



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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L-Step Graduation 2012

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 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);

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Vice-Chair);

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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, October 21st

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

Sunday, October 22nd

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

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

5:00pm Mass:

Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ & Rev. Daniel Corrou

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Alex Campbell, Caitlin Campbell, Monsignor Neil Graham, Amelia and Anne Grant, Winston Grant, Paul Lawrence, Marian Lizzio, John Marshall, Ron Miller, Nicole Minsen, Amelia Mullings, Kathy Mulvaney, Lorraine Nelson, Eileen O'Keefe, Campbell Grant Phillips, Rocco Scura, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers

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

John Bucki SJ, Joanna Adamczyk Condon, Matilde and Jose Dado, Florita Gutierrez, Maryann Haughton, Robert Kristan, Gertrude Joy McAleer, David Molina, Albert and Robert Mullings, Eileen Ryan, Jeanette Williams

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 weekend we celebrate the Xavier Mission which is such an integral part of our parish identity. How perfect is it that the scriptures this weekend speak of a “banquet” when we have more than a thousand homeless invited to the mission’s Welcome Table every Sunday. One of the concerns, however, is that for those of you who have not been parishioners at Xavier for a long time may not know the history of the Mission and the symbiotic relationship with the parish community. I’m hoping that the visibility of the Mission staff and Board this weekend will help in your understanding of the inter-dependent relationship Xavier Parish and Xavier Mission have. I am grateful to Cassandra Agredo for her impressive leadership of this essential outreach to those in need. We are fortunate at Xavier that we don’t have to look very far to put our faith into action!

On another note, Advent is not too far off and I would like to invite anyone interested in planning our Advent Season to join me in reading the Scriptures and sharing thoughts about ways in which we can best celebrate and ritualize the season. The Advent reflection session will take place from **1-3pm on Sunday October 29th**. (Refreshments will be served). Please let me know if you are interested and able to attend.

Sincerely,

Fr. Bob

FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD (The Video)

Sunday October 22nd at 2pm in the Xavier High School Keenan Commons



For the Greater Glory of God, a dance/ theater piece inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola was created by Fr. Bob VerEecke for the Ignatian Anniversaries of 1991-1992. Since then there have been live performances throughout the United States, Canada and Jamaica. Jeremy Zipple S.J. a professional videographer and media director at America Magazine videoed the work two years ago. The work combines music, dance, scripture and the text of the Spiritual Exercises in a way that invites the audience to experience the dynamics of the 4 “weeks” of the Exercises. The role of St Ignatius is played by Father VerEecke.

Jesuit Friends and Alumni Mass Sunday, October 22nd at 5:00 pm

Registration is open for Jesuit Friends and Alumni Sunday, an opportunity for alumni and friends of Jesuit schools to share our common bonds through the celebration of liturgy, followed by a reception highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community.

To register, please visit:

<https://sjnen.org/jesuit-alumni-and-friends-2017>

LITURGICAL PREPARATION FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT

If you are interested in reflecting on the scriptures of the Advent Season in preparation for our liturgical celebrations, Fr Bob will be facilitating a liturgical planning session on **Sunday, October 29th from 1-3pm** in Xavier High School. If you are interested in attending, please let Fr. Bob know at rvereecke@sfxavier.org. We are planning to have refreshments so we need to have an idea of numbers who will attend.

THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Tuesday, October 24th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Xavier High School Chapel 2nd floor

Spiritually speaking, THE DIVINE FEMININE invites us to imagine the sacred as a male/female dyad incorporating complementary energies and the qualities of nurturance, introspection and compassion.



Join us for informal conversation and reflection as we explore the concept of the DIVINE FEMININE and its relationship to our individual and communal growth as spiritual people.



"Disinformation is probably the greatest damage that the media can do, as opinion is guided in one direction, neglecting the other part of the truth." -Pope Francis

Hello Xavier Twenty & Thirty-Somethings! In today's world, we are constantly bombarded with "news" from every angle... traditional media outlets, the internet, and of course social media. While it is important to make every effort to stay well informed with all that happens in our global society, how does one filter the facts from all the information coming at us 24 hrs a day? Join us Sunday October's 15th, with Special Guest Fr. Sam Sawyer SJ, an executive editor and the director of digital strategy at America Media. This will be the first of a 2 part series on Faith, Media and Ethics in the Age of Fake News.

