



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
(Matt 2:10-11)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Communications/Catholic University

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2017

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

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Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

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

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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);
Deborah Olley Murphy (Secretary); Stephen Alfieri;
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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, January 14th

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

Sunday, January 8th

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

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Antonio Bird, John Bucki SJ, Philip Brassel, Alex Campbell,
Nicole and Jason Chauvin, Carol Davis, Margaret English,
Joaquin Gager, Victor Gaston, Harriett Gordon,
Monsignor Neil Graham, Marian Lizzio, Albert Longo,
Greg Lughiani, Lou Mauro SJ, Steven Mays, Kay Mazzo,
John McCarthy, Marisol Miro, Kathy Mulvaney,
Lorraine B. Nelson, Lillian May Reilly Palmer,
Campbell Phillips, Jim Reidy, Vivian Roth, Lorraine Szul,
Rocco Scura, Alice Sharkey, Amando Solero, Patricia Sullivan,
Loretta Tommasulo, Gregory Turner, Carl Wassmann*

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

*Julius Andrews, Nieva Cabreza, Hudson Andrew Chauvin,
Francis Clark, Eileen DeBernardis, Harry J. Gaffney,
Myriam McGinnis, Nelda C. Salas, Marily Ann Shanabrook,
Ana Zuniga*

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,

At the end of this season of travel that began at Thanksgiving, coinciding with the beginning of Advent, it is fitting that we celebrate the “travelers” who journey from the East in search of the “new born king”. Although scripture scholars remind us that this is not an historical event but rather an infancy narrative pregnant with theological and scriptural meaning, the journey of the Magi has captured the imagination of artists through the centuries. It is also timely in our own age when there are so many people who are refugees and immigrants, people fleeing from poverty and the ravages of war. There are so many in our world scanning the heavens for a Star that will lead them to a place of hope, peace and promise as the Magi find in the home of Mary and Joseph. (Note that in Matthew’s story, the Magi arrive not at a manger but at a house!) Speaking of Matthew’s gospel, it is helpful to know that his narratives are meant to be interpreted in the light of the book of Exodus. For Matthew and his community, Jesus is the new Moses. The stories of Jesus’ birth and early days mirror those of Moses. The similarities are too many to enumerate here but feel free to ask me ☺

The Christmas Season will finally come to an end on Monday January 9th. It’s the feast of the Baptism of Jesus which usually falls on a Sunday but this year on a Monday because of some anomalies in the calendar. It is a beautiful way to complete a season of prayer and worship where we celebrate God’s love for the world in Jesus, the Son. Let me finish this brief letter to you with the words of the Gospel:

After Jesus was baptized,
he came up from the water and behold,
the heavens were opened for him,
and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove
and coming upon him.
And a voice came from the heavens, saying,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

I am sure that God is well-pleased with each of you who are God’s beloved daughters and sons!

Many blessings for 2017,

Fr. Bob



1980s PROM TICKETS ON SALE!

Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser: Saturday February 18, 2017

www.xaviermission.org/dinnerdance

It's Prom Night!

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!

Rock your best side ponytail and acid wash -- 1980s-themed attire encouraged!
(Prom dress not required but more than welcome!)

Cocktails, dinner and dancing.
Music by Michael Jackson, Madonna and YOU (hint: Karaoke!)

Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle and more!

TICKETS:

Indiana Jones- \$110 (1 event ticket, 1 drink ticket)

Blues Brothers Patron- \$250 (2 event tickets, 2 drink tickets, listing in program & website)

TABLE SPONSORSHIPS:

Star Wars- \$5000 (8 tickets, 8 drink tickets, full page ad in program, top billing on website)

Ghostbusters- \$2500 (8 tickets, 8 drink tickets, ½ page ad in program, second tier billing on website)

Breakfast Club- \$5000 (8 tickets, 8 drink tickets, ¼ page ad in program, third tier billing on website)

WHEN FAITH MEETS LOVE: AN INTERNATIONAL, INTERFAITH PERSPECTIVE



On Sunday, January 8th at 1:30pm in the Mary Chapel, Sociologist Namita Manohar will share some of her ongoing research on Catholic-interfaith marriage in the archdiocese of Bombay.

How do issues of culture, faith and relationship affect you personally? How are these issues playing out in couples and families across the world? Join us for discussion on a topic as personal as it is global.

Dr. Namita Manohar is a professor at Brooklyn College.

She is from Mumbai, India and is a member of the Xavier Bible Study.

