



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. (John 10:10)

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) — 204

Email: RVerееcke@sfxavier.org

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James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship and

Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205

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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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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, May 13th

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

Sunday, May 14th

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

Sean Adcroft, Maria Antonia Araujo, John Bucki SJ, Alex Campbell, Luceil Carroll, Normita Crystal, Florence Demopoulis, Monsignor Neil Graham, Fr. Thomas Kallumady, Patricia Anne Keenan, Robert Lapidis, Molly Mae LeBlanc, June LeBell, Molly Mae LeBlanc, Marian Lizzio, Lou Mauro SJ, Nicole Minson, Marisol Miro, Sailani Morales, Kathy Mulvaney, Lillian May, Jeff Roberts, Edminda Sanchez, Rocco Scura, Sal Talarico, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers, Benjamin Yabut

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

Msgr. John Ahern, Nicholas Antamos Sellas, Michael Barbagallo, Amelia Blanquera, Fr. Neil Connolly, Brian Danis, Jim Donohue, Pablo Forte, Gloria Maldonado, Ana Maria Rodriguez-Andaluz, Michael Santorsa

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,

This past Monday, we had our annual Gathering of Ministries where parish leaders come together and report on what has been happening during the year. As you know Xavier has an impressive roster of ministries that have to do with issues of Catholic identity, formation, education and service to our neighbors. A frequent comment I hear as people look at the bulletin is how impressive and dynamic Xavier must be as a parish with so much going on! I'm sure you join with me in expressing gratitude for all those who give generously of their time and talent to serve the parish community and those whose lives intersect with our ministries.

The challenge, of course, is to find ways in which "YOU" can be involved, if you are not already. We realize that Xavier is an intentional parish and you may not be able to come to the church at a time other than a Saturday/afternoon or Sunday. This makes programming more difficult than if everyone lived nearby and could come to weeknight gatherings. We just want to make sure that you know that we are open to your suggestions, not only of ways in which we can serve you but also ways in which you can become more engaged in the life of the community if you are so inclined.

One of the special aspects of this parish is that there is so much offered through the leadership of lay people who have a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to sharing their faith. One of the unique programs is "Lay Spirits" which explores a variety of different spiritual experiences. There are informational meetings on the program which begins in September on May 7th (1:30pm) and May 25th (6:30pm). Perhaps this is for YOU!

On another note, I wanted to mention that 4 members of the parish from Catholic Lesbians and Gay Catholics were sponsored by Xavier to attend the New Ways Ministry Conference in Chicago this past weekend. This sponsorship was made possible by a grant to the parish in gratitude for the pastoral care of the LGBTQ community at Xavier. Another part of the grant was specifically targeted for the victims and families of the Pulse tragedy. We are presently working on supporting a memorial event that will take place in June in Orlando.

I hope and pray that this Easter season brings you closer to the Risen Lord!

Peace,

Father Bob

Ministry Corner

THE GAY CATHOLICS (MEN'S GROUP)

We focus our regular meetings discussing ways we could put into action the Jesuit principal to "go out and meet people where they are". We can be for them the presence and invitation of Jesus's love and grow an inclusive and welcoming church.

We work with our parish and the larger community toward the goals of full inclusion and a deepened spiritual life for LGBT people and their families and loved ones. We also partner with other parish ministries through volunteerism (in and outside SFX). We sponsor guest speakers and presentations, encouraging an open dialogue on LGBT issues and social justice activities of other parish ministries. For more than 20 years we have evangelized the "Word" through our existence and we "go forth to set the world on fire.



Hello ALL dynamic Twenty & Thirty-Somethings! It's that exciting time of the Year again... Spring is upon us! What better way to welcome the new Season NYC-style than with a Fantastic lively BRUNCH. Yes, in lieu of our monthly meeting, we will be gathering at a most brilliant brunch spot on Sun, 5/21, around 1pm. Stay tuned for final details in the next couple of weeks. So mark your calendars! This is a wonderful opportunity to come out and meet with other gorgeous, socially-conscious, and savvy fellow New Yorkers. We welcome ALL... single, married, LGBT, and straight!
sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

Interested in growing closer to God?

