

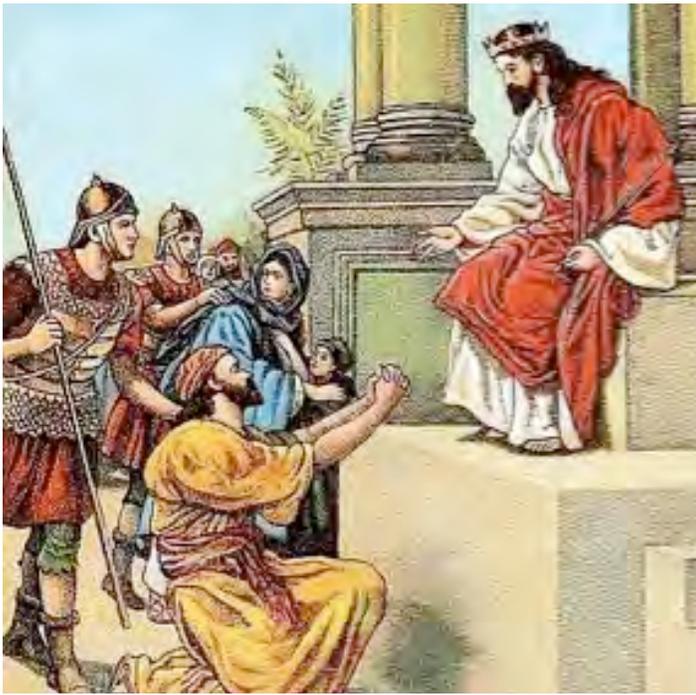


CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. (Matt 18:24)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Family Faith Program

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 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

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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

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 23rd

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

Sunday, September 24th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Patrick Gilger, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*June Best, Michael Falkenhagen,
Jannie Gaffigan, Monsignor Neil Graham, Ann Grant,
Florita Gutierrez, Fr. Thomas Kallumady, Ann Lisi,
Marian Lizzio, Nicole Minsen, Steven Molina, Mario Moore,
Kathy Mulvaney, Terence J. Murphy, Campbell Grant Phillips,
Rocco Scura, Anthony Sellitti, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers*

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

*John Bucki SJ, Noel Saint Joseph Burke, Maryann Haughton,
Robert Kristan, David Molina, Albert and Robert Mullings,
Edminda Sanchez-Oriol, Eileen Ryan, 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,

This past Tuesday, September 12th, beloved parishioner Eileen Ryan passed away. I know she was a very important and active member of Xavier and she will be missed. I'd ask you to hold her and her family in prayer in the coming days. Her funeral will be on Saturday September 24th at 10AM.

My letter this week is somewhat "mundane". I first wanted to thank Jim Martinez for the great work he did on the Financial insert in the bulletin last week. I think it's an excellent presentation of our income and expenses and how we are so dependent on your donations to keep the parish as vibrant as it is. Speaking of donations, I wanted to get some feedback from you about the ways you prefer to support the parish. First I have a couple of observations. Whenever I "take a peek" in the collection basket when it's presented with the gifts, I'm struck with how many ONE\$ I see. I think we all know that a \$1 bill doesn't go very far these days. I also know that we are no longer a "cash" culture. It's so rare to pay for something in cash these days. And yet in church we "pass the basket" and the majority of donations are in cash. Here at Xavier we do have on-line giving and we keep hoping and encouraging more and more of you to donate through Faith Direct. In my former parish, we had a pledge program where parishioners would decide how much they would donate to the parish for the year and they could choose whatever means of payment that they'd like. Everyone chose check or automatic. No one used CASH ☺

The other thing that I've observed is that when there is a "second collection", there is minimal participation. (I'm one of those people, when I'm visiting a parish for Mass and am in the congregation don't usually give to the "second" so I understand the resistance ☺) I've noticed that at Xavier we have a second collection almost every week and I would really like to try to find ways to decrease the number of collections but still increase the support for the parish.

I'll be saying more about this but if you have any thoughts about our "collection" processes, I'd be happy to hear from you ☺

Sincerely,

Fr. Bob

This Sunday

SEPTEMBER 17TH:

Parish Coffee Hour~Mary Chapel after the 11:30am Mass

Lay Spirituality Program Information

Session~Xavier High School Arrupe Library at 1:00pm

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 Marina Diaz / Director Religious Education
John Uehlein / Xavier Music Ministries Director

ALL SHALL BE WELL - The life and times of Julian of Norwich. This one-woman show, performed by **Molly Delaney Druffner** will take place on **Sunday, October 8th at 2PM in the Xavier High School Keenan Commons.** As it turns out Fr. Bob directed Molly in Julian in the 1980's at Boston College and she has been performing it ever since while she has raised a family of 7 children and assisted her husband in doing missionary work in Tanzania. Molly will also be speaking about her missionary work at the Masses the weekend of October 7th and 8th.