Come join this informative and poignant discourse with other beautiful, socially-conscious, and fantastic individuals as we discuss our responsibility in today's ever-changing news cycles.

Sunday, October 15th, immediately following the 5pm mass in the West Room. We welcome ALL... single, married, LGBTQ, and straight. sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

ALL SOUL'S DAY VESPERS



Thursday, November 2nd
6:30 in the Church

Please bring a photo of your loved one for the procession

SAVE THE DATE

ANYTHING GOES

The parish cabaret

Friday (7:30pm)
Saturday (7:30pm) and Sunday (2:30pm)

SFX LGBTQ Annual Retreat

"We are not alone anymore"

DATES: Friday, November 17, 3:00 pm
through Sunday, November 19, 1:30 pm.

PLACE: Linwood Spiritual Center,
Rhinebeck, New York.

TOTAL COST: \$225.00 per person. (Payable
to Linwood Spiritual Center)

*Deposit/full is due before November 1, directly to
Linwood to save your place.*

Space is limited to 34 people, first come, first serve.
Registration forms are available in the parish office on
15th Street.

Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or SFXGCGroup@gmail.com with any questions?



BE PART OF MISSION WEEKEND THIS WEEK!

Join us Saturday and Sunday for Mission Weekend—a whole weekend dedicated to introducing (and re-introducing) Xavier Mission to the parish community! Mission Weekend will include:

- Celebration of the work of the Mission at every Mass!
- Receptions after the Masses in the Mary Chapel to meet the Mission staff and Board!
- Open Houses of the Coughlin Men's Shelter (after every Mass) and the Welcome Table (after the Sunday morning Masses)!

We look forward to seeing you this weekend!

BE THE DIFFERENCE

If your spare time is non-existent and your energy is running on empty, but you still want to make a difference, please consider sponsoring an L-STEP participant. This is an amazing way to make a significant, positive impact on the life of a fellow New Yorker.

For a gift of \$700—or any partial amount—you can sponsor a participant of the Life-Skills Training & Empowerment Program (L-STEP). This covers stipends, MetroCards, food, supplies, and administrative costs.

Anything you give will have the effect of spreading love and compassion directly into the world around us. Thank you for your gift and your desire to make a difference.

Visit www.xaviermission.org/donate to make your gift today.

The Pastoral Council invites you to our

PARISH SOCIAL HOUR

**Sunday, October 29th
after the 5pm Mass**

Join members for a get-together featuring cheese and wine.



SINGING – LISTENING – SILENCE – MEDITATION- PRAYING - MOVING

“It is a time to rest in God, to let the words listened to and sung penetrate one’s being.” Brother John, Taizé monk

Come to the quieting, mystical experience of Taizé prayer, a welcome time of “beauty in simplicity.” The structure of prayer is a hymn, psalms, a scripture reading, and intercessions. Singing and silence play a significant part.

DECEMBER 8

JANUARY 12

FEBRUARY 9

MARCH 9

APRIL 13

MAY 11

JUNE 8

**6 PM IN THE MARY CHAPEL EXCEPT ON
DECEMBER 8 THAT WILL TAKE PLACE
AT 5:30 PM IN THE MAIN CHURCH**

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, November 10th

6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

West Room

“Sing to the Creator with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp” (Psalm 147:7).

In this month of Thanksgiving, M. E. Hurson and Carole Goldstein will lead us on the path of gratitude. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share.

Plus, we have the 15th annual Christmas wrapping party on Friday, December 8, and have many children who hope for some Christmas cheer! Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for the name/age of one or two or three. With gratitude.



THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE URGES YOU TO SPEAK UP FOR DREAMERS- STAY INFORMED!

We need to press Congress to pass legislation the will keep Dreamers safe.

