



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in them will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.  
(John 15:4-6)

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit AIDS Walk Appeal

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 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](http://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](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, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Jesus Andaluz, Joseph Cali, Patricia Cunningham, Amor Domingo, Isaac Falci, Maria Formoso, Juan Garcia, Robyn Luisi, Keith Martin, Mark Martinez, John McLoughlin, Amelia Mullings, Kathy Mulvaney, Mary Ann Rose, Rocco Scura, Anthony Sellitti, Michael Termini, Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers, David Woolwine*

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

*Lisa Heine, Brian Hodgman, Jane Jones, Marian Lizzio, John Marshall, Jeanne Murphy, Patricia O'Grady, Sr Doris Pagano, SC, Martino Pietanza, Bobby Tinio and Rafael Tinio*

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,

In my homily last Sunday I ended with an alternative to the traditional Act of Contrition. Given that it was Earth Day, I felt that we who are fortunate enough to live on this beautiful planet need to continually ask for forgiveness for our sins against her. Many of you were kind enough to ask me for copies of this prayer so I include it here.

Oh mother earth, we are heartily sorry for having offended you. And we detest all our sins against creation because we dread the loss of this heavenly earth and the pains of a planet that we have misused. But most of all because we have offended you, mother earth who are all good and deserving of all our love. We firmly resolve with the help of God's grace to confess our sins against you, to do penance and care for our earth, to change and amend our ways in this world. And to always recognize creation as God's gift.

I'm also including an Ignatian Examen, for Reconciling God, Creation and Humanity. This Examen was created by the Office of Justice and Ecology at the Jesuit Conference and the Ignatian Solidarity Network. For an online version you can go to [ecologicalexamen.org](http://ecologicalexamen.org)

1. I give thanks to God for creation and for being wonderfully made. Where did I feel God's presence in creation today?
2. I ask for the grace to see creation as God does – in all its splendor and suffering. Do I see the beauty of creation and hear the cries of the earth and the poor?
3. I ask for the grace to look closely to see how my life choices impact creation and the poor and vulnerable. What challenges or joys do I experience as I recall my care for creation? How can I turn away from a throwaway culture and instead stand in solidarity with creation and the poor?
4. I ask for the grace of conversion towards ecological justice and reconciliation. Where have I fallen short in caring for creation and my brothers and sisters? How do I ask for a conversion of heart?
5. I ask for the grace to reconcile my relationship with God, creation and humanity, and to stand in solidarity through my actions. How can I repair my relationship with creation and make choices consistent with my desire for reconciliation with creation?
6. I offer a closing prayer for the earth and the vulnerable in our society.

*I'd like to offer a special word of thanks to Nancy Lorence for all that she has done and is doing to help us to be mindful of our Care for Creation.*

Sincerely,  
**Bob VerEecke S.J.**

### **RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Are you approaching a major personal or career decision? Do you sense that there is something more that can be accomplished in your life? Charis Ministries NYC invites Catholics in their twenties and thirties to consider the practical wisdom and vitality of Ignatian spirituality by attending our peer-led Spirit at Work retreat, which will be held **May 11 to 13, 2018** at Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown, NJ. This retreat house is easily accessible from Penn Station via New Jersey Transit's Midtown Direct Line.

To learn more or register, visit us at [charis.nyc/spirit-at-work](http://charis.nyc/spirit-at-work). We offer financial aid or payment plans, so please do not hesitate to contact us at [charisretreatnyc@gmail.com](mailto:charisretreatnyc@gmail.com) to facilitate your attendance on our retreat.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND  
AND JORDAN**  
*with Fr. Joe Costantino, S.J.*

**October 2-12. \$3,695**  
(guaranteed till June 1<sup>st</sup> or for the first 20).

Space for only 30 pilgrims. Please contact *Angie Cruz*  
at [angiecruzphd@gmail.com](mailto:angiecruzphd@gmail.com) or 917-607-0937.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed to wash and iron  
the purificators (napkins used at Mass)  
on a rotating basis.

If interested please contact:  
[gerrymoss@gmail.com](mailto:gerrymoss@gmail.com)

Whether you are expecting your first child  
or a veteran mom - please, join us for a  
casual, open, light-hearted conversation on  
Being a Mom. ALL ARE WELCOME.



**WHERE:** Mary Chapel

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 15  
@ 8:30am

**THERE WILL  
BE COFFEE!**

Questions, contact Michelle Jung  
[lee.moonhyung.michelle@gmail.com](mailto:lee.moonhyung.michelle@gmail.com)

The Pastoral Council invites you to join us for a

## PARISH-WIDE COFFEE HOUR

as we welcome parishoners  
New to SFX on

### THIS SUNDAY



in the Mary Chapel (following the 11:30 Mass)  
All are welcome.



## AIDS WALK New York 2018 THIS IS DONATION WEEKEND

Team members will be manning a table set up  
at the back of the church after each Mass.

Please consider making a cash/check donation  
Checks made payable to: AIDS Walk New York  
(legend Team #1250)

**Contribute online: <https://ny.aidswalk.net/sfx>**

I would like to thank the many families  
in our parish who have contributed to  
the Cardinal's Appeal thus far. To date,  
we raised **\$22,189** in pledges towards  
our **\$106,000 goal**. We are getting  
closer, but we still have a ways to go!  
Remember, 60% of any cash raised over  
goal is returned to our parish. Please  
take a moment this week to make your  
contribution. Thank you all for your  
generosity and support.



