



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. (Matt 16:18)

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 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

Email: RVerееcke@sfxavier.org

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

Rev. Daniel Corrou, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206

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

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.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 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, September 2nd

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

Sunday, September 3rd

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*June Best, John Bucki SJ, Michael Falkenhagen, John Flynn,
Jannie Gaffigan, Monsignor Neil Graham, Ann Grant,
Fr. Thomas Kallumady, Ann Lisi, Marian Lizzio,
Steven Molina, Mario Moore, Kathy Mulvaney,
Terence J. Murphy, Rocco Scura, Anthony Sellitti,
Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers*

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

*Noel Saint Joseph Burke, Robert Kristan, David Molina,
Albert Mullings, Edminda Sanchez-Oriol, John A. Shepherd*

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,

I can hardly believe that "official" summer is winding down and labor day is around the corner. I know there will be more beautiful summer days in the month of September, but as you know Labor day marks the "jumpstart" of many of our parish activities. I know there are so many but I'd like to add one more for the month of September ☺

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear Jesus posing a critical question to his disciples on the road to Caesarea Phillipi. "Who do you say that I am?" may be the most important question for them and for us. I believe that Jesus is asking for more than just "titles" but rather asking us to know him more profoundly so that we can love him intensely and follow him more closely. We are fortunate at Xavier to have so many opportunities to deepen our relationships with Jesus through prayer and meditation. Lay Spirits and ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Every Day Life) offer us ways of praying and encountering Jesus as companion and friend. I'd like to offer one more way of "getting to know him" On three consecutive Wednesday evenings in September, I'm hoping to offer a "Jesus Seminar" in which we would use Fr Daniel Harrington's "Who is Jesus? Why is he important". This "little" book with a "big" topic is really a basic overview of the New Testament and the different perspectives on the person of Jesus presented by the Gospels, the Letters of Paul and the other writings of the New Testament.

At this point I'm trying to find out if there is interest on your part to join me for reading and discussion on three Wednesday evenings September 13, 20, 27. I'm also wondering what time would be best for you. I would suggest either 5:30-7:00pm or 7:00-8:30pm. If you think you might be interested, would you please email me at rvereecke@sfxavier.org?

I hope you are enjoying these glorious days of summer!

Sincerely,

Fr. Bob

JESUS SEMINAR

Reading and Discussion on the Book

"Who is Jesus"

by Fr. Daniel Harrington

September 13, 20, & 27

Mary Chapel

*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 late September 2017.

Join us for an information meeting.
Sept 10th – 6pm in the West Room
Sept 13th - 6:30pm in the West Room
Sept 17th -1pm - Xavier High School Arrupe Library

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.

CONCERT ACROSS AMERICA TO END GUN VIOLENCE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH AT 2PM – 3:15PM
CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
(WITH INTER-FAITH PARTNERS)**

The power of music to reach far and wide has fueled countless important movements in recent decades. The mission of our "Concert Across America" is to remember the tremendous loss of life that gun violence has cost our communities and get resources each of us can use to help stop it. Now is the time to turn up the music to turn down the hateful rhetoric that has become a hallmark of the gun debate.

This year we are planning an inter-faith service to broaden the reach of our anti-violence message. Please encourage your friends and families to join us! If you would like to participate in the program or can volunteer to help, please email the Peace and Justice Committee at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com. We hope to see you! Peace.

*Tracey Tynan / Peace and Justice Committee
Luz Maria Diaz / Director Religious Education
John Uehlein / Xavier Music Ministries Director*



SPONSOR A SUNDAY!

Remember the last time you cooked for guests, and all of the prepping, planning, shopping and cooking that had to be done in order to make it a wonderful, home-cooked meal made with love? That's what we do every weekend downstairs at the Xavier Mission Welcome Table. Except we're making a home-cooked meal for 1500! And we need a few more "cooks in the kitchen" to do it.

For a gift of \$2500, you can sponsor an entire week's worth of love at the Welcome Table. This covers food and supplies and some of our basic expenses like maintenance and repairs. The name of your choosing will be displayed on our welcome banner during the week you sponsor. What better way to honor the person in your life who gave you the love of cooking, or taught you how to be a great host, or who helps you call out for Chinese food because you (like me) can't cook worth a lick? Sponsor a Sunday and join us in welcoming 1500 guests to our table! Call Cassandra at 212-627-2100, x208 for details or visit www.xaviermission.org/donate to make your gift today.

SMILE! YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Do you use Amazon.com to shop? With one simple click, you can make sure that a portion of your purchase gets donated to Xavier Mission—without any additional cost to you! Follow the simple steps below to register at Smile.Amazon.com and you'll be saving the world while you shop!

1. Visit SMILE.amazon.com (make sure to put smile before the amazon.com!)
2. Search for Xavier Mission Inc. in the Charity Search bar
3. Select the option to designate Xavier Mission as your chosen charity.

