



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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*But for you
who revere
my name,
there will
arise the
sun of justice
with its
healing rays.*

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit the Music Ministry

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, 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. Robert VerEecke, S.J. (Pastor) — 204

Email: RVerееcke@sfxavier.org

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

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);
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Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe; David Pais

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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: 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, November 19th

5:00pm Mass (Vigil): *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

Sunday, November 20th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Patricia Ahearn, John Bucki SJ, James Brassel, Pia Brown,
Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell, Larry Capisi, Kyle Chepic,
Margaret English, Susan Forbes, Francisco Fuentes,
Joaquin Gager, Juan Garcia, Harriett Gordon,
Monsignor Neil Graham, Tom Hanman, Richard Hogan,
Phil Ingrassciotta, Lorraine Pavich, James Leung,
Marian Lizzio, Manuel Lopez, Greg Lugliani, John Marshall,
Lou Mauro SJ, Steven Mays, Kay Mazzo, Betty & Ron Miller,
Marisol Miro, Lorraine B. Nelson, Campbell Phillips,
Jim Reidy, Riederma Family, Joshua Rota-Tebb, Valerie
Sanchez, Lorraine Szul, Rocco Scura, Alice Sharkey,
Ray and Terri Sharpe, Amando Solero, Vincent Sullivan,
Loretta Tommasulo, Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend,
Gregory Turner, Carl Wassmann*

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

*Matthew Clarke, Sr., Matilde and Jose Dado,
Rev. Robert Fruch, Jason N. Gallero, Linda Martinez,
Laura Samoy, Larry Schwindt, Rita Williamson*

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 Parishioners,

I'm writing this letter on Election Day. I would have liked to wait until tomorrow to find out the results of the election but I'm under the pressure of a "deadline". To say that I'm feeling anxious, apprehensive and "on edge" as we anticipate the results of this contentious election, is not an understatement! I know what I "hope" for but don't yet know what the outcome will be.

The above paragraph sounds a good deal like Advent! Anxiety, apprehension, anticipation, "being on edge" describe the feelings that accompany our Advent journey each year. And Advent is only two Sundays away! In preparation for the season I met with a number of parishioners who shared their thoughts about the scriptures and the themes of Advent. This particular Advent. (Cycle A with the readings from Matthew) evokes feelings of joy and anticipation at the same time that it envisions a world where "peace and justice" embrace. This advent is filled with images of creation where flowers bloom in unexpected times and places. A theme that has been emerging in my prayer since our meeting is "We Wait in Joyful Hope!" Although I do not know yet the outcome of today's election, I do know the outcome of our advent prayer. Each year we are surprised and delighted to find that God is with us in so many wonderful ways! I look forward to celebrating my first "Advent" with you very soon.

While we wait for the beginning of a new year and a new liturgical cycle, we have the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for the blessings which we have received as a parish community. As I said this past weekend, there is an abundance of generosity at Xavier that is expressed in parishioners' willingness to share their "time", "talent" and "treasure". In regards to the "treasure", again let me ask you to consider signing up for our "Faith Direct" on-line giving. It would be wonderful if we could reach the 500 mark by the end of 2016. Presently there are 340 parishioners who are using Faith Direct. And remember it's not a matter of "how much" but "how many" so we can better plan to meet the needs of our ever-growing parish and its ministries.

With a gratitude,

Fr. Bob

AN ADVENT RETREAT WALKING WITH MARY

Accompany Mary with the Advent scriptures of her journey: Annunciation, Visitation, Canticle of Mary, on an Ignatian Prayer retreat.

Pray with Lectio Divina, Ignatian contemplation and reflective prayer with journaling. Share your thoughts and prayers in small groups

**Tuesdays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13
from 6:30 to 8:00pm**

Please register by sending your name and contact info to **Gerry Moss** at gerrymoss@aol.com.
Or, leave a message at 718-871-9677

Deadline: Wed. Nov. 22. Suggested Donation: \$10

ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)

Catholic Lesbians & Friends—All Are Welcome! 14th Annual Christmas Wrapping Party Friday, December 9th, 6:00 pm—9:00 pm

Please contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for one (or two or three) of the 183 kids' names from *Picture the Homeless*, *Community Voices Heard*, *Life Experience & Faith Sharing*, and *STEPS to End Family Violence*, and bring your unwrapped present to the wrapping party. Pizza and beverages will be served.

Anne Patterson, the director of *STEPS to End Family Violence*, wrote about last year's gifts: "The impact of these presents was truly beautiful, and I wish you all could have shared these moments with us... At *STEPS* we have many clients who would not have been able to afford presents on their own, so I wanted you to know that your generosity helped give these families the Christmas they deserved."

Do you feel called to support others in their spiritual journey or know someone who shares such a gift? Applications are now being accepted for the Spiritual Director Formation Program, an 18-month parish process to train and support new spiritual directors beginning in January 2017. For more info visit our website at www.sfxavier.org or email **Bob Choiniere** at rchoiniere@sfxavier.org.
Deadline for submission is **November 15**.



