



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name;  
proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, “How tremendous are your deeds!”  
(Ps 66:1-3)

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
to benefit the Xavier Mission

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 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](http://www.sfxavier.org)

## ***Staff***

Rev. Robert VerEecke, S.J. (Pastor) — 204

*Email: RVerееcke@sfxavier.org*

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

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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

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## ***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](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Jack Replogle, SJ*

### **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, 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, Eileen Cleary, Normita Crystal, Florence Demopoulis, Elizabeth Flynn, Monsignor Neil Graham, Joan Halpern, Patricia Joseph-Lyle, Fr. Thomas Kallumady, Patricia Anne Keenan, Robert Lapidis, Molly Mae LeBlanc, June LeBell, Molly Mae LeBlanc, Michael Leahy, Marian Lizzio, Lou Mauro SJ, Nicole Minson, Marisol Miro, Sailani Morales, Kathy Mulvaney, Lillian May, Campbell Grant Phillips, Jeff Roberts, Edminda Sanchez, Rocco Scura, Matt Simzik, 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, Mary Pat O'Connor, Amy Phillips, 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,

May is a month of transitions. Graduations, first communions, weddings and other rites of passage always seem to be the hallmark of the month of May. These final weeks of the Easter Season before Pentecost are always marked by Jesus' leave taking and sending the Spirit. In the Gospels we hear Jesus telling his disciples that he will always be with them but in a radically different way, through the Holy Spirit dwelling in the Church community. This is always a "hope-filled" time of the liturgical year.

Speaking of transitions and leave taking, I imagine that you know that Fr. Sean will be leaving Xavier at the end of June for a new assignment. Sean has made more of an impact on this community in two years than most priests would in ten or twenty! His presiding, preaching, commitment to justice and welcome for all are just a few of the hallmarks that make him an incredible person and Jesuit. I know that he will be missed! Since you know the kind of person Sean is, you'll know that he won't want a big "fuss" over him. And so the Pastoral Council is planning a "pot-luck" reception for him following the 5PM Mass on Saturday June 25th. If you would like to be part of a planning committee for the reception, would you please contact *Stephanie Fuentes* at [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org) to let her know? In the next weeks we'll be asking for rsvp if you are coming and what you would like to bring.

Although we will miss Sean and his dynamic presence and ministry, we are fortunate that the provincial has assigned Dan Corrou for a pastoral year. Dan will be ordained to the priesthood this June and will be coming to Xavier at the beginning of July. He has spent a good deal of time in the Middle East and is very dedicated to Inter-faith relations. He has also worked in the Ignatian Spirituality Project which offers retreats for the homeless. I think he will be a great addition to the Xavier community for the coming year.

I also wanted to thank those of you who responded to my request for email contact if you'd like to receive my communications through Constant Contact. I always have fun doing them and I'm happy that people are benefiting from them. If you haven't done so already, please let me know and I'll put you on the list. [rvereecke@sfxavier.org](mailto:rvereecke@sfxavier.org)

Finally, we are in the process of preparing a survey on Parish communications. I hope you will take a few minutes to fill this out when you receive it. We want to make sure that we're doing the best we can for you!

Christ's Peace!

*Fr. Bob*

*Save the date for a*

### **SOCIAL HOUR**

**on May 21<sup>st</sup> after This Sunday 5pm Mass**

*Come for refreshments and conversation with your fellow parishioners.*

*All are welcome.*

*Sponsored by the Pastoral Council*

We are creating care community to provide support and assistance for **Mary Rentas**, a longtime parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Church and volunteer of Xavier Mission. Mary is having more difficulty getting around and managing daily tasks and we as her Xavier family are here to take care of her, a small way to return the favor for all she has done for us! If you are interested in assisting, please visit <https://my.lotsahelpinghands.com/community/maryrentas> to sign up for updates and volunteer for tasks. You can also call *Cassandra Agredo* at 212-627-2100, x208 if you want to help but don't have Internet access.

*You are invited to join*  
**THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE**



For all women interested in "feeding their spirit" and deepening their spiritual journey by sharing their lived wisdom.

Our next monthly gathering is on  
**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 1:15pm-3pm**  
West Room

Any questions, please contact  
Gloria at [gperopat@gmail.com](mailto:gperopat@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.

**THURSDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM**  
**IN THE WEST ROOM**

Questions?

*Claudette Pulido* – [claudettepulido@gmail.com](mailto:claudettepulido@gmail.com) or

*Pat Galligan* – [patg48@hotmail.com](mailto:patg48@hotmail.com)

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(212) 627-2100, ext. 216 [layspiritsnyc@gmail.com](mailto:layspiritsnyc@gmail.com)

Visit our website at [www.layspiritsnyc.org](http://www.layspiritsnyc.org).

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Please visit our Facebook or Contribute online:  
<https://ny.aidswalk.net/churchofstfrancisxavier>  
(search for team #1250)



## SUMMER READING LIST

1)Xavier Mission Annual Report (available now in the front of the church and at [www.xaviermission.org](http://www.xaviermission.org)).

Check it out and see what an amazing year we had! (Special shout out to Nancy Fava for putting it all together for us!!)

## L-STEP GRADUATION THIS MONDAY!

**Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm**  
**Hurtado Hall, with dinner**

On Monday our graduates will share with you their personal experiences of homelessness, trauma, addiction and hardship, and their hopes and dreams for the future. This is truly one of the most moving and memorable events that we have here at Xavier; join us for dinner and to celebrate the strength and perseverance of these amazing men and women!