Sponsored by: It Was the Women Who Stayed, The India Group, and Family Faith

Looking at Lent (Note: Date Change)

All are invited to attend a Lenten Liturgy Planning session on **Tuesday, January 24th** at 7:15pm in the Xavier High School Chapel. If you would like to share your thoughts and reflections on our parish celebrations of the Lenten Season, please let Fr. Bob know of your interest. rverecke@sfxavier.org.

TAIZE PRAYER WITH JOSE RAMON PEREZ- LOPEZ AND YOGA WITH KO IM

Friday, January 13th

Taizé Prayer followed by Yoga Rituals, prayers and community – you are invited to participate in a Taizé service from 6pm to 7pm and /or in Yoga for spirituality (bring your yoga mat) from 7pm to 8pm.

MOVEMENT/ DANCE PRAYER WORKSHOP

Fr. Bob will be offering another movement/dance prayer workshop on Saturday morning **February 11th** from 10-12 in the Xavier High School Keenan Commons. All are welcome to come together to experience the beauty and power of movement prayer. Please let *Fr Bob* know if you would like to participate.

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The 2017 New York Encounter, themed “Reality Has Never Betrayed Me,” will take place January 13-15 at the Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street in midtown Manhattan. The Encounter is a three-day, FREE, cultural event organized by Communion and Liberation, consisting of panel discussions, artistic performances and unique exhibits. This year’s Encounter features Timothy Cardinal Dolan, David Brooks (New York Times), Matt Malone, S.J. (America Magazine), Rusty Reno (First Things), and Prof. Joseph Weiler (NYU), and many more, speaking on an array of dynamic topics from politics and education, to saints, the refugee crisis, the food we eat, photography, and more. The Encounter has 28 events in all. The full program can be found at <http://www.newyorkencounter.org>. All are invited! No registration is required. Come and see what’s there for you!



JANUARY IS NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN-TRAFFICKING-PREVENTION MONTH!

*PEACE AND JUSTICE WILL PRESENT STARTLING GENERAL FACTS ON THIS SUBJECT
WEEKLY DURING JANUARY.*

WEEK 1 GENERAL FACTS ON MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

1. Human Trafficking, also known as modern-day slavery, involves the recruitment, harboring or transportation of people who are exploited through forms of force, fraud or coercion.
2. Modern-Day Slavery has replaced whips and chains with emotional, mental and physical abuse that produces psychological bondage, often referred to as the Stockholm Syndrome.
3. Human Trafficking has been reported in EVERY state in the United States.
4. Human Trafficking is the 2nd largest criminal industry in the world, second only to the drug trade and generates an estimated \$32 billion per year. (UN)
5. New York is one of the top 5 states with the highest number of reported cases.
6. It is estimated that there are 21 million people in slavery today around the world.
7. Download the STOP TRAFFICKING NEWSLETTER monthly for more information.
8. Please contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline Number 1 888 3737 888, or (Text 233733) if someone or someplace raises a question for you that they may be in jeopardy.
9. Call Congressperson Schumer (202 224-6542) for support of HR 3226 the Business Supply Chain Transparency Act.

Catholic Lesbians

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Friday, January 13th
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
West Room

“I will tell of new things. . . .”

“They are being created now. . . .” (Isaiah 48: -7)

Please join us to kick-start the new year of this twenty-four-year-old ministry. The first thirty minutes will be to socialize and settle in and then we'll get started. Bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

**WALKING RETREAT PILGRIMAGE
TO FATIMA AND
SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA**

May 1st to 12th
Spiritual guide: Fr. Joseph Weiss, SJ

For more information please contact
angiecruzphd@gmail.com or
call 917-607-0937.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: Isa 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matt 2:1-12.

MONDAY~FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Isa 42:1-4, 6-7; Matt 3:13-17.

7:45AM EDWARD HOLE (D)
12:05PM JAMES CONTI (D)

FIRST TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 1:1-6; Mark 1:14-20.

7:45AM ANN HANNON (D)
12:05PM PADDY LOUGHLIN (D)

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 2:14-18; Mark 1:29-39.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM RODDY GORMLEY (D)

FIRST THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45.

7:45AM EDNA MCCARTHY (D)
12:05PM KATHY GALLOWAY (D)

FIRST FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 4:1-5,11; Mark 2:1-12.

7:45AM FRANCIS YEATMAN (L)
12:05PM PEPPER KALIBAN (D)

FIRST SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17.

12:05PM MICHAEL ALLOCCA (D)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Isa 49:3,5-6; 1 Col 1:1-3; John 1:29-34.

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

XAVIER ADULT GROUP: 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 Larry Ruth 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