



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

*A JESUIT APOSTOLATE*

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**“COMPLETE  
MY JOY  
BY BEING  
OF THE  
SAME MIND,  
WITH THE  
SAME LOVE,  
UNITED  
IN HEART,  
THINKING  
ONE THING.”  
PHIL 2:2**

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit St. Joseph's Seminary

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 1, 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

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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); Deborah Olley Murphy (Secretary);

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Patrick Egan; Michelle Jung; John Karle; Charles Mileski;

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe

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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, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

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, Michael Falkenhagen, Jannie Gaffigan,  
Monsignor Neil Graham, Amelia and Anne Grant,  
Winston Grant, Florita Gutierrez, Fr. Thomas Kallumady,  
Paul Lawrence, Ann Lisi, Marian Lizzio, Nicole Minsen,  
Steven Molina, Mario Moore, Amelia Mullings,  
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,  
Joanna Adamczyk Condon, Maryann Haughton,  
Robert Kristan, Gertrude Joy McAleer, 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,

“All shall be well! And all manner of things shall be well!” You may recognize these words of Julian of Norwich, medieval mystic who affirms God’s loving presence in all of life and creation. I realize that these days it is increasingly difficult to believe that “all shall be well”, given the suffering of so many affected by natural disaster as well as the constant threat of war and terror. And yet we can take heart as we hear the second reading this Sunday. We believe that “All shall be well” since God in Jesus Christ has experienced “Kenosis”, “self-emptying” so that God may truly share in our human nature. Our God is one who knows our human life, experience, struggles and pain and for that reason we believe “All Shall Be Well”.

Here at Xavier we are fortunate to be receiving a visit from Julian herself in the “form of” Molly Delaney Druffner, graduate of Boston College, mother of 7 and committed missionary to the people of Tanzania. Molly, with her husband Mark and friend, Rev. Dr. Beda Klure have been trying to make “all things well” for the Pare people of Tanzania. If you have a few moments, you might be interested in reading about their work, [www.partners4hopetanzania.org](http://www.partners4hopetanzania.org). Molly and Fr. Beda who is also a physician will be at three of the Masses on the weekend of October 7th/8th sharing their experience in Tanzania. There will be a special/second collection at those Masses. At **2PM in the Xavier High School Chapel on October 8<sup>th</sup>**, Molly will be presenting “All shall be Well”, the life and times of Julian of Norwich which I directed in the 1980’s at Boston College. I realize that everyone is very busy but I believe that the life and times of Julian can speak powerfully to us now and hope you will come to enjoy the performance.

When you see the bulletin this weekend, I will be with the Pastoral Council at Joques Retreat Center in Cornwall for our annual planning days. One of the things we will be doing is discussing Chris Lowney’s book, “Everyone Leads: How to revitalize the Catholic Church”. (Chris also happens to be a former student of mine from the years I taught at Regis High School. ) I’m very much hoping that the insights of his book will animate our discussions as we move together as a wonderful parish community.

My prayer for all of us, our church and our world echoes that of Julian. “May ALL BE WELL!”

Peace,

*Fr. Bob*

*You are all cordially invited to join us for an inspiring  
production of*

## **ALL SHALL BE WELL**

*A Drama About the Life and Times of Christian Mystic  
Julian of Norwich*



**Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm  
Xavier High School Chapel**

*Free will offering*

## *From the Desk of James Martinez*

Thank you to all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support our parish throughout the year. I am pleased to present the preliminary financial results for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017. The Statement of Support summarizes revenues and expenditures for last year compared to budget and the budget for the new fiscal year that started September 1<sup>st</sup>. Our final financial results will be included in our 2017 Annual Report that is planned for distribution on the first Sunday of Advent, December 3rd.

We finished the year with a surplus of \$392,071 compared to a budgeted deficit of \$49,408. The favorable results versus budget are due primarily to increases in donations & bequests, the Sunday Collection, and Weddings. Our Sunday collection for the first time surpassed our rental income from the 17<sup>th</sup> Street property we leased in 2004. Our planned deficit for this year is \$45,515 and therefore we ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your donations this year, if you can. We need your increased support in the coming year through your Sunday offertory, maintenance 2nd collection, and Christmas and Easter gifts to help reduce this deficit.