If you are interested in attending the performance on the 8th, please let *Fr. Bob* know.

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SAVE THE DATE!

This year, instead of just one Mission Mass, we will celebrate Mission Weekend—a whole weekend dedicated to introducing Xavier Mission to the parish community, October 14-15. Mission Weekend will include:

- Celebration of the work of the Mission at every Mass!
- A special Mass celebrated in Hurtado Hall, the 'downstairs church'!
- Receptions after the Masses to meet the Mission staff and L-STEP graduates!
- Open Houses/Tours of the Coughlin Men's Shelter and the Welcome Table!

We look forward to celebrating with you the weekend of October 14-15!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Want to help change the world but don't have a lot of spare time? Your financial contribution helps every bit as much as your time. We currently have two ways for you to make a significant impact on the lives of your fellow New Yorkers.

For a gift of \$700, you can sponsor a participant of the Life-Skills Training & Empowerment Program (L-STEP). This covers stipends, MetroCards, food, supplies, and administrative costs. Our next class of L-STEP is about to begin their semester and we are looking forward to an exciting 14 weeks ahead! With a sponsorship you can ensure that someone will have a life-changing experience!

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. 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!

Zen Meditation Group

**Saturday, September 30th
9:30 am - 4:00pm 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.

THE TRADITION CONTINUES: ANIMAL BLESSING

We will have a ceremony celebrating and blessing our animal companions on **Saturday, October 7th at 10:30 a.m.** Come! Celebrate the joy and blessing that your animal companion has been for you. It's "a howl" and "the cat's meow". All creatures, great and small and their human companions are invited. Feel free to pass the word about this event to people in your neighborhood: put a notice in your building's newsletter or post a flyer on your building's bulletin board.

MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Now is the time when the music ministry especially seeks new members for the coming year. For more information contact John Uehlein (juehlein@sfxavier.org or 646-573-0099)

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 Jackie Perez, this choir continues to grow in talent and scope. For more information or to schedule an audition please contact: Jackie Perez: jperez@jesuits.org.

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. This is the newest singing group at St. Francis Xavier and we invite you to get involved at the ground level.

THE SFX ADULT CHOIR: The St. Francis Xavier Choir is looking for new members now. Rehearsals are Thurs. nights from 7-9 and we sing at the 11:30 service on Sundays.

INSTRUMENTAL MINISTRY: Do you play an instrument? We are looking for competent (intermediate to advanced) instrumentalists now. The Sunday 5pm liturgy is our instrumental mass and we rehearse at 4PM before the liturgy. Space is limited.

Adult Activities Group

*Visit the Theodore Roosevelt
Birthplace National Historic Site*

Thursday, September 21st ~12:30pm

On this first-rate tour of the boyhood home of Theodore Roosevelt we will see restored rooms that reflect life between 1865 and 1872. Our guide will tell us about TR's childhood in this early fashionable district of the city.

After the house visit and keeping with Roosevelt's love of the outdoors we will take a self directed tour of the monuments in Madison Square Park.

Meet at 28 East 20th Street, between Broadway and Park Avenue South at 12:30 on Thursday, September 21st. The tour is free.

The Peace & Justice Committee and Xavier Bible Study offer

A Social Justice Study: How are We Called?

**Wednesday evenings
from October 4th – November 15th**
Turned Away by Sr. Helen David Brancato, IHM

These seven 2-hour sessions will include:

Catholic Social Teachings

Scripture

Ignatian Discernment

Feminist and Eco-Theology

Personal stories from the front lines of justice work

In the course of this seven-week program, participants will gain a deeper understanding of seven core principles of Catholic Social Teaching, learn first-hand from people facing injustice in the US and around the world, and have the opportunity to prayerfully discern -- individually and in beloved community -- our unique call to act with justice.

