



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”(John 20:23)

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
to benefit the Black & Indian Mission

**Pentecost Sunday**

**June 4, 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

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);

Deborah Olley Murphy (Secretary); Stephen Alfieri;

Kathleen Cagnina; John Karle;

Bob Lepisko; Charles Mileski;

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe; David Pais

[PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org](mailto: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](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, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Joseph Simmons, 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 Demopoulos, Elizabeth Flynn, Monsignor Neil Graham, Joan Halpern, Patricia Joseph-Lyle, Fr. Thomas Kallumady, Patricia Anne Keenan, Robert Lapidés, 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, Anthony Seiletti, Matt Simzik, Ric Swezey, Sal Talarico, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers, Benjamin Yabut*

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

*Pong Ching, Temna Casinsinan Ching, Mary Pat O'Connor, Amy Phillips, Ana Maria Rodriguez-Andaluz, Ismael and Ena Rodriguez, 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,

“Are we there yet?” Who hasn’t heard that question from a child or even a “grown-up” on a long journey? It can express fatigue and boredom or excitement and expectation. You can certainly tell the difference by one’s tone of voice! Whether we come together on this Pentecost day tired of all the troubles in our world, bored by “same old, same old” or filled with expectation and excitement about what’s to come, the answer to the question “Are we there yet?” is YES! Pentecost is the Spirit-filled day when we know we’ve arrived! The dynamic, transforming power of God’s spirit is for us, with us and within us!

Pentecost is one of the highlights of the liturgical year. It has elements of Christmas in that it’s all about GIFT and elements of Easter in that it’s all about LIFE. Pentecost is the day on which God “pulls out all the stops” and “lets loose” abandoning care to the wind! Pentecost is a wild and wonder-filled day when Love itself is lavished on the followers of Jesus empowering them to speak boldly of all that God has done for the world in Jesus Christ. Pentecost is God’s Heart Song that makes us want to sing and dance and celebrate together as God’s people.

On this Pentecost day, I’d like to congratulate the members of the parish who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation at the 9AM liturgy. I pray that the seven-fold gifts of the Spirit will be with them. I also want to “applaud” the members of the parish who have completed the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life. A group of our parishioners began the journey with their directors under the guidance of the Spirit this past September. A word of thanks to the ISEL team and all the directors who made this possible. I’m sure there were times when those making the Exercises asked “Are we there yet?”. Now you can say “Yes, we have arrived!”

I hope and pray that all of us at Xavier will be filled with the peace, joy, life and love that is the gift of God’s Spirit on this Pentecost day,

**Fr. Bob**

***Join us as we celebrate and say farewell to Fr. Sean Toole, SJ, Associate Pastor***

### **WHAT:**

**FR. SEAN’S FAREWELL PARTY**

*POTLUCK OF APPETIZERS & DESSERTS*

**WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>  
AFTER THE 5:00PM MASS**

**WHERE: HURTADO HALL**

**Please RSVP before June 19<sup>th</sup> to  
Stephanie at [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org).**

If you are interested in bringing appetizers or to volunteer please register at [www.sfxavier.org](http://www.sfxavier.org) or contact our Front Desk receptionist at 212-627-2100. **The deadline to register is June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

***To help defray the cost you may make a donation for the party through***

#### **Online**

To make a one-time donation please visit <http://sfxavier.org/donate-now> and state in the notes section for Fr. Sean’s Farewell Party.

Or

#### **By Check**

Pay to: Church of St. Francis Xavier  
Memo: Fr. Sean’s Farewell Party

### **PICTURES NEEDED!**

If you have any pictures/images of Fr. Sean (celebrating a sacrament or at an event) that you are willing to share, please forward to  
*Stephanie* no later than  
**June 10<sup>th</sup> at [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org).**

# PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT

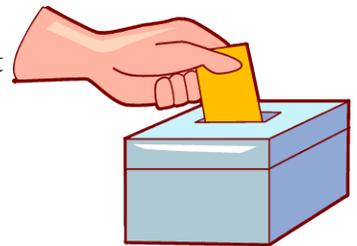
**JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.  
MARY CHAPEL**

