



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whom-ever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." (John 1:32-34)

OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH

One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.

Please use 15th Street entrance.

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 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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James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship and

Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205

Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201

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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.



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 minimum of six months before qualifying for a sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, January 21st

5:00pm Mass(Vigil): *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

Sunday, January 22nd

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

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Patrick Gilger, 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, Leticia Mutuc, Lorraine B. Nelson, Lillian May Reilly Palmer, Campbell Phillips, Jim Reidy, Vivian Roth, Lorraine Szul, Rocco Scura, Alice Sharkey, Amando Solero, 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, Marilyn Ann Shanabrook, Patricia Sullivan, 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.

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 grateful for your 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 \$72,620 fell short of our budget of \$80,000 and last year's total of \$100,854. The majority of the shortfall from last year's collection is attributable to a \$25,000 donation we have received the past two years that did not occur this year. We received \$6,073 for Christmas flowers compared to \$6,069 last year. Also we received approximately \$31,350 in end of year gifts compared to \$20,000 last year. It is only through your gifts can we make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

We are pleased to report that we are currently operating at a \$35,921 surplus compared to a budgeted deficit of \$27,397 for the first three months of this fiscal year ending November 30, 2016. The favorable results are due primarily to increased wedding and rental income, Sunday Collections, and Donations together with decreased maintenance and repair and other program expenses. Our planned deficit for this year is \$49,400 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, 2016

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Support	\$527,579	\$486,613	\$40,966
Expenses	\$491,658	\$514,010	(\$22,352)
Net Support Over (Under) Expenses	\$35,921	(\$27,397)	

Last month we received a generous restricted donation of \$150,000. The donor was especially moved by Xavier's history in welcoming and loving our LGBT sisters and brothers. The donor has requested that \$100,000 be dedicated to the support of our various parish ministries, with specific allocations made at the discretion of the pastor. The remaining \$50,000 is to support our efforts in reaching out to the victims of the Orlando tragedy. Xavier will direct this portion of the gift to affected families, through reliable charities, in the name of our parish.

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 if you are absent from Mass on vacation or other reasons. It also helps us bring consistency to our cash flow and reduces the time it takes our staff to count and report cash. We hope you will set aside a few minutes today to enroll in *Faith Direct*. You can enroll online by clicking the [Donate Now](#) button on the upper-right hand corner of our parish homepage or scanning the QR code below or mail in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office. With online enrollment, you will be able to access your account any time to view and make changes to your account information and gifts. During the last year 51 families have enrolled in *Faith Direct* to make their Sunday offertory. Please consider joining the 317 families who use *Faith Direct* for their Sunday offertory.

There are many ways to support and participate in our many ministries. Our Bulletin and Welcome Brochure on the parish website contain information on these ministries. Perhaps at the start of this New Year you might resolve to find more ways to share your unique skills and talents so that your special strengths will make a difference in this world.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Our Christmas Season came to an end this past Monday with the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our parishioners who made it a beautiful and festive celebration through music, prayer and artistry of every kind. Now we have returned to “ordinary” time although we know this is no “ordinary” time as we move into the uncertainty of the future with a new administration. We hope and pray that the very real needs of the poor, those without health care, the disenfranchised, the immigrant and all those whose do not share in the wealth of the nation will not be disregarded.

This past week we had our monthly Pastoral Council meeting. The council has your concerns very much at heart and we are hoping that in the coming weeks and months we may be even more effective in responding to the needs and desires of the whole community. We are very aware that some more than others feel a part of Xavier, either because of their long association with the parish or their involvement with specific ministries. We want to make sure that all who come to the parish have a sense of belonging and their presence makes a difference. In the next weeks, Council members and other heads of ministries will be “observing” the life of the parish through our liturgies and other activities. On Saturday February 4th we will gather to reflect together on our identity as a Jesuit Parish and how we can even better serve the spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters.

On a final note, I'm told that our Christmas collection was “down” this year. I'm hoping that we might “raise it up” since it's essential to support our ministries and ongoing operations. So if you can help, I would be more than grateful.

Sincerely,

Fr Bob

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. rverecke@sfxavier.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MINISTRY TO DISABLED PARISHIONERS

Can you help out once a month before and after the 11:30 Liturgy?

For further information or to volunteer, please contact *Lynn Corwin* at lccjs@aol.com or call 917 716 1265.

A member of our parish community has undergone a bone marrow transplant. As a transition to going home, she will be spending two weeks in a hotel across the street from the hospital and, while being there, requires someone to be with her around the clock should there be a need to call her hospital care team. She may also need to be escorted across the street to the clinic should she need any IV therapy.