### **STATEMENT OF SUPPORT** **Year ending August 31st**

|  | <b>Actual</b>  | <b>Budget</b>  | <b>Difference</b> | <b>Budget</b>  |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
|  | <b>2016/17</b> | <b>2016/17</b> |                   | <b>2017/18</b> |
| <b>Support</b>                           | \$ 2,553,613   | \$ 2,174,946   | \$ 378,667        | \$ 2,196,537   |
| <b>Expenses</b>                          | \$ 2,161,542   | \$ 2,224,354   | \$ (62,812)       | \$ 2,242,052   |
| <b>Net Support Over (Under) Expenses</b> | \$ 392,071     | \$ (49,408)    |                   | \$ (45,515)    |

#### **Major Revenue Sources**

|                         |            |            |            |            |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Sunday Collections      | \$ 824,155 | \$ 795,000 | \$ 29,155  | \$ 820,000 |
| Rental Income           | \$ 816,036 | \$ 816,036 | \$ (0)     | \$ 836,437 |
| Donations and Bequests  | \$ 426,635 | \$ 64,100  | \$ 362,535 | \$ 65,750  |
| Weddings                | \$ 121,280 | \$ 100,000 | \$ 21,280  | \$ 100,000 |
| Christmas               | \$ 72,828  | \$ 80,000  | \$ (7,172) | \$ 80,000  |
| Easter                  | \$ 48,691  | \$ 53,000  | \$ (4,309) | \$ 51,500  |
| Maintenance Collections | \$ 63,843  | \$ 64,000  | \$ (157)   | \$ 62,000  |
| Votive Candles          | \$ 27,734  | \$ 26,000  | \$ 1,734   | \$ 27,000  |
| Flowers                 | \$ 11,324  | \$ 13,000  | \$ (1,676) | \$ 13,000  |

|   | <b>2017</b> | <b>2016</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| <b>As of August 31st the parish had cash balances and investments as follows:</b> |             |             |
| Cash and Money Market Funds   | \$1,470,038 | \$1,263,184 |
| <b>As of August 31st the parish had the following receivables:</b>                |             |             |
| Xavier Mission, Inc.  | \$0         | \$96,247    |
| Rent Receivable   | \$72,649    | \$0         |
| <b>As of August 31st the parish had the following obligations:</b>                |             |             |
| Restoration Loan  | \$1,839,571 | \$2,307,097 |
| Archdiocese Invoice & Collections   | \$6,688     | \$10,154    |
| Vendors and Service Providers   | \$56,258    | \$106,451   |
| Parish Organizations  | \$19,055    | \$9,720     |
| Donors Contributing to the Sunday Collection using FaithDirect:                   | 389         | 341         |
| Percentage of the Sunday Collection from FaithDirect:                             | 47.8%       | 45.0%       |



## CHANGE A LIFE!

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 have a great way 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 has just begun 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! We have 11 participants and have received 5 sponsorships so far.

Visit [www.xaviermission.org/donate](http://www.xaviermission.org/donate) to make your gift today.

## BE PART OF MISSION WEEKEND!

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!
- 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 invite you to be a part of this celebration by being a lector or gift bearer at the Masses that weekend. Please contact *Cassandra* at [cagredo@xaviermission.org](mailto:cagredo@xaviermission.org) to sign up.

## ANIMAL BLESSING

**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.**



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.

## SAVE ANOTHER DATE!

Our annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser will be held on **SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018**. Tickets will go on sale at the end of December-beginning of January. Stay tuned for more information, including this year's theme! (WHAT WILL IT BE?!?!)

## HELP FOR PUERTO RICO!

We continue to collect items for the relief efforts in Puerto Rico. We are currently only accepting the items that Mayor de Blasio's office has stated are most needed. They are:

- Baby Food
- Diapers
- Batteries (all kinds)
- First Aid Supplies

Please drop off these items at the church reception desk and we will deliver them to the Mayor's Office collection points.

