



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit

Catholic Missions among Black & Indian People

Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 3, 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

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Rev. Daniel Corrou, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206

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Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201

James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship)

Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201

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Receptionist — 201

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

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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, June 9th

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

Sunday, June 10th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jesus Andaluz, Joseph Cali, Patricia Cunningham, Amor Domingo, Isaac Falci, Sherri Fallon, Maria Formoso, Juan Garcia, Mary Hannan, Yvette Hogu, Robyn Luisi, Keith Martin, Mark Martinez, John McLoughlin, Amelia Mullings, Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keeffe, Mary Ann Rose, 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:

Barbara Bisch, Charles Bischoff, Oddie De Blois, Brian Hodgman, Delia Hechanova, Camille Jerome, Elaine Jerome, Jane Jones, Rocco Scura, Gale Wilkerson

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 past weekend I was not at Xavier and attended Mass at a parish on Cape Cod where a friend was presiding. It was a lovely liturgy with good preaching, community spirit and singing. What I missed, however, was the “cup”. The blood of Christ was not offered to the assembly. (Ministers of communion did receive from the cup but not the rest of the assembly). I realize that receiving from the cup is not “ordinary” in many if not most parishes. As we know, it takes more effort to offer the “blood of Christ” under the appearance of consecrated wine. It is simply “easier” to communicate the “Body of Christ”. And yet, as we hear in the scripture today, Jesus says “Take and eat.” And then “Take and drink”. There is the element of “meal” as well as that of “sacrifice”. The blood of Christ is his “pouring out his life” for us. Is there a more powerful symbol of “life” than one’s life-blood? I know there are reasons that many people do not receive from the cup when it is offered. Some of these have to do with medical reasons or concerns about “hygiene”. For many, it’s never been the custom to receive from the cup so they just pass it by. And yet, the fullness of the Eucharist is experienced in the act of “eating and drinking”. Eucharist (Thanksgiving) is first and foremost an “action” and not just an “idea”. It is in the act of “taking/eating/drinking” that we experience the fullness of Christ’s presence with us and in us.

I’m focusing on the “blood of Christ” today since this is the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. In the B cycle readings, the emphasis is on the “blood” that is poured out in sacrifice and seals the Covenant God makes with us in Jesus.

Something else that caught my attention was a “larger than life” mural of the Last Supper which was painted on the wall of the Hall where receptions take place. It is visible from the main body of the church during the summer months when there is need for extra seating. Because the mural was “larger than life”, the representation of Jesus with his 12 male disciples made me think of those in the community who do not see themselves reflected at the table. Even if the biblical narrative of the Last Supper focuses on the “12” for symbolic reasons, doesn’t it make sense to include the women who were journeying with Jesus as well? For the Last Supper to be truly “larger than life”, all should see themselves reflected in this image of Jesus inviting us to “take and eat, take and drink. This is my body, given for you. This is my blood poured out for you”.

I am grateful for our parish community where we offer the “Cup of Salvation” and try our best to make sure that all are welcome at the table of the Lord. My prayer today is the Eucharist may always be a source of strength and spiritual nourishment for you and a powerful experience of “communion” with all our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Sincerely,

Bob VerEecke S.J.

READY FOR YOUR SUMMER GETAWAY?

Are you starting to plan your summer vacation? What is the best way to ensure that Xavier receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the summer months? Go Green and enroll in Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. 438 families now use Faith Direct to support Xavier. Enroll today by visiting our parish homepage and clicking the Donate Now button, scanning the QR code below, or mailing in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office.

If you are using envelopes we encourage you to make the switch to Faith Direct. Envelopes are expensive: printing, mailing, handling, donation processing and tax letters. In fact, at least 5 sets of hands handle the envelopes on the parish side, not to mention printing and mailing. If you want to stop receiving envelopes please contact Stephanie Fuentes at sfuentes@sfxavier.org or (212) 627-2100 ext. 222.

Please consider joining the 32 other families who signed up for Faith Direct during the last year. Thank you for your continued support of Xavier with your time and talent as well as treasure.



Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, July 13th
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Washington Square Park**

Summertime in the city means a picnic in the park! Please bring a blanket and a story about where you are with God these days. We'll break bread together in the lawn on the west side of the arch and speak our heartfelt truths. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com.

AN IGNATIAN JOURNEY TO SPAIN

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF IGNATIUS LOYOLA & FRANCIS XAVIER

9-Days: October 13 to 21, 2018

Under the Leadership of Fr. Matt Malone, S.J.
President/Editor in Chief, America Media

Group Coordinator: Mr. James Cappabianca

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SPACE IS LIMITED.