With Congressional representatives and the White House exchanging conflicting statements and proposals on immigration reform, it is important to stay informed and to demand legislation that provides justice for immigrants.

One source for evaluations of proposed legislation and its impact on DACA recipients is NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice at:
<https://networklobby.org/20170918immigration/>

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

Xavier Adult Group

The Xavier Adult Group Tour of Green-Wood Cemetery

Wednesday, October 25th

This is one of our most popular events. The Green-Wood Cemetery Historic Trolley Tour. This narrated tour is titled "The Far Side of Green-Wood." Reservations are a must. If you wish to take this fun and informative two-hour tour, email or phone us no later than October 20th. The tour takes place rain or shine. The cost is \$20. We will meet at the 15th street entrance to Xavier at 11:30 a.m., and travel to the cemetery together for the 1:00 pm tour. *Tom and Nancy Collins* xavieradultgroup@gmail.com or 212-929-3157.

The Academy of St. Joseph would like to invite you to visit to learn more about our exceptional education and enrichment programs at our Open House Tuesday, **October 17th** from 9-10am. Contact *Torsie Judkins* at tjudkins@aosj.us for more information.

Together we can help combat fear of the stranger, the immigrant and the refugee. The Ignatian Solidarity Network is launching a two-year "Campaign for Hospitality" with Catholics across North America to educate people about the common human dignity and value of migrants. The aim is to create more welcoming communities and nations. You can help by sharing their social media posts on your Facebook and Twitter channels. First, please "Like" St. Francis Xavier Church Facebook page. We'll be posting campaign resources for you to share. Learn more at <https://ignatiansolidarity.net>

THE MISSION CONTINUES

If you, or someone you know, has ever considered serving God's people, the Church, as a Jesuit, then the Society of Jesus invites you to pray and discern if your passions and desires may lead you to a life with us. For almost 500 years Jesuits have been serving the Church as "men on a sacred mission." Through prayer, we aim to orient our own passions and desires with God's desires for the Church and the world. To explore if God is calling you to serve in Christ's mission as a Jesuit priest or brother, please visit our Vocation Website at <https://jesuitvocations.org/> We are ready to help you to discern our Jesuit life.

Nightfever NYC is coming back to St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday November 18, 2017. On this night, Nightfever NYC will be hosting this night of praise, worship and reconciliation at Saint Patrick's Cathedral (50th Street and 5th Avenue). We will have the opportunity to pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as well as light candles to honor Our Lord. The evening of music and prayer will start at 7pm and end at 9pm. Confessions will be heard throughout the night. Come and be a part of this night, where the Cathedral will be have its doors open to all New Yorkers so they can come, pray, and love the Lord. For more information, email us at nightfevernyc@gmail.com.

Cruise to Cuba with Sr. Joan Chittister. Havana, Santiago de Cuba, and Cienfuegos on February 2-9, 2018. Cost of Cruise alone: \$1,699 to \$2,299 depending on stateroom. For more information and reservation, contact angiecruzphd@gmail.com or 917-607-0937.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Isa 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Matt 22:1-4.

TWENTY-EIGHTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Rom 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32.
7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM PATRICK KEENAN (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH: Rom 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41.
7:45AM GERRY NAPPY (D)
12:05PM JAMES KIERNAN (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. LUKE: 2 Tim 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9.
7:45AM MARK BYRNE (D)
12:05PM EILEEN TERESA RYAN(D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF STS. JOHN DE BREBEUF, ISAAC JOGUES: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Matt 28:16-20.
7:45AM CRUZE BIRKMAN (D)
12:05PM ROLANDO LANDINGIN (D)

TWENTY-EIGHTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Rom 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7.
7:45AM PATRICK LOUGHLIN (D)
12:05PM PADDY LOUGHLIN (D)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12.
12:05PM DR. RAYMOND GIBNEY (D)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Isa 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5b; Matt 22:15-21.

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

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact sanxnyc@gmail.com

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

THE WOMEN WHO STAYED: nurtures, empowers, calls forth and celebrates the emotional, intellectual and spiritual growth of women and men at SFX. For more information: 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