



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 31, 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 Wheelchair 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);

Stephen Alfieri (Secretary); Kathleen Cagnina;

Karen DeMasi; Patrick Egan; Michelle Jung;

John Karle; Charles Mileski; Deborah Olley Murphy;

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

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, January 6th

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

Sunday, January 7th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jesus Andaluz, Larry Capici, Martin Crawford, Patrica Cunningham, Elizabeth Cutolo, Juan Garcia, James Leung, Marian Lizzio, John Marshall, John McLoughlin, Kathy Mulvaney, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, Rey Santos, Rocco Scura, Anthony Sellitti, Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers

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

Mary Comarato, Mars Custodio, Paul Lawrence, Patrick Logsdon, Albert Longo, Beatriz Quinto Mendoza

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,

On the eve of the New Year, as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family we hear the beautiful reading from Colossians that encourages us to “Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. Can you think of better “New Year’s Resolutions? What a difference it could make in our relationships with our families, friends, and all those who come across our paths! On this eve of the New Year, I’d like to invite us all to take this to heart and BE who we are called to BE as children of God and friends in the Lord.

My prayer for all of us as we begin a New Year together as the parish community of St Francis Xavier is that we may “put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control our hearts, the peace into which we were also called in one body. And be thankful”.

On this final day of 2017 and first day of 2018 let us pray in gratitude for all the gifts we have received personally, in our families and in our parish community. And let us pray for our country and our world that it may be one of “heartfelt compassion, kindness, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another”.

A Blessed and Happy New Year!

Fr. Bob

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS
January 1st ~ 11:30am

Office Closed

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Tuesday, January 2nd

One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am.

Remember Xavier When Considering a Year-end Gift

First we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support our parish throughout the year. As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to Xavier. The parish is budgeting a \$45,515 deficit for this fiscal year and projecting deficits totaling \$56,000 over the next two years. Your year-end gift can help us reduce this deficit and thereby allow us to continue to celebrate vibrant liturgies and support our many ministries.

The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support Xavier for years to come. There are many different ways of contributing a gift. Two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests and IRA/retirement accounts. For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift please contact Jim Martinez in the parish office.

EPIPHANY



SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH

11:30AM

CAROLS BEGIN AT 11:00AM

A Quiet January Writing Retreat at Mariandale Center

The retreat is open to writers of every genre, both beginners and advanced. Writers will sharpen writing skills, meet other exceptional writers, take walks with a view of the mountains and river and have time to reflect. The retreat is open to everyone.

Fee. \$225. Includes a private room, all meals and all workshops

Website: <http://mariandale.org/event/life-writing/>

Mariandale is run by The Dominican Sisters of Hope.





**THE XAVIER
IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE
INVITES YOU TO STAND
UP FOR IMMIGRANTS!**

**JOIN THE JERICHO WALK IN
SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE VICTIMIZED
BY OUR IMMIGRATION SYSTEM**

ALL ARE WELCOME

Every Thursday, people of faith, immigration activists, religious leaders, and caring members of our community march and pray outside of two ICE locations in Manhattan. We stand in solidarity and support for individuals and families affected by deportations or the threat of deportation.

We gather at 11:00am at 26 Federal Plaza, and at 5:00pm at 201 Varick Street. No sign-up is necessary. Just come and offer your presence and support to our sisters and brothers struggling against the injustice of our immigration system.

For more information on supporting immigrant rights, contact sanxnyc@gmail.com

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, January 12th
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. West Room**

"Make peace with me and come out to me... Choose life and not death!" (2 Kings 18:31-32, NIV)

It's the perfect time to take the plunge, enter the door, and be greeted by friends, old and new. We will eat, drink, be merry, and plot out the new year for this ministry's silver anniversary! Bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

***Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) – Experience
Making a Difference***

Join IVC and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits! IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need. Volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their service and to deepen their spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. There is also the opportunity for spiritual guidance. Interested? Contact Maureen Fullam, Regional Director at 917-859-0928 or email mfullam@ivcusa.org and visit our website: www.ivcusa.org



ONE LAST CHRISTMAS GIFT: TAX BREAKS!

For those holiday revelers who just can't handle the thought of Christmas being over, we've got one last gift for you! TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to make an end-of-year donation to Xavier Mission to qualify for this year's charitable tax deductions (and this may be the last year to take full advantage of these deductions)! Well ok, this is really a Christmas gift for both of us, which is the best kind! And it's the kind of gift that keeps on giving long after the season is over.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM XAVIER MISSION!

May your new year be filled with joy, love, peace, justice, and a little adventure. Be safe, have fun, and resolve to spread kindness and cheer out into the world!

"Your kindness and advice mean so much more than just paying my electric bill."



"L-STEP has been crucial in helping me to find my voice and to focus on the goals I want to achieve."



"Thank you for helping me and my family keep our home. Miracles do happen."



"It's organizations like yours that bring hope to those of us who find ourselves in these situations and have no one else to go to."

These are real words from real people who have been helped through Xavier Mission's programs.

**This is the impact of your support.
This is the power of your gift.
These are the lives you touch.**

Let's change lives together.

Make your end-of-year gift at:

www.xaviermission.org/donate

Gifts of checks, stocks and securities are also welcome.



In 2017:

- The Welcome Table served 78,000 meals.
- The Food Pantry provided 53,000 meals to 1,700 families.
- The Clothing Room served 1,200 people.
- The Coughlin Shelter housed 3,800 men.
- The two LSEP Programs graduated 30 men and women.
- The Financial Assistance Program saved 14 families from eviction and assisted 127 others with transportation, utilities, and immigration expenses.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH:
Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Luke 2:22, 39-40.

MONDAY~OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:
Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.

TUESDAY~FEAST OF STS. BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN:
1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28.

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS:
Sir 51:8-12; Ps 81; Phil 2:1-11; Luke 2:21-24.
7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM RAMON MAYA (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42.
7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM ANGELO RAGAZZO MANGONE (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN:
1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51.
7:45AM CEZARINA PROCOPIO (D)
12:05PM NED FLYNN (D)

SATURDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME:
1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11.
12:05PM JAMES BRASSEL (D)

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: Isa 55:1-11; 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11.

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 sfxggroup@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