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www.GoCatholicTravel.com/18076

SEEKING EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR HOSPITAL MINISTRY AT MOUNT SINAI BETH ISRAEL (MSBI)

MSBI's Department of Spiritual Care Education seeks Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion and comfort to patients at Mount Sinai Beth Israel.

What do I need to do to get involved?

- Contact Rabbi Jo Hirschmann at 917-842- 6091 or jo.hirschmann@mountsinai.org to let her know you are interested in this.

- Be willing to make a minimum weekly time commitment of one hour of ministry at MSBI. We are especially looking for people who can make a commitment on Mondays.

- Complete MSBI's onboarding process and go through an orientation and training.

If you would like to participate in the ministry of bringing Holy Communion to the sick, we would love to hear from you.



**THE IMMIGRATION
INITIATIVE
INVITES YOU
TO TWO UPCOMING EVENTS**

The SFX Immigration Initiative will be holding a planning meeting on Saturday, June 9 at 2:00 pm in the Mary Chapel. We will review the events of the past year and look ahead to the year to come. Everyone who has participated in our work, and anyone who would like to learn more about what we do is encouraged to attend.

On Wednesday, June 13, at East End Temple (245 E 17th St.), First Friends of NJ/NY will introduce their work with immigrants and asylum seekers. Following a brief overview of their work, First Friends will conduct a training session for people interested in visiting asylum seekers being held in detention.

All are welcome!

For more information about either of these events, or more info on supporting immigrant rights, contact us at sanxnyc@gmail.com

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND
JORDAN WITH FR. JOE COSTANTINO, S.J.**

DATE: October 2-12 Cost:\$3,695 (guaranteed till June 1st or for the first 20)

Please contact *Angie Cruz* at angiecruzphd@gmail.com or 917-607-0937.

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.



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



Join us on 16th 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!

WE NEED BLOCK PARTY HELP!

Unless we discover how to clone ourselves between now and June 16th, my staff and I need your help! The Block Party won't be possible without the entire community taking part.

Please sign up for a shift by visiting
www.xaviermission.org/blockparty

Shifts are only 1 hour (2 in the kitchen) so you'll still have plenty of time to enjoy the fun!

THRIVE FOR LIFE PRISON PROJECT is continuing its furniture drive for our Ignacio House initiative!

Ignacio House is a house of studies for 24 formerly incarcerated individuals who are pursuing degrees and job workforce training.

We hope to move in to Ignacio House in the next 6-8 weeks and need your help with the following items:

- New mattresses and box springs
- New or lightly used desks and dressers

Items are also available on our online registries through Bed Bath & Beyond and Wayfair, which can be found on our website's Donate page.

Go to: thriveforlife.org/donate

Contact us at: info@thriveforlife.org

JOAN CHITTISTER

Passion 4 God, Justice, Life



**CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER &
ORATORY CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE**

are thrilled to partner together in bringing Joan Chittister, OSB to New York City! Sister Joan/Dr. Chittister promises to invigorate your mind, stir your heart, move your spirit, and inspire you to action . . . all in the name of Love.

This **FREE** event is a gift from both parishes and the women in the church. The first two hundred parishioners and friends of Xavier to RSVP are guaranteed a place at the table.

When: Sunday, September 30, 2018
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: St. Boniface Church
190 Duffield Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Trains: A, C, F, R to Jay Street/MetroTech
2, 3 to Hoyt Street

RSVP: SFXWomen@aol.com

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:

Exod 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26.

NINTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

2 Pet 1:2-7; Mark 12:1-12.

7:45AM RAMONA KINNEY (D)
12:05PM WILLIAM MESWINE (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. BONIFACE:

2 Pet 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mark 12:13-17.

7:45AM MARIA SAHWELL (D)
12:05PM DYLAN T. STEIGERWALD (D)

NINTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: 2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12; Mark 12:18-27.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM IDA BARILLARO (D)

NINTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

2 Tim 2:8-15; Mark 12:28-34.

7:45AM LINDA SMITH (D)
12:05PM DR. BENJAMIN MAGSINO (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS:

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37.

7:45AM LUCEIL CARROLL (L)
12:05PM DOROTHY SPLAIN (L)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:

2 Tim 4:1-8; Luke 2:41-51.

12:05PM KITTY & FRANK O'DOWD (D)

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Gen 3:9-15; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35.

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

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room, SFXWomen@aol.com.

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

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

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

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

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