We're On Our Way!

Community: \$4,270 (17%) as of 11/7!

Board of Directors: \$20,175 (81%) as of 11/7!

Donate to the **Thanksgiving Meal Fund** and be part of providing:

- 250 sit-down meals for seniors and disabled individuals on Thanksgiving Day!
- 200 meals delivered to homebound individuals on Thanksgiving Day!
- 250 full Thanksgiving baskets (including turkeys!), totaling 2250 meals, to guests of our food pantry!
- 1500+ meals at our special Holiday Welcome Table the Sunday after Thanksgiving!
- Ongoing support of the Welcome Table and Food Pantry!

We are hoping to repeat last year's goal of **\$25,000**,
with the Board of Directors matching that for **another \$25,000!**

We have a **NEW** online giving system with real time progress updates!

So join the Xavier Mission Board of Directors, our staff, volunteers, and—of course—Tom the Turkey Baster as we kick off the biggest Thanksgiving Meal Fund ever!

Visit www.xaviermission.org/Thanksgiving to donate!

TURKEY UP!!

The Platform Group Presents **ROUGHLY SPEAKING**

*A new play with rap based on over 200 interviews with the guests of
the Xavier Mission Welcome Table Soup Kitchen*

Shara Ashley Zeiger's *Roughly Speaking*, was conceived and produced by The Platform Group, in cooperation with Xavier Mission's Welcome Table Soup Kitchen. *Roughly Speaking* will be presented at Tada, located at 15 West 28th Street from October 29 through November 20.



Roughly Speaking presents a look into the world we walk by through the eyes of Lightning Bolt, a rapper bound only by his wheelchair and a cast of diverse characters on a not so typical day at the soup kitchen. An existential struggle of survival begs questions of love, loss, and what's next. *Roughly Speaking* is a drama with rap about those who are caught in a system that exists more to maintain the status quo, rather than offer a way out. It's funny. It's sad. It's not a docudrama monologue play.

A talk back series line-up includes experts on the homeless, a member of the New York State Assembly, TED Talk Presenters, artists, and members of the *Roughly Speaking* cast and creative team, and are scheduled to take place after every Wednesday and Sunday performance.

Show times for *Roughly Speaking* are Wednesday-Saturday at 8pm, Sunday at 2pm. There will be an additional performance on Monday, November 14 at 8pm and no performance on Sunday October 30, or Wednesday, November 16. All tickets are \$25.00, with \$3.00 from each ticket sold going towards purchasing backpacks for the homeless. Reservations: 212-868-4444 or www.theplatformgroup.org. The approximate running time of the show is 90 minutes.



FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

Wednesday, November 16th

7:00pm

Xavier High School Theater

Keenan Commons

For the Greater Glory of God, a dance/ theater piece inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola was created by Fr. Bob VerEecke for the Ignatian Anniversaries of 1991-1992. The first performance took place in the Sanctuary of St Ignatius parish, Chestnut Hill and was subsequently performed at many Jesuit Universities and parishes across the country and in Canada. It's most recent live performance took place two years ago in St Anne's parish in Kingston, Jamaica. The work combines music, dance, scripture and the text of the Spiritual Exercises in a way that invites the audience to experience the dynamics of the 4 "weeks" of the Exercises. The role of St Ignatius is played by Father VerEecke.

For the Greater Glory of God invites those familiar with the Exercises into an aesthetic encounter with the movements of the four weeks and introduces the newcomer to the power and richness of Ignatius' most profound contribution to our spiritual tradition.

Jeremy Zipple S.J. a professional videographer and media director at America Magazine videoed the work two years ago using multiple cameras. Screening of the video version of For the Greater Glory of God will take place on Wednesday, November 16th in the Xavier High School Theater (Keenan Commons) at 7PM. Access to the theater is at 31 W. 15th St. All are welcome!

MAGIS THEATRE COMPANY'S

WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

WINE. TAPAS. MUSIC.

Sample a wide range of excellent wines with a sommelier on hand to guide your palate. Please come and join us at

**The Keenan Commons, Xavier High School
31 West 15th Street, New York, NY 10011
on Thursday November 17th at 7pm**

All monies raised go to support Magis Theatre Company's forthcoming production of Calderon's Two Dreams at La Mama ETC. February 9-26, 2017.

Tickets \$50 | RSVP to magistheatrsvp@gmail.com
Can't make it? Donate here: http://magistheatre.org/ways_to_give.html



Young Adults
CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Hello Again Fellow 20 & 30-Somethings! You are ALL personally invited to participate in our next meeting on **Sunday, Nov 13th**, immediately following the 5pm mass in the West Room. With the polarizing election behind us we will take the opportunity to discuss discernment and possible steps to help us make difficult decisions in everyday life in general.

