th at 7:30PM
Sunday, November 6th at 2:30PM

AUDITIONS BY EMAIL



Songs of yesteryear, spoofs on what life used to be like, nostalgia, humour and old time favorites, with a few surprises at just the right moments. Seeking new singers and former singers coming from all walks of the parish who will delight our senses with song, grace and humor. Joined by our consummate professional director Paul Michael. If you are interested in becoming a part of this cabaret, please contact *John Uehlein* at juehlein@sfxavier.org.

VOX CLAMANTIS
Sunday, September 18th
6:30pm

This is the fragment from our rehearsal for this concert:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCB0y8O61nI6MtWAVs48llg>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VoxClamantisee/>

CONCERT TO END GUN VIOLENCE
Sunday, September 25th 2:30 – 3:30
Featuring Xavier Musicians, Readers and Friends



COME CELEBRATE MARGE ZWANZINGER'S 96TH BIRTHDAY

DATE: Sunday, August 14, 2016 from 2pm to 4pm

PLACE: Cusack Care Center, 537 Pavonia Ave.
Jersey City, NJ 07306

There will be a bus at the West 15 Street entrance to Xavier at 1:00pm to take us to the nursing home. Reservations are necessary and space is limited. If you would like to attend this surprise birthday celebration of Xavier's oldest registered parishoner, please reply before **July 31**.

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20

RSVP: bowcol@hotmail.com



A DECADE OF LOVE!

I have been so privileged to spend the last ten years here at Xavier, in this wonderful community that I have come to regard as family. It is certainly a unique experience to work in a place where I also feel at home among friends, and where hundreds of people show so much support and love, both for me and for our work here at Xavier Mission.

I never would have imagined when I took this job—a young, scared, pregnant, unwed woman—that I would receive the welcome that I did, and experience the love and the joy that has been ongoing throughout the years. I certainly didn't think I would be here ten years later! But it has truly flown by and each day I am grateful to have found this community; or, more accurately, that this community found me and took me in, like the innkeeper who provided a warm, safe place for a young, scared, pregnant, unwed woman two thousand years ago.

I thank each of you for making this past decade a decade of love. I am humbled, and blessed, to be a part of Xavier.

In honor of the last ten years of our work together, I invite you to join me in making a gift to continue the work of Xavier Mission.

The traditional gift for the “tin” anniversary (according to Wikipedia) is diamond jewelry. But I'm not traditional so instead of diamonds, please consider making a gift to Xavier Mission for the following:

- \$10 – 1 day's worth of groceries from our Food Pantry for a family of 4
- \$50 – 50 hot meals for our neighbors at the Welcome Table
- \$100 – 1 month's worth of supplies for guests at the Coughlin Shelter
- \$1000 – 1 month of rent arrears for a family to avoid eviction

I've kicked off the celebration with a \$100 gift. Please join me in making the next ten years as wonderful as the last!

With unending love,
Cassandra



CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Are you looking for a way to share your faith, time and talents with others? The Family Faith Program needs you!!

All volunteers must be cleared through our safe environment program. We will provide training and support along the way.

We need volunteers to teach pre-kindergarten, 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades.

We encourage all adults to learn about our Family Faith Program at sfxavier.org and prayerfully consider whether this ministry is right for you!

Family Faith Program
Lmdiaz@sfxavier.org
212-627-2100 Ext. 207

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13.

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. JAMES:

2 Cor 4:7-15; Matt 20:20-28.

7:45AM JACKIE & PAT ROBINS (L)
12:05PM RACHEL MONTELEONE (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF SS. JOACHIM AND

ANNE: Jer 14:17-22; Matt 13:36-43.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM JOHN COSTELLO (L)

SEVENTEENTH WEDNESDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Jer 15:10, 16-21;
Matt 13:44-46.

7:45AM ENA RODRIGUEZ (D)
12:05PM ELAINE GONZALES (L)

SEVENTEENTH THURSDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Jer 18:1-6; Matt 13:47-53.

7:45AM NADINE KOHLER (D)
12:05PM TRIXIE CLEARY (D)

FRIDAY~ FEAST OF ST. MARTHA:

Jer 26:1-9; John 11:19-27.

7:45AM WILLIAM & WINIFRED VERBA (D)
12:05PM RAMONITA MERCED (D)

SEVENTEENTH SATURDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Matt 14:1-12.

12:05PM JOHN P. FLYNN (D)

SUNDAY~ FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF

LOYOLA: Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13.

**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, SEXWomen@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 sfxgsgroup@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 John Karle at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Rose Alloca, alloccarose@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