"Open the eyes of your heart and see."-Isaiah 60:3

THE LAY SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER OFFERS YOU A WAY.

For 30 years, Lay Spirits has sponsored a spiritual formation program. Through presentations from guest speakers, personal reflection and spiritual conversation, participants seek a closer connection to God and accompany each other on the journey.

Consider joining the next Lay Spirits group scheduled to begin in September 2017.

Join us for an information meeting.

**THIS SUNDAY, MAY 7TH AT 1:30 PM
IN THE MARY CHAPEL**

**THURSDAY, MAY 25TH AT 6:30 PM
IN THE WEST ROOM**

Questions?

Claudette Pulido – claudettepulido@gmail.com or
Pat Galligan – patg48@hotmail.com

Call or email Lay Spirits:

(212) 627-2100, ext. 216 layspiritsnyc@gmail.com

Visit our website at www.layspiritsnyc.org.

AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2017

This Weekend is donation weekend

Team members will be manning a table set up at the back of the church after each Mass.



Please consider making a cash/check donation
Checks made payable to: AIDS Walk New York (legend Team #1250)

Contribute online:

<https://ny.aidswalk.net/churchofstfrancisxavier>

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, June 9th
6:00 pm–9:00 pm
West Room

Jamaica Kincaid's My Brother, Angels In America 25th anniversary, Patient Zero, Truvada, Vision 2020, patron saints of people with HIV/AIDS— "AIDS is not over," says Tess Thompson, MSW. She will put together all of these elements in a comprehensive presentation on what we can do to fight back and end AIDS. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

Zen Spirit/Christian Spirit at Xavier

Saturday, May 20th
9:30 am - 4pm
West Room

*Exploring Silence and Deepening Awareness
A day of teaching, reflection, and meditation*

Many Christians have discovered in Zen a profound connection to life. Through the practice of stillness and awareness, we wake to a world of wonder and gratitude for life in all its aspects. This day of meditation and discussion provides an excellent opportunity for both the curious and committed.

Space is limited, please make a reservation by emailing Peggy and Paul Schubert at schubertnyc@gmail.com or calling 212-260-2486. A \$20 donation is suggested to cover lunch and refreshments.

THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2017

Thank you for all of your pledges. You can still pledge online at www.cardinalsappeal.org towards our parish goal of \$100,500. Please consider making a pledge. Thank you so much for your support of the Appeal and please pray for its success at our parish.

*"Let no one walk alone.
The journey makes us one."*

24TH LGBT ANNIVERSARY MASS AT XAVIER

Friday, May 19th
7:00pm
Main Church

All are welcome, with great joy you are invited to share our celebration of Eucharist; as we are all Eucharist for each other.

*There will be a coffee and cake reception
in the Mary Chapel immediately following the Mass.*

MARY IN THE MODERN WORLD

*At all the key moments in the coming to life of the
Society of Jesus, Mary was there.*

*Lay Spirits invites you to participate in an evening of
prayer, presentation, Ignatian guided mediation and
discussion.*

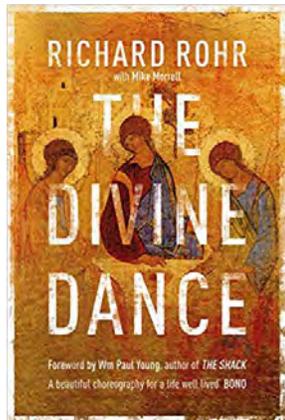
Date: May 23rd
Time: 6PM- 9PM
Place: Mary Chapel



Refreshments to follow
in the West Room.

If you have any questions, please contact
layspiritsNYC@gmail.com.

