



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Xavier Night at *Come From Away*

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Peter's Pence

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2018

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

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Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship and
Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205

Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201

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Receptionist — 201

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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, February 17th

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

Sunday, February 18th

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

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Patrice Adcroft, Jesus Andaluz, Joseph Cali, Larry Capici, Patrica Cunningham, Elizabeth Cútoló, Mimi Elenbåas, Kathryn Fisher, Maria Formoso, Daniel Fox, Marian Githens, Thomas Glasson, Juan Garcia, Renata Johnson, Mary Korba, James Leung, Marian Lizzio, John Marshall, John McLoughlin, Kathy Mulvaney, Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe, Joel Rivera, Rey Santos, Vanessa Santos, Rocco Scura, Anthony Sellitti, Denise Stewart, Bobby Tinio, Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers, David Woolwine

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

Rosa Canastra, Mary Comarato, Martin Crawford, Alice Hardy, Janet Kelly, Beatriz Quinto Mendoza, John Olley, Mary M. Piderit, Miriam Socorro Solares de Castañeda, Denise Stewart

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'm not sure how often Ash Wednesday coincides with Valentine's Day ☺. At first glance it may seem they are polar opposites. Ash Wednesday, a religious holiday signaling the beginning of the Lenten season, a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving and Valentine's Day, a secular holiday noted for hearts, flowers and expressions of romantic love and special friendship. I said in jest to some of the Jesuits with whom I live that this year we would combine the two and the sign of a heart with the ashes ☺.

But if you think about it there's more here than meets the eye! The first reading for Ash Wednesday is "Rend your hearts and not your garments". Give yourself freely to God with an open heart, willing to receive the gift of God's love for you. That's really what the Lenten season is about. It's coming to know again the unconditional love that God has for us in Jesus Christ. So Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday may not be as far apart as we think!

This past Tuesday night was a wonderful experience for more than 150 parishioners who attended a performance of Come From Away followed by a talk back with cast and musicians. Many thanks to parishioner Kevin Tuerff who facilitated the evening and whose own story is a significant part of the show. BTW, If you did not know about this evening it may be that you do not receive my Constant Contact emails. I sent the information about the show's discount code through CC. If you would like to receive these communications on a weekly basis, please let me know. During the Lenten Season I'll be sending out reflections for prayer that you might find helpful.

I also wanted to thank those of you who responded to my request to help Alejandra, a young Venezuelan woman who is here seeking asylum and looking for employment. It is a wonderful sign of the compassion and generosity of our parishioners.

I hope and pray that this Lenten season will be a time of great consolation for each of you as you come to know even more profoundly God's love for you in Jesus Christ. If you are interested in joining me for **Come and Journey with Jesus** on the Sundays of Lent please let me know.

Sincerely,

Fr. Bob

PRAYER FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Spirit of Abundance, God of Grace, Mother of Hope,
We pause now to remember those stories that are all
around us, But so often passed over,
Those stories that when told are shared because
Of what someone is, not who they are.
This month in our nation's character
Is Black History month.
Help us to realize that Black history is
All our histories.
May the day come when these stories
Are so wildly taught that no month need
Be separately divided.
We know this day will not come until we as a people
Make different choices.
We pray now for those new choices.
May we come to see a day where the prison system
Becomes redemptive, not punitive.
A day where the legal system learns to focus more
squarely on the facts,

And the not colors of our skin.
A day where our schools are as well funded, as the
needs demand.
May our role models be allowed to excel when they
thrive, And not be taken down for their rich heritage.
We know this will require a shift in power.
And this can be scary for some.
Give those full of fear – hope.
May we come to know grace,
So that our hearts will not be hardened to the pain
around us. There are so many beautiful stories needing
to be told.
And we need to get the chance to hear them.
Widen our vision so that the history that is shared this
month, And every month,
Come to be known as our history too.
We are most human when we see the humanity in
others. - **Author Unknown**

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14th

MASSES WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES IN THE MAIN CHURCH AT

7:45 AM

12:05 PM

5:30 PM Bilingual Mass

7:30 PM

*Services at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the Main Church
with Distribution of Ashes.*



Two volunteers will offer an “imposition of ashes” to anyone coming to the church who so desires during regular intervals of time.

INTERVALS

8:30 AM to 8:55 AM

1:00 PM to 1:25 PM

2:00 PM to 2:30 PM

2:30 PM to 2:55 PM

3:30 PM to 4:00 PM

4:00 PM to 4:30 PM

4:30 PM to 5:00 PM

5:00 PM to 5:25 PM

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM

7:00 PM to 7:25 PM



Mardi Gras Early Bird Ticket Sales EXTENDED through February 11th!