That's it! You're done! Now every time you buy something at Amazon.com, 0.5% of your purchase will be donated to Xavier Mission. Thank you!

INTERN OPPORTUNITIES

AT XAVIER MISSION!

Xavier Mission is seeking energetic, hard-working high school (junior/senior) or college students who are interested in serving their community and gaining valuable professional experience at the same time. The following two opportunities are available:

SOCIAL MEDIA INTERN

Xavier Mission seeks a motivated part-time intern to manage and develop our Web and social-media presence. The ideal candidate is a journalism or communications student who can bring good writing skills, voice and creativity to the role. With the aid of a communications plan/calendar, the social media intern will make frequent social posts using text, video and photos to engage the XM community of guests, volunteers and donors in the Mission's ongoing work and special events. Candidates able to make a year-long commitment are preferred.

Contact Cassandra Agredo, 212-627-2100 x208 or cagredo@xaviermission.org.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Administrative Assistant handles the ongoing administrative tasks that support the Executive Director. Responsibilities include recording statistics from programs and donation information into our Salesforce database, producing acknowledgement letters/emails to donors, assisting with grant mailings, assisting with the preparation of grant reports, and other administrative tasks as required. Must be proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel, be diligent, a self-starter, and have a positive attitude, willingness to learn, and attention to detail. 10-15 hours a week preferred.

Contact *Cassandra Agredo*, 212-627-2100 x208 or cagredo@xaviermission.org.

Interested in volunteering, but short on time? Discover how in just 18 hours, you can make a life-long, positive impact on a fellow New Yorker who has experienced homelessness, at our L-STEP mentor information session on Sunday, September 10th, in the West Room, immediately following the 11:30 a.m. mass.

MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Now is the time when the music ministry especially seeks new members for the coming year. There are five ways in which you might want to participate: The Choir, The Family Faith Choir, The Sunday 5PM Schola Choir, The Bell Choir, and The Instrumental Group. We are particularly looking for new singers in the 5PM Sunday Schola and the Family Faith Choir. Please take a moment to read the descriptions below and if you're interested or called to service or you just want more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Director of Music Ministries: John Uehlein (juehlein@sfxavier.org or 646-573-0099)

The Sunday 5pm Schola Choir: This Schola/Choir organized by Jackie Perez, sings at the Sunday 5pm mass along with our instrumental Xavier Players under the direction of John Uehlein. The singers rehearse on Sunday afternoons at 3:45pm along with the instrumentalists. This is the newest singing group at St. Francis Xavier and we invite you to get involved at the ground level. The Schola will also sing at major events and holidays when possible throughout the year. Commitment and the ability to carry a tune and sing in harmony is required.

The Family Faith Choir: This exciting choral experience is an inter-generational choir with both adults and children involved with the choir. All voice types are welcome: children, teens, sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. Under the direction of Jacqueline C. Perez, Assistant Director of Music, this choir continues to grow in talent and scope. The Family Faith choir sings at the Family Faith Mass, First Communion, Confirmation and Lessons and Carols. For more information or to schedule an audition please contact the Assistant Director of Music: Jacqueline C. Perez: jperez@jesuits.org.

The SFX Adult Choir: It's time to join up! Service is our password and having fun while preparing liturgy is our way. Faith is our fuel. The St. Francis Xavier Choir is looking for new members now. A pleasant voice, the ability to sing in harmony, and showing up regularly are the only requirements. Reading music is a plus, but not a necessity. Rehearsals are Thurs. nights from 7-9 and we sing at the 11:30 service on Sundays.

Instrumental Ministry: Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be a part of the Music Ministry at St. Francis Xavier? We are looking for competent (intermediate to advanced) instrumentalists now. Woodwinds, strings, brass and percussion are exciting additions to the musical prayer we present at our liturgies. The Sunday 5pm liturgy is our instrumental mass and we rehearse at 4PM before the liturgy. Space is limited.

The Bell Choir: The bell choir has room for ten ringers and we are presently at capacity. We invite you to enjoy their music making throughout the year, and we anticipate an opening in 2018.

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September 12th

at 7:30pm

on the Peragallo Organ, Opus 700

The India Group (TIG, www.theindiagroup.net), founded SFX parishioners, is making its annual pilgrimage to India to work with the families we are sponsoring primarily in the areas of education and healthcare. The dates for our Lenten visit will be from February 15-March 10. One need not go for all 3 weeks. For more information, please send an e-mail to The India Group at theindiagrouppnyc@gmail.com. Also, mark your calendar for the TIG annual Cocktail Party/Fundraiser which will be held on Saturday, November 4 from 6-9. More information is on our website.

Would you like to see everything with new eyes?

Join us for an Ignatian Spirituality Information Session to learn more about this prayer and what programs are being offered at Xavier in 2017-18.