Have you ever considered being part of the Pastoral Council? If not, now is the perfect time! Three seats will open soon as *Bob Lepisko, Adel O'Regan, and David Pais* will complete six years of service to the parish community. At this time we are asking parishioners to prayerfully consider serving the parish in this capacity. **Note: Term of service is initially for three years with an opportunity to renew for an additional three years. Terms beginning in September and go until the end of August.**

To be considered for the pastoral council an individual must be:

- a baptized Catholic;
- a registered member of the parish for at least two years;
- a participant in the ongoing life of the parish, especially at the Eucharist;
- be willing to participate in two evenings of discernment (June 5th and 12th);
- a person with a capacity to listen that outweighs the need to speak;
- be able to attend a monthly meeting which will take place on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.;
- be able to attend a three day business meeting/retreat on a weekend in the Fall.  
(This year's retreat is scheduled for September 29th-October 1st, 2017);
- available for periodic ad hoc committee assignments;
- be willing to discontinue or not assume a leadership role in any parish ministry during your tenure on the pastoral council so as to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

All members of the parish are invited and encouraged to participate in the discernment process for the selection of new pastoral council members and all registered parishioners are eligible to vote. However, in order to vote for new council members, parishioners must attend both meetings (June 5th and 12th) beginning at 6:30pm.



Membership on the Pastoral Council is a great opportunity to use your gifts in a vitally important role. Please consider whether this is a good time for you to serve the parish in this way.

The Pastoral Council invites you to join us for a

## **PARISH-WIDE COFFEE HOUR**

as we welcome parishioners

New to SFX on

**THIS SUNDAY, June 4<sup>th</sup> in the Mary Chapel  
(following the 11:30 Mass)**

*All are welcome.*





## Guac for Good!

Dine at Rosa Mexicano to benefit Xavier Mission!  
On **Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**,

Rosa Mexicano (18<sup>th</sup> St. between 5<sup>th</sup> Ave and Union Square) will host a fundraiser to benefit Xavier Mission. To participate in Guac for Good, all patrons need to do is say “We are here for Xavier Mission” and Rosa Mexicano will donate 10% of that bill to Xavier Mission! There is no additional cost to the customers. Just enjoy your fajitas and margaritas, even more than usual because you know that you’re eating for a good cause!

So join us anytime for lunch or dinner (or drinks) at Rosa Mexicano on July 25th and support your favorite organization! Remember to say “We’re here for Xavier Mission!” See you there!

### READY FOR YOUR SUMMER GETAWAY?

Are you starting to plan your summer vacation? What is the best way to ensure that Xavier receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the summer months? Go Green and enroll in Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. 465 families now use Faith Direct to support Xavier. Enroll today by visiting our parish homepage and clicking the Donate Now button, scanning the QR code below, or mailing in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office.

If you are using envelopes we encourage you to make the switch to Faith Direct. Envelopes are expensive: printing, mailing, handling, donation processing and tax letters. In fact, at least 5 sets of hands handle the envelopes on the parish side, not to mention printing and mailing. If you want to stop receiving envelopes please contact *Stephanie Fuentes* at [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org) or (212) 627-2100 ext. 222.

Please consider joining the 45 other families who signed up for Faith Direct during the last year. Thank you for your continued support of Xavier with your time and talents as well as treasure.



THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU. YOUR ENTHUSIASM.  
YOUR CREATIVITY AND THE JOY THAT IS SO  
CHARACTERISTIC OF YOU.

POPE FRANCIS

## BECOMING A CATECHIST

Are you looking for a way to share your faith, time and talents with others? The Family Faith Program needs you!!

Volunteers are needed as catechists (teachers) and catechist aides. You don't have to have a child in our program to volunteer. We encourage all adults to consider whether this ministry is right for you prayerfully! All volunteers must be cleared through our Safe Environment program. We will provide training and support along the way. If interested, please contact our Director of Religious Education, *Luz Marina Díaz* at (212) 627-2100 ext. 207 or [Imdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:Imdiaz@sfxavier.org).

### TOP REASONS TO BECOME A CATECHIST

1. You will grow in your own faith and deepen your relationship with Jesus.
2. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry.
3. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of the Gospel.
4. Children, teens, and adults in today's world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
5. You have much to share with those you'll teach, and you'll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
6. Today's catechetical textbooks/resources offer outstanding support.
7. You'll be challenged, you'll have fun, and you'll make new friends.
8. You'll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus.
9. You'll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.
10. It's our job: Jesus sent us to “go and teach all nations.”