*The Peace & Justice Committee and Xavier Bible Study offer*

### ***A Social Justice Study: How are We Called?***

**Wednesday evenings  
from October 4<sup>th</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup>**

***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](mailto:XavierPeaceAndJustice@gmail.com) or

[XavierBibleStudy@gmail.com](mailto:XavierBibleStudy@gmail.com)

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



**THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE INVITES YOU TO SPEAK UP FOR DACA- KNOW THE FACTS**

The Center for American Progress estimates that ending DACA would result in a loss of \$460.3 billion from the national GDP over the next decade. Ending DACA would remove an estimated 685,000 workers from the nation's economy. Altogether, the 10 states whose attorney generals demanded that the Trump administration end DACA stand to lose more than \$8 billion annually in state GDP.

Ending DACA is not in our best interests as a moral and a generous nation; neither does it appear to be in our economic interest to do so.

For more information or to help support immigrant rights, contact [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

Data from: <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/news/2017/07/21/436419/new-threat-daca-cost-states-billions-dollars/>

**PRESENTATION ABOUT REFUGEES IN THE MIDDLE EAST**

**Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am in the West Room**

According to the UN Refugee Agency, we are now witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record. An unprecedented 65.6 million people around the world have been forced from their homes. Among them are nearly 22.5 million confirmed refugees, over half of whom are under the age of 18. In conjunction with the Immigrant Initiative at Xavier, we welcome Nili Bresler, Head of Communications for Natan International Humanitarian Aid. Natan is a multi-ethnic, multi-faith and multicultural organization that has been providing disaster relief around the world for over 13. Nili will join us to talk about Natan's work with Syrian refugees and strategies for meeting the challenges of mass, global displacement.

**Next Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> after all Masses**

Voter registration tables will be located in the entrance to help people register to vote and to update your current voter information.



**SEASON OF CREATION**

As this Season of Creation comes to a close with the Oct. 4th Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, let's mix in a bit of St. Francis Xavier with the Ignatian Examen to ask

ourselves how we are doing.

- Have I taken the time to deepen my appreciation of the gifts of creation and to see God in all things?
- Did I give thanks for all of creation?
- Have I responded to the urging of Pope Francis and signed the Laudato Si' Pledge to a) pray for and with creation, b) live more simply, and c) advocate to protect our common home?
- In reviewing the Season, did I decide what actions I would take to live out my pledge?
- Have I thought about what measures I will take to protect our common home by reducing my carbon footprint?
- Did I think about how my daily actions affect others?
- Have I fallen short? Can I ask God's help in the days to come?

Of course our actions to care for creation do not end with the Season. Let us pray that we have the fortitude to make them part of our daily lives.

We will celebrate the conclusion of the Season of Creation at our Masses this week-end. At the Sunday morning liturgies, the entrance procession will include flower signs that were used by our NY Catholic group in the Climate March in April. Our Laudato Si' Pledges will be brought up at the Offertory, and quilts made with the pledges created by the children in Family Faith will be displayed. And next Saturday, St. Francis Xavier will have the Blessing of the Animals here in the church.

Thank you for responding to Pope Francis' call for care of creation in this Season of Creation. Wishing you blessings and all good.

**Catholic Lesbians**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. WEST ROOM**

*"Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter,' he said, 'your faith has healed you.' And the woman was healed at that moment"* (Matthew 9:22, NIV). Lorraine B. Nelson and her doctors don't know what is ailing her. So she is taking medicines, treatments, drugs, alternative therapies . . . In all this, she is challenged by being a woman of faith. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share. And for more information, contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (917) 297-6804.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Matt 21:28-32.

### **MONDAY~FEAST OF THE HOLY**

**GUARDIAN ANGELS:** Zech 8:1-8; Matt 18:1-5, 10.

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

### **TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS**

**BORGIA:** Zech 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56

7:45AM DOROTHY NEBEL (D)  
12:05PM MARGE TERNES (D)

### **WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI:**

Neh 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62

7:45AM DOREEN NAZARETH (D)  
12:05PM WILLIAM WEIR(D)

### **TWENTY-SIXTH THURSDAY IN**

**ORDINARY TIME:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12.

7:45AM BOB RAEGAN(D)  
12:05PM JOSEPH WHITE (D)

### **TWENTY-SIXTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME:** Bar 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16.

7:45AM TIMMY KELLY (D)  
12:05PM TERESA CAPPELLANO (D)

### **SATURDAY~FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY:**

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24.

12:05PM GREG LUGLIANI (D)

### **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN**

**ORDINARY TIME:** Isa 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Matt 21:33-43.

**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)

**THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE:** Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@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)