The Immigration Initiative  
Invites you to Help  
**STAMP OUT DESPAIR**

Immigrants held in detention in Elizabeth, NJ and other locations have no access to the outside. Even corresponding with family & friends can be a challenge, as detainees typically have little or no money to buy the stamped envelopes sold at inflated prices in the detention center commissary.

First Friends of NJ & NY collects writing supplies and stamped business size envelopes to help stamp out detainees' despair. To support their efforts, we will be collecting the supplies listed below at all Masses on May 5-6. Please help!

- Solid color 2-pocket folders (no logos)
- #10 business size envelopes stamped **with forever stamps**
- Loose leaf paper
- Blank colored paper (not construction paper)
- Note pads
- Greeting cards
- Stick pens – No metal inserts are allowed.
- Soft cover books in Spanish, French, Urdu or Chinese
- Soft cover English-Spanish or English-French dictionaries

Please note that the requirements are very specific. There will be collection containers at the back of the church on May 5 & 6.

For more information on supporting immigrant rights, contact [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

**FROM HERE TO ETERNITY**

*For over 200 years the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral has been preparing Catholics for eternity. With the introduction of the Columbaria, they are preparing a sacred and historical place in which to spend it.*

**WE THE CHURCH OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER  
HAVE OUR OWN SECTION IN THE CATACOMBS.**

Want more information? Our next meeting is on **THIS SUNDAY** after our 11:30am Mass in the West Room.



**Share some Joy  
For Mother's Day!**

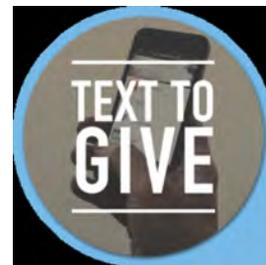
On Saturday, May 12, the day before Mother's Day, a group of volunteers will be bringing a bit of joy to the 80 women at the Park Avenue Armory Women's Shelter. Plans include a luncheon and a sing-along.

For many of these women Mother's Day is especially sad, because they miss their children. This event helps lift their spirits.

Set-up begins at 9:30 and the event will run from 10:00 to 11:00. All are welcome to join us!

To RSVP or for more information, email us at:  
[xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com)

**A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT XAVIER:  
TEXT GIVING**



We're excited to announce a new way to support Xavier. You now can text your gift. To give via text, send a text message with the dollar amount (e.g. "\$10") to our reserved phone number (262-214-3627). If this is your first time giving this way, you will have to fill out a short form with your billing information. After the initial setup, giving is as easy as sending a text message. Make sure to save Text Giving in your contacts for future gifts. Unfortunately, you cannot setup recurring giving using this option. For recurring giving we suggest using our FaithDirect e-giving by enrolling online by clicking the Donate Now button on the upper-right hand corner of our parish homepage. Thank you for being part of Xavier and our ministries. Prayers and best wishes for a joyful Easter season.



## SAVE THE DATES!!

Join Xavier Mission in celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year!

### MISSION WEEKEND: SATURDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 12-13

Coffee & Bagels/Wine & Cheese Receptions after Masses, Open Houses of Shelter & Welcome Table

### L-STEP GRADUATION: MONDAY, MAY 21, 6:00PM

Graduation in the Church followed by dinner and dancing in Hurtado Hall

### ROSA MEXICANO “GUAC FOR GOOD”: TUESDAY, MAY 29, ALL DAY

Have lunch or dinner at Rosa Mexicano on 18th St. and 15% of your total bill will be donated to Xavier Mission!

### BLOCK PARTY: SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 11:00AM—5:00PM

Join us on 16<sup>th</sup> Street for a BBQ lunch, music, dancing, fairway games, a photo booth, face painting, a bouncy house and a dunk tank! Bring the whole family to celebrate!

## CELEBRATE IN STYLE!



Get your Xavier Mission 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirts to wear to the festivities and to show your support!

T-shirts can be pre-ordered by visiting our website at [www.xaviermission.org/donate](http://www.xaviermission.org/donate) and clicking on the ‘Visit Our Store!’ tab. All shirts are \$25.00.

Shirts will also be sold on Sundays throughout the spring.



There are two styles—Volunteer and Supporter—and come in either men’s fit or women’s fit (the women’s shirt is slightly more fitted than the men’s) in S, M, L and XL.



## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**

Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8.

### **FIFTH MONDAY OF EASTER:**

Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26.

7:45AM EDWARD MCLAUGHLIN (D)  
12:05PM MARIAN LIZZIO (D)

### **FIFTH TUESDAY OF EASTER:**

Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM GEORGE SHIVLEY (D)

### **WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST.**

**ATHANASIUS:** Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8.

7:45AM CONNIE MCKELVEY (D)  
12:05PM THOMAS RYLEY (D)

### **THURSDAY~FEAST OF STS. PHILIP AND JAMES:**

1 Cor 15:1-8; John 14:6-14.

7:45AM BOBBY TINIO (D)  
12:05PM BRIAN HURLEY (D)

### **FIFTH FRIDAY OF EASTER:**

Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17.

7:45AM REBECCA HAGGERTY (D)  
12:05PM ARTHUR SALERNO (D)

### **FIFTH SATURDAY OF EASTER:**

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21.

12:05PM HAILEY CORDOVA (D)

### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17.

**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)

**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 [sfxcggroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxcggroup@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)

**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).

**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](mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com)

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

**XAVIER ADULT GROUP:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:xaversharingandlearninggroup@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)