- Spiritual Direction
- Group Spiritual Direction
- Spiritual Exercises: 19th Annotation
- Spiritual Exercises: 18th Annotation
- Discernment series

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

at Xavier 2017-18

Information Sessions

Thursday, Sept. 7 at 6:30pm

Sunday, Sept. 10 at 1:30pm

Immigration Assistance

The Migrant Center at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi provides assistance to all immigrants regardless of status. If anyone needs assistance or has concerns about immigration matters, please contact the Migrant Center at the Church at 212-736-8500, Ext. 305/377 or email migrantcenter@stfrancisnyc.org.

Asistencia de Inmigración

El Centro de Migrantes en la Iglesia de San Francisco de Asís ofrece asistencia a todos los inmigrantes sin importar su estatus. Si alguien necesita ayuda o tiene preocupaciones sobre asuntos de inmigración, por favor comuníquese con el Centropara Migrantes en la Iglesia al 212-736-8500, Ext. 305/377 o envíe un correo electrónico a migrantcenter@stfrancisnyc.org.

Aide aux Immigrants

Le Centre des Migrants à l'Église de Saint-François d'Assise aide tous les immigrants sans égard pour leur statut légal. Si quelqu'un a besoin de l'aide ou est inquiet des matières de l'immigration, entrez en contact, s.v.p., avec le Centre des Migrants à l'Église de Saint-François d'Assise à 212-736-8500, poste 305/377 ou envoyez-nous un e-mail à migrantcenter@stfrancisnyc.org.

Are you enjoying summer produce? Ripe tomatoes? Fresh corn and fruit? Who labors in the fields to provide the food that most of us take for granted?

According to reports from the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Labor, there are an estimated 2-3 million migratory and seasonal agricultural workers in the US.

- The majority (70.7%) of all farmworkers are foreign born.
- Farmworkers work an average of 44 hours per week and 93% work five to seven days a week.
- 25% of all farmworkers have total family incomes below the U.S. government's poverty guidelines.
- 31% of foreign-born farmworkers have spent 20 or more years in the United States. 36% percent have been in the U.S. for 10 to 19 years, and 33% have been here for 9 years or less.

What happens if these workers are denied the opportunity to labor in the fields that feed our country? We should be grateful, not angry.

Statistics from: http://www.ncfh.org/uploads/3/8/6/8/38685499/naws_ncfh_factsheet_demographics_final_revised.pdf

For more information or to help support immigrant rights, contact sanxny@gmail.com

THE SEASON OF CREATION is a new initiative calling us to celebrate God's wonder-filled gifts of creation and to take concrete actions to care for our common home. The season runs from Sept. 1, the World Day of Prayer for Creation and continues through Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Thousands of Christians will be coming together around the world united with one purpose: to pray and care for creation.

We invite you to look at the website Season of Creation, www.seasonofcreation.org and listen to the video of Pope Francis inviting us to participate and commit to taking concrete actions to care for our common home. You will find resources for prayer, among them an online Taize prayer service with Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican leaders. The Global Catholic Climate Movement, GCCM, is joined by the World Council of Churches, the Anglican Communion Environmental Network, GreenFaith, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, and ACT Alliance to promote and create resources for the Season of Creation.

This year, participants in the Season of Creation are asked to consider participating in various components: prayer; a personal pledge for action; a group symbolic action and/or event, and advocacy. A shared theme for action is the reduction of use of fossil fuels. We will highlight some of these components during the five-week campaign in our parish. Look for our weekly column in the bulletin through the month of September. Join Catholics around the world in a prayerful Season of Creation.

St. Francis Xavier Peace and Justice Committee and Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement invite you to

LIVING THE ENCYCLICAL: LAUDATO SI' AND US with Dr. Erin Lothes, Theologian Wednesday, Sept. 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm Main Church



Dr. Lothes is a theology professor at the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, NJ, researcher in the field of energy ethics, and a scholar of the faith-based environmental movement. She holds a Ph.D. in systematic theology from Fordham, a Masters in Theology from Boston College.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Isa 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Matt 16:13-20.

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE:

1 Thess 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matt 23:13-22.

12:05PM GEORGE A. FISHER (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST:

1 Thess 2:1-8; Mark 6:17-29.

12:05PM TERENCE J. MURPHY (L)

TWENTY-FIRST WEDNESDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: 1 Thess 2:9-13; Matt 23:27-32.

12:05PM EILEEN RYAN (L)

TWENTY-FIRST THURSDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: 1 Thess 3:7-13; Matt 24:42-51.

12:05PM GEORGE LENZ (D)

TWENTY-FIRST FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: 1 Thess 4:1-8; Matt 25:1-13.

7:45AM FRANK FONTANELLO (L)

12:05PM ALBERT CHOPEY (D)

TWENTY-FIRST SATURDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: 1 Thess 4:9-11; Matt 25:14-30.

12:05PM JOSEPH VOZZA (D)

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Matt 16:21-27.

**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 xavieradultgroup@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 sfxgcgroup@gmail.com

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact Jose Ramon, 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.

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 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 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