Join the engaging conversation with other wonderful, socially-conscious, and dynamic individuals. Come meet fellow parishoners, make some new friends. ALL are welcome... single, married, gay or straight.

sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

REMEMBER XAVIER WHEN CONSIDERING A YEAR-END GIFT

First we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support our parish throughout the year. As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to Xavier. The parish is budgeting a \$49,408 deficit for this fiscal year and projecting deficits totaling \$65,000 over the next three years. Your year-end gift can help us reduce this deficit and thereby allow us to continue to celebrate vibrant liturgies and support our many ministries.

The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support Xavier for years to come. There are many different ways of contributing a gift. Two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests and IRA/retirement accounts. For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift please contact Jim Martinez in the parish office.



Pope Francis has called this the Year of Mercy. This extraordinary year is coming to a close on Sunday, November 20th, The Feast of Christ the King. He declared an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy to be a “special time for the church” in which Catholics throughout

the world recall and celebrate God’s Mercy. We began this extraordinary year by looking at the day to day struggles of people living at or below the poverty level. We will conclude the year by once again experiencing the frustration and anxiety poverty creates.

As loving, merciful Catholics living in the modern world, our question may be, “How do we respond to the call to be Merciful?” When we see our sister or brother living in poverty we are called to mourn, and to put an end to their suffering. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Ignatian Social Justice, the Xavier Peace & Justice Committee, and Bread for the World will be presenting a “**Poverty Simulation**” on **Saturday, November 19th from 10:00am-12:30pm at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola 980 Park Avenue, New York, NY.** A poverty simulation is intended to help participants understand what it might be like to be part of a typical low income family trying to survive from month to month. It is a simulation, not a game. The object is to sensitize participants to the realities of life faced by those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society, while providing concrete suggestions for further action and advocacy! Please prayerfully consider how best to mourn those living in poverty, and help put an end to their suffering.

We hope you’ll join us. If you have questions or want further information, please email Tracey Tynan at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com. To register, please email Pattie Hughes at phughes@archny.org, by Tuesday, November 15th. We look forward to seeing you on the 19th!

Like Little Bo-Peep, Fr Bob has lost his sheep and doesn’t know where to find them! He’s been searching for the lost sheep so they can perform with him in Christmas Revelations at the Sheen Center on the weekend of December 17th and 18th. If you can help Fr. Bob find some sheep (ages 3-8) for these performance, Fr Bob will stop losing sleep! Please contact him rverecke@sfxavier.org for more information.

Brief Notices From Other Places

FULL OF GRACE



Journeys of LGBT Catholics

A reading of the new documentary play **Full of Grace: Journeys of LGBT Catholics** will be held at the Church of the Ascension 221 W. 107th St. NYC on **Monday, November 21 at 7pm.** The play is based on hundred of interviews with gay, lesbian and transgender Catholics and their families about the intersection of faith and sexual orientation. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door or online at www.artful.ly/store/events/10243. More info at www.fullofgraceplay.com

Integral Ecology: A Concept of Progress? *Panel discussion on the Care of our Common Home, Laudato Si*

The Friends of the Collège des Bernardins (Paris, France), invite you to participate in the panel discussion with *Kevin Cawley*, Executive Director of the Thomas Berry Forum of an Ecological Dialogue, Iona College, New Rochelle, NY; *Michael K. Holleran*, Catholic Priest and Zen Master, Member of the Delegation of Faith Leaders to the UN Climate Summit in Paris (COP21); *Frédéric Trinel*, Co-founder & Co-CEO of EcoVadis, Supplier Sustainability Ratings

A reception will follow
Suggested Donation: \$20 or more

When: Tues. Nov 15th, 7pm

Where: Church of Notre Dame of Lourdes, 405 West 114th Street (btw Amsterdam & Morningside Drive), New York, NY 10025

RSVP by Sun. 13 November

Thomas Ducrot (tom@ducrot.biz)

Sophie Mervoyer (smervoyer@gmail.com)

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Mal 3:1-20a; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Luke 2:1:5-19.

MONDAY~FEAST ST. JOSEPH

PIGNATELLI: Rev 1:1-4;2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43

7:45AM FRANCES CONIGLIO (D)

12:05PM HELEN KOSS (D)

THIRTY-THIRD TUESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Rev 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10

7:45AM JIM MARTINEZ (L)

12:05PM JACQUELINE SCHWARTZMAN (D)

THIRTY-THIRD WEDNESDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Rev 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28.

7:45AM J. LEE GARVEY (D)

12:05PM JOAN NAYLOR (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY:

Rev 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44.

7:45AM NOREEN O'LEARY (D)

12:05PM RAYMOND BECK (D)

THIRTY-THIRD FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Rev 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48.

7:45AM FRED & KATE CARNEY AND FAMILY (L)

12:05PM EILLIN O'BRIAN (D)

THIRTY-THIRD SATURDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Rev 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40.

12:05PM THOMAS RIZZO (D)

SUNDAY~FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE:

2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43.

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, [suniko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto: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 Larry Ruthv 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