We are seeking volunteers to help this parishioner. Note that a volunteer will NOT perform any medical functions and will only be available to perform the tasks noted above. Day and night “shifts” are being arranged. Please consider your ability to participate on this ministry of presence. To volunteer or for more information please call *Kathy* at 203-287-1159.

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.



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- \$1000 (8 tickets, 8 drink tickets, ¼ page ad in program, third tier billing on website)

Hello Gorgeous Fellow 20 & 30-Somethings! The countdown begins... though we will not be holding our regular meeting in January, mark your calendars... you are ALL personally invited to participate in our much anticipated first meeting of the year! Sunday, February 12th, immediately following the 5pm mass in the West Room. Come join the engaging conversation with other fantastic, socially-conscious, and dynamic young adults. Meet fellow parishoners and make some new friends. ALL are welcome... single, married, gay or straight. sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

SIGNS OF PEACE!

Let's Create Together Tuesday Evening. Whether you're going to the Women's March in DC, in NYC, or just want to share in an evening of solidarity and creativity...

Come join us for an evening of sign-making. Volunteers from the artists' collective We Make America will be on hand to help us express ourselves on cardboard!

Tuesday, January 17th 6pm-8pm
Hurtado Hall

All are welcome to join the Women's ministries of Xavier – It Was the Women Who Stayed and Catholic Lesbians – for this evening of community and solidarity. To register or find out more information contact: TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com

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.



JANUARY IS NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN-TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH!

Peace And Justice will present startling general facts on this subject weekly during January.

WEEK 2 GENERAL FACTS ON MODERN-DAY SLAVERY

1. Globally, the International Labor Organization estimates there are 4.5 million people trapped in forced sexual exploitation.
2. About 300,000 children in the US are believed to be at risk of sexual exploitation. (US Dept. of Justice)
3. Average age of entry into trafficking for victims in the US for girls is 12 to 14 and for boys is 11 to 13. (US Dept. of Justice)
4. A pimp can make \$150,000 -\$200,000 per child yearly. (US Justice Dept.)
5. Since 2007, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline (888 3737 888) received reports of 14,588 sex trafficking cases inside the US.
6. Sex traffickers use violence, threats, lies, debt bondage and other forms of coercion.
7. Victims of sex trafficking can be US citizens, foreign nationals, women, men, children and LGBTQ individuals. Vulnerable populations are frequently targeted by traffickers, including runaway and homeless youth, victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, war or social discrimination.
8. Sex trafficking occurs in a range of venues: fake massage businesses, online ads or escort services; residential brothel; on the street; at truck stops; at hotels and motels.
9. Download STOP TRAFFICKING NEWSLETTER monthly for more information.
10. 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.
11. Call Congressperson Schumer (202 224-6542) for support of HR 3226 Business Supply Chain Transparency Act.

LET'S PRAY OUR HOPE ON THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE!

In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis calls on all people to “care for our common home”, reminding us that “the poor and the earth are crying out.” There is an urgent need to promote a clean energy economy that would benefit all and protect the environment of our shared planet.

Join us for a short, peaceful candlelight vigil to express our intention to work for a clean energy economy.

Sunday, Jan. 22, from 5 pm to 5:20 pm
At the center section of the Brooklyn Bridge

As we prepare to face the challenges ahead, let us acknowledge that the protection of our common home is our sacred responsibility.

Bring a battery-operated candle or tealight if you can. We will pray with our lights of hope.
Meet at Starbucks on Beekman and Park Row between 4pm and 4:15pm to walk together.

Contact Nancy Lorence for further details (n.lorence2013@gmail.com) Sponsored by GreenFaith and endorsed by the Franciscan Action Network and the Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

SECOND MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22.

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY:
Heb 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28.

7:45AM JULIUS ANDREWS (D)
12:05PM JOSEPH DAMIAN RYAN (D)

SECOND WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Heb 7:1-3,15-17; Mark 3:1-6

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM TIN LEUNG LEE (D)

SECOND THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Heb 7:25-8:6; Mark 3:7-12.

7:45AM MATTHEW & LUCY FURMATO (L)
12:05PM LILLIAN JEAN O'DAIRE LAWRENCE (D)

SECOND FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19.

7:45AM TOM RAINONE (D)
12:05PM MATTHEW & LUCY FURMATO (L)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. AGNES:
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21.

12:05PM DANIEL COOPER (D)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Isa 8:23-9:3; 1 Col 1:10-13, 17; Matt 4:12-23.

**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 sfxggroup@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