We're giving you an extra week to get your discounted tickets to the biggest party of the year!

MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE

Saturday, March 3rd

7:00pm—11:00pm

Hurtado Hall

Cocktails, dinner and dancing!

ONLINE Silent Auction PLUS a very special live auction event for two fantastic vacation packages!

www.xaviermission.org/dinnerdance

TICKETS:

Early Bird (through 02/11—EXTENDED!):

\$80

Individual (after 02/11):

\$90

Patron (includes 2 event tickets and 4 drink tickets):

\$275

SPONSORSHIPS (all include 8 event tickets and 16 drink tickets):

Royal Court: \$5,000 (full pg ad in program, primary web listing)

Rex: \$2,500 (1/2 pg ad in program, secondary web listing)

Bacchus: \$1,000 (1/4 pg ad in program, tertiary web listing)

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for opportunities to receive free drink tickets!

Xavier Adult Group

TOUR OF THE OCULUS

Wednesday, February 21st

Join the Xavier Adult Group for a guided tour of the "Oculus," the state-of-the-art World Trade Center Transportation Hub in lower Manhattan. See and learn about this multi level retail, dining, transportation center. Designed by internationally acclaimed architect Santiago Calatrava and inspired by the image of a dove being released from a child's hands. This free tour is given by the Westfield World Trade Center Group. Please let us know if you would like to join us by email xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com or call Tom and Nancy 212-929-3157.

We will meet at the 15th Street entrance to Xavier at 1:00pm. and travel together to the Oculus.

A NIGHT OUT AT THE MORGAN LIBRARY & MUSEUM

Join the Morgan for a special after-hours celebration of two gay icons: photographer Peter Hujar and playwright Tennessee Williams. Enjoy curator talks, live music, and a wine bar. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for members). For tickets, call 212-685-0008, ext. 560 or order online here: <http://www.themorgan.org/programs/lgbtq-friends-night-out-morgan>.

Join the Pastoral Council as

WE CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

with St. Joseph's Parish in Harlem

Xavier parishioners have been extended a warm welcome by St. Joseph of the Holy Family Parish (405 W. 125th St, Harlem) to attend their annual Gospel Mass in honor of Black History Month on **Sunday, February 25th at 10:00am.**

Join a group of us meeting at Xavier at 9 a.m. that Sunday to head to St. Joseph's together. Of course, you can also just meet us at St. Joseph's!

No need to RSVP. For more information, email us at PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org.



The Pastoral Council invites you to our

PARISH SOCIAL HOUR
Sunday, February 11th,
after the 5pm Mass

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

TWO OFFERINGS FROM XAVIER BIBLE STUDY

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS AS THE EXPANSION OF CONSCIOUSNESS:

A Lent and Eastertime Bible Study

This class will meet Wednesday Evenings from February 21-May 16. We will make our way through the Gospel of Mark as we explore Jesus of Nazareth's Good News ministry. The question that will guide our curiosity: In what ways was Jesus seeking to expand the consciousness of all those he encountered? The only prerequisite for this 12-week course is an open mind.

The suggested fee is \$60. Let's get woke with Jesus!

WOMEN'S POWER IN THE BIBLE:

A Lenten Lunchtime Series

Thinking of giving up patriarchy for Lent? For those who missed last year's Bible Study of the same name, we're offering five lunchtime sessions. After the 12:05 mass on Wednesdays, we'll explore scriptural passages that introduce us to spiritual power beyond patriarchy and help deepen our Catholic faith. No fee for this series.

To register for either study, please email

XavierBibleStudy@gmail.com

EL RINCÓN LATINO

Queremos contactar a todos los latin@s que vienen a la iglesia de San Francisco Javier para formar una comunidad latina en esta parroquia y fortalecer dicha comunidad a través de la creación de actividades parroquiales que permitan a nuestros herman@s latin@s la oportunidad de participar activamente.

Queremos oír las voces y atender las necesidades de nuestra gente latina. Por favor contáctate con Stephanie Fuentes, 212-627-2100x222 o sfuentes@sfxavier.org, dejando tu nombre, teléfono y correo electrónico. Una vez que tengamos tu información te notificaremos sobre nuestra primera reunión de latin@s.

Tendremos una misa bilingue a las 5:30pm el miércoles de uniza. Todos están invitados.