To register please email

XavierPeaceAndJustice@gmail.com or

XavierBibleStudy@gmail.com

or call Daniel Corrou, SJ at 212-627-2100 x206

*Did you know that Cremation is an
acceptable form of Christian burial?*

*Did you know that Cremated remains must be cared for
reverently and properly interred in a sacred place?*

*Did you know that there is only one
Catholic Cemetery in Manhattan?*

It is "The Basilica of Saint Patrick's " Old Cathedral at 263 Mulberry St New York N.Y. Over a century ago due to lack of space the practice of interring on Basilica grounds was suspended and limited to the interment of former Catholic Pastors. The Basilica revised the tradition with the introduction of a Columbarium. With the introduction of the Columbaria, they are preparing a sacred and historical place in which to spend it. If we the Church of St Francis Xavier have the wish to be interred together we will have the opportunity to create our own section in the catacombs.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE ATTEND
OUR FIRST MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 24TH
AFTER THE 11:30AM MASS IN THE WEST
ROOM.**



As Summer quickly comes to an end... one thing to look forward to is the resumption of our monthly Young

Adults Group meetings! Come meet other Xavier charismatic Twenty & Thirty-Somethings! Join us for our first meeting of the season and contribute to the planning of what is sure to be a packed calendar. If you have been away for a while, and or are new to our community, you are ALL personally invited to join us: **Sunday, September 17th**, immediately following the 5pm mass in the Mary Chapel. What better way to meet other beautiful, socially-conscious, and savvy fellow New Yorkers!

ALL are welcome... single, married, LGBTQ, and straight! sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE INVITES YOU TO SPEAK UP FOR DREAMERS

Fr. Timothy Kesicki, SJ, President of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States wrote an open letter to Dreamers in response to President Trump's decision to rescind DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). His letter echoes what many of us are feeling. He says, in part:

“The United States is a great country because it is a land of opportunity, family values and compassion. Throughout our history, we have given newcomers the opportunity to work hard and be successful, to our country's substantial benefit. We have also placed a high premium on the integrity of the family unit. The Jesuits, along with the Catholic Bishops, lay educators and thousands of others have raised their voices in support of comprehensive immigration reform, including the protection of DACA and the Dreamers, and we are not going to give up. Together we recognize and seek to honor your dignity. Today and in the challenging weeks and months to come, we will continue to strive toward a fuller realization of your rights.”

Watch the bulletin in the months ahead as we share ways to support Dreamers and their families.

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

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 Tuesday, Sept. 19, 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.



SEASON OF CREATION

Did you ever think about where the electricity for your house or your cell phone or your electric car comes from? Or what that might have to do with the

increase in hurricanes? Sounds like a stretch, but come hear Dr. Erin Lothes, who will explain the connection.

The focus of this year's Season of Creation is on fossil fuels... to look at the role fossil fuels (coal, oil and natural gas) play in contributing to earth's climate crisis. We want to look at options for what each of us can do to lessen our carbon impact on the environment.

Most of New York State's energy comes from fossil fuels.... coal, natural gas and oil. All of these sources of energy are contributing to greenhouse gases and environmental destruction.

We are at a crossroads. There is a climate crisis which, if not dealt with on a global scale, will continue to wreak havoc on communities. We are also at the start of a transition from an economy based on fossil fuel energy to one based on clean, safe and renewable energy sources....a transition that is not easy. We can make a prophetic choice to be part of this transition.

Each of us can scale down our use of fossil fuels by eliminating unnecessary use of electricity, and by looking at other ways to lessen our carbon/methane footprint. But there is one thing we can all do immediately and easily. We can switch our household electricity to renewable energy. Consider our Campaign to SWITCH your household energy source to renewables while still having Con Edison as your delivery provider. Come to the table at the back of church for more information on electricity switching options. Consider signing the Laudato Si' Pledge, which is endorsed by Pope Francis. And come hear the energy expert and theologian, Dr. Erin Lothes speak to us from a Catholic perspective about the ethical considerations of energy usage, our national energy policies and the urgent need for the transition.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Sir 27:30-28:9; Rom 14:7-9; Matt 18:21-35.

TWENTY-FOURTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

1 Tim 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10.

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

TWENTY-FOURTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Tim 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17.

7:45AM MICHAEL FULTZ (D)
12:05PM DOMINICK CADEMARTORI (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. ANDREW KIM TAE-GON: 1 Tim 3:14-16; Luke 7:31-35.

7:45AM THERESA WALKER (D)
12:05PM DENNIS MITCHELL (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Matt 9:9-13.

7:45AM NORMAN ROY (D)
12:05PM FRANK SHERIDAN (D)

TWENTY-FOURTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Tim 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM CAMILLE MANFREDO (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA: 1 Tim 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15.

12:05PM MARIO JARAMILLO (D)

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Isa 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Matt 20:1-16a.

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