Please RSVP to [rjohnson@xaviermission.org](mailto:rjohnson@xaviermission.org).

## *Catholic Lesbians*

**Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 pm–9:00 pm**  
**West Room**

Jamaica Kincaid's My Brother, Angels In America 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804 for more information.



The countdown is over... the much anticipated Annual Young Adults Spring Brunch has arrived! **This Sunday,**

**5/21**, we will be meeting at Harry's Italian, Battery Park City at 1:30pm. If you RSVP'd please meet us at the back of the church after the 11:30am mass, and we will head out together. And if you forgot to RSVP, join us anyway! Let's celebrate Spring, NYC-style with a Fantastic lively and spirited BRUNCH.

This is a wonderful opportunity to come out and meet with other gorgeous, socially-conscious, and savvy fellow New Yorkers... good company, food and cheer! ALL are welcome... single, married, LGBTQ, and straight! [sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Time: 6PM- 9PM**  
**Place: Mary Chapel**

Refreshments to follow  
in the West Room.

If you have any questions, please contact  
[layspiritsNYC@gmail.com](mailto:layspiritsNYC@gmail.com).

**Presenters: Marie Bannister,**  
**Lizzie Berne DeGear, Ruth Clark, Eileen Gatz,**  
**Claudette Pulido and John Weber**

## *Xavier Adult Group*



**Wednesday,  
May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for a guided tour of the *Museum of Jewish Heritage-A Living Memorial to the Holocaust*. The Core Exhibition is a collection of 25,000 pieces that includes artifacts, photographs, and documentary films. Our gallery educator will help us understand Jewish life from the perspective of those who lived it. The cost of the tour is \$14 and includes admission. We will meet at the 15th street entrance to Xavier at 12:30 and travel by subway to the museum.

Please email [xavieradultgroup@gmail.com](mailto:xavieradultgroup@gmail.com) or call Tom and Nancy 212-929-3157 if you plan to join us. All are welcome.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF OUR FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM WHO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST FOR THE FIRST TIME ON SUNDAY MAY 21 2017.**

*Margot Guillen 8th grade  
Thomas Sheehan 5th grade  
Simon Guillen 4th grade  
Anneliese Vargas 3rd grade  
Arthur Root 2nd grade  
Caroline Gordon 2nd grade  
Helen Best 2nd grade  
James Buffalano 2nd grade  
Logan Young 2nd grade  
Lucia Mogavero 2nd grade  
Nicholas Djuravcevic 2nd grade  
Oliver Blackman 2nd grade  
Peter Casey 2nd grade  
Sally Michael 2nd grade*

*Sofia Lizbeth Barahona Guardado receives the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)*

St. Francis Xavier parishioners joined with other Catholics from parishes of the West Side deanery to be a visible Catholic witness and presence in the People's Climate March on April 29th in Washington, D.C. The bus was sponsored by the Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement. The NY group joined leaders of the Catholic Climate Covenant, Franciscan Action Network, and the Global Catholic Climate Movement in expressing concern for global warming and the recent pull-back from environmental protections.

Marching with 200,000 others, they were part of the Keepers of the Faith contingent and carried colorful signs made here in the Mary Chapel, and alongside large banners with quotes from the encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Check out their video story on the parish website or go to: <https://vimeo.com/215947926>



## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21.

### SIXTH MONDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a.

7:45AM JOHN CAFARELLA (D)

12:05PM VINCENT TUCCI (D)

### SIXTH TUESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05PM MARY & JOSEPH MITTIGA (D)

### SIXTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15.

7:45AM VINCENT MANERI (D)

12:05PM NELLO D'APONTE (D)

### SIXTH THURSDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM ELLEN GAFFNEY O'HORA (D)

### FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. PHILIP NERI:

Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23.

7:45AM AVAILABLE

12:05PM GERALD LEPISKO (D)

### SIXTH SATURDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28.

12:05PM FRANCIS SCHULTZ (D)

### SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD:

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Matt 28:16-20.

**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](mailto:abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com)

**XAVIER ADULT GROUP:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [xavieradultgroup@gmail.com](mailto:xavieradultgroup@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS:** Ministry since 1993, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room, [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com), (917) 297-6804.

### EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto:LMDiaz@sfxavier.org)

**GAY CATHOLICS:** Men meet in a caring and affirming environment on the first and third Fridays, 7pm Mary Chapel. Contact [sfxgcgroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgcgroup@gmail.com)

**INTERFAITH COMMITTEE:** works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact Jose Ramon, [joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com](mailto:joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com)

**IT WAS THE WOMEN WHO STAYED:** 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](mailto:thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com).

**LITURGICAL COMMITTEES:** See website or

Contact Luz, [LMDiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:LMDiaz@sfxavier.org)

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact James Fox, [sumiko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto: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 at [xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

**SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES:** Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Rose Alloca, [allocarose@gmail.com](mailto:allocarose@gmail.com) or Marie Bannister, [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

**ZEN MEDITATION GROUP:** Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul 212-260-2486, [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com)

### XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**CLOTHING ROOM:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, contact Ann Mary: [xmClothingRoom@gmail.com](mailto:xmClothingRoom@gmail.com)

**FOOD PROGRAMS:** Every Sunday soup kitchen and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday food pantry, contact Christine: [xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com](mailto:xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com)

**L-STEP:** Spring and Fall semesters, contact J: [xmLSTEP@gmail.com](mailto:xmLSTEP@gmail.com)

**SHELTER:** Every night, contact Jim: [xmShelter@gmail.com](mailto:xmShelter@gmail.com)