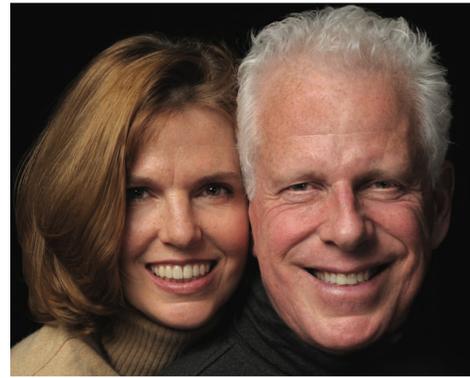
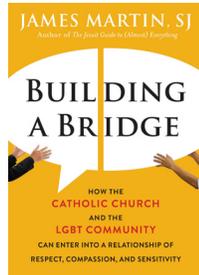
Top Reasons to Become a Catechist - Catechist's Journey, <http://catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/2007/06/top-reasons-to-become-a-catechi> (accessed May 28, 2017).

*You are invited*  
*Saint Francis Xavier, will welcome*  
*Fr. James Martin, S.J., for a presentation*  
*and book-signing of his new book*

**“BUILDING A BRIDGE”**  
**TOWARDS GREATER INCLUSION IN THE**  
**CHURCH FOR LGBT CATHOLICS**

**Wednesday, June 28,**  
**7:00pm in the Main Church**

*Fr. James Martin, SJ will also be*  
*presenting at Church of St.*  
*Ignatius Loyola on*  
*Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and 7:00pm.*



**SINGING US HOME:**  
**ANNE HOLLAND,**  
**ORIGINAL AND SACRED SONGS**

*featuring original songs by Anne Holland*  
*accompanied by some of New York City's top musicians*  
*including trumpet, woodwinds, bass, drums and piano.*

**Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> ~7:30pm**  
**Main Church**

Anne Holland performs original and sacred songs with her husband and trumpet player, Jim Hynes. Please join us for an evening of rich and inspiring music by some of the city's best musicians.

*This is sure to be a spectacular concert!*



**Young Adults**  
CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

We are excited to announce a collaboration with The Center for Anti-Violence Education ([www.caeny.org](http://www.caeny.org)) and will be sponsoring an UpStander Training and Basic Self-Defense. “Upstander workshops are designed to equip those facing hate and violence with de-escalation skills and basic self-defense techniques. Additionally, this training empowers bystanders with the tools they need to help those facing harassment by choosing intentionally from a continuum of tactics. These two approaches combined offer New Yorkers unique and critical options for keeping our communities as safe as possible and mitigating violence.”

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 6pm - 8pm**

(immediately following the 5pm Mass) Room: tbd

This is an open invitation to ALL in our Xavier community: single, married, LGBTQ, and straight!  
Please RSVP: [sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

***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.

**MERCY CENTER:** On Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, come root for the home team with us as the New York Yankees go to bat against Baltimore.

The event benefits Mercy Center, and it's *Reggie Jackson Bobble-head giveaway night!* We'll be in a deluxe Party City Party Suite, with great seats and some of the best views in Yankee Stadium. Food, wine, beer, and soft drinks included, and all proceeds will benefit Mercy Center programs and services.

**For more information and to purchase tickets visit**  
<https://www.mercycenterbronx.org/>

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY:**

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23.

### **MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. BONIFACE:**

Tob 1:3;2:1a-8; Mark 12:1-12.

7:45AM CHARLIE HYLAND (D)  
12:05PM RONALD PASKEWITZ (D)

### **NINTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

Tob 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17.

7:45AM ROBERT P. CASNA (D)  
12:05PM MARTIN BODANSKI (D)

### **NINTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

Tob 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM ED GARRONBONE (D)

### **THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. JAMES**

**BERTHIEU:** Tob 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a;  
Mark 12:28-34.

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

### **NINTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

Tob 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37.

7:45AM AVAILABLE  
12:05PM EDMINDA SANCHEZ (D)

### **NINTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

Tob 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mark 12:38-44.

12:05PM ROBERTA COLLINS (D)

### **SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY**

**TRINITY:** Exod 34:4b-6,8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13;  
John 3:16-18.

**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](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 [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)