**THE DIVINE DANCE:
THE TRINITY AND YOUR
TRANSFORMATION
BY RICHARD ROHR**



During this Easter Season you are invited to join Fr Bob and other parishioners reflecting on “new” ways of imagining the Trinity. We will be reading Richard Rohr’s book and sharing thoughts and reactions to the ways in which he envisions this central tenet of our faith. There will be three meetings: **Sundays May 7th/14th/21st** from **10:15-11:15 in the Xavier High School Chapel**. (If you can only make two of the three meetings that’s fine. Please contact *Fr Bob* at rverecke@sfxavier.org to let him know if you are planning to come. We will be reading the first of three sections of the book for the first meeting on May 7th.

**WANTED:
A FEW GOOD WOMEN OR MEN**

We have an urgent need for persons who would be willing/able to bring Communion to some of our 300+ Catholic patients at Mount Sinai Hospital. The commitment would involve between 1 ½ and 2 hours one day a week on a day of your choice. We are also in need of persons who might be available to “sub” over the summer when our “regulas” are away. If you are not currently a Eucharistic Minister, we will provide training.

If you are interested or for more information, please contact Sr. Nadine at nadine.koza@mountsinai.org.

Brief Notices in Other Places

100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima-May 13, 2017: St. Patrick’s Cathedral, 51st Street & 5th Avenue: This celebration will take place on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. There will be a holy Hour at 11am, followed by Mass at 12pm. The United Nations International Pilgrim Statue of the World, Apostolate of Fatima and the first class relics of Blessed Francisco and Blessed Jacinta Marto will be present at the Cathedral for prayer and veneration before Mass from 10:00AM-11:00AM and after the Mass from 1:00PM-4:00PM. You will also have the opportunity to leave prayer petitions which will be delivered to the apparition chapel in Fatima, Portugal.

Join members of the Catholic LGBT community and their families for a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on **Sunday, May 21 at 3:30PM**. After Mass, there will be a tour of this historic building, the largest French Gothic church in the US, which was elevated to a minor basilica by Pope John Paul II when he visited Newark in 1995. Finally, we hope to go to a restaurant in the Ironbound/Portuguese section of Newark for dinner.

For more information, email sacredheartigi@gmail.com. RSVP would be appreciated, especially if you are planning on joining us for dinner.

**SPA FOR THE ARTIST’S AND WRITER’S SOUL:
REFLECT, RELAX, AND RECHARGE**

June 11 - June 17

The Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center

Set in the peaceful surroundings of the Mariandale Retreat Center, the week will be illuminated by optional morning writing workshops, time to explore the gardens and fields, time and space for personal writing and art, evening discussions on spirituality and an opportunity to simply rest and reflect in the stillness. Bring journals and writing and art supplies as desired. Relax, Reflect, and Recharge is a week for the self, and an invitation to a week of inspiration.

<http://mariandale.org/event/reflect-relax-recharge/>

The Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center is a sponsored ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Hope.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18.

7:45AM FRANCIS XAVIER FOGARTY (D)
12:05PM VINNIE FRANZEONE (D)

FOURTH TUESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30.

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

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50.

7:45AM DONAD FENTON (D)
12:05PM ANGELA HOLMES (D)

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20.

7:45AM FRED LEUINS (D)
12:05PM JEROME LANDI (D)

FOURTH FRIDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6.

7:45AM PETER A. BLESSINGER (D)
12:05PM MARIA DE PENNA FERRES (D)

FOURTH SATURDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14.

12:05PM BETTY BURKE GALELLA (D)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12.

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

THE LITURGICAL MINISTRY

The Church of St. Francis Xavier offers different opportunities for adults, young adults, adolescents, and children to participate actively in our parish life. One of these opportunities is as liturgical minister at each Mass. At the moment we need women willing to serve as Eucharist ministers. We also need men and women ministers of hospitality at every Mass. For more information on these ministries, please visit our website <https://sfxavier.org/liturgical-ministries>.

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 of each month, 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 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, [suniko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto:sunik120@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 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