Organ Concert

by DAVID BRIGGS

Organist Emeritus, GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL, UK



Tuesday, February 27th

7:30pm

Main Church

*Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, BWV 542 : J S Bach (1685-1750),
Three Pieces for Musical Clocks : Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809),
Variations on Greensleeves (2004): David Briggs (b.1962),
Le banquet céleste: Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992),
Pièce Héroïque: Cesar Franck (1822-1890),
Poème Symphonique: L'apprenti sorcier: Paul Dukas (1865-1935)*

HONDURAS PROJECT NOTES

Thanks to the support of Xavier parishioners, our holiday card sale last month raised \$2,200 to support our efforts in Honduras. Every available card was sold!

The unrest in the country as a result of the disputed national election continues. The current president was certified as the victor by the government-controlled electoral commission. The OAS has called for a new election in view of the widespread irregularities in the vote counting process. The EU has also noted the irregularities. But the U.S. government supports the election verdict. Dozens have been killed and many more injured during protests over the election. Please remember the Honduran people in your prayers.



FOR VALENTINE'S DAY OR ANY DAY CHOOSE FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE IT'S JUST + SWEET!

As we approach Valentine's Day, the Peace and Justice committee makes these resources for fair trade chocolate available so that our tokens of love and friendship also show our concern for just wages and human dignity: two key pillars of Catholic Social Teaching. In recent years, it has become easier to find fair trade products both online and at traditional retailers. The following is not an exhaustive list, and if you find additional sources, please let us know.

Here are some brands with all or some fair trade products: Divine Chocolate, Little Secrets, Lake Champlain Chocolates, Theo, Justin's, Alter Eco, and Dagoba. In addition, some major chains including Whole foods, Fairway, Trader Joe's and Walgreen's carry some fair trade chocolate and coffee. A number of smaller stores do so as well, so another action you can take to support fair trade initiatives is to tell your local branch of a major chain or a neighborhood business that you would purchase fair trade products if they stocked them. Finally, parishioners will be familiar with the range of products available from equalexchange.coop through our annual fair trade sales. Other helpful websites are serrv.org [which includes fair trade gifts], justcoffee.coop, novica.com [which also includes jewelry and gifts] and amazon.com [add the key words "fair trade" to your product search].

Hello ALL Twenty & Thirty-Somethings! In lieu of our regular monthly meeting this month, you are all personally invited to attend a very special event with Rev. Bryan Massingale, professor of Theological and Social Ethics at Fordham University. "*LGBTQ Catholics Today: Shadows and Light*": A look at the new developments that have and are taking place regarding discussions of LGBTQ issues in the Church since the openings provided by Pope Francis, while candidly acknowledging the challenges that remain in order to achieve full incorporation and acceptance in and by the Church.

Sunday, February 11th, following the 11:30am mass in Keenan Commons in Xavier High School. We welcome ALL... single, married, LGBTQ, and straight.
sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com

Xavier Immigration Initiative invites you to:



CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING: COLONIALISM AND WHITE PRIVILEGE

*Learning and understanding the culture
of our detained Friends*

Join First Friends in a presentation by Dr. Ulla Berg. Dr. Ulla D. Berg is Associate Professor in the Departments of Anthropology and Latino and Caribbean Studies at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, where she also directs the Center for Latin American Studies. Her research and teaching focuses on transnational migration, (im) mobility, and inequality in Latin America and among U.S. Latino populations.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND AT 6:30PM
Morrow Memorial Methodist Church
600 Ridgewood Rd, Maplewood, NJ 07040

&

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH AT 1:30PM
Riverside Church
490 Riverside Dr, New York, NY 10027
Room 311 MLK

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

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45.

SIXTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13.

7:45AM CJ CAMPING (D)
12:05PM FR. JOHN BUCKI (D)

SIXTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21.

7:45AM RICHARD PERKINS (D)
12:05PM PATRICK DEVINE (D)

ASH WEDNESDAY: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2.

SIXTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Deut 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25.

7:45AM RAY BRONGER (L)
12:05PM MARY CATHERINE FINNEGAN (D)

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY:

Isa 58:1-9a; Matt 9:14-15.
7:45AM DORIS CYPHER (D)
12:05PM JAMES BRASSEL (D)

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY:

Isa 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32.
12:05PM PIERO RUFFILLI (D)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:
Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15.

**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 xaviersharingandlearninggroup@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 sanxnycc@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, [suniko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto:sunik120@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