



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if we were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, we know not how. (Mark 4:27)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17, 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: RVereecke@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)

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, June 23rd

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Ronald Amiot, SJ*

Sunday, June 24th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, 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, Vivian Catenaccio, Patricia Cunningham, Amor Domingo, Isaac Falci, Sherri Fallon, Maria Formoso, Juan Garcia, Mary Hannan,, Yvette Hogu, Robyn Luisi, Keith Martin, Mark Martinez, John McLoughlin, Adrienne Montgomery, Amelia Mullings, Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keeffe, Mary Ann Rose, Anthony Sellitti, Toni Spinelli, 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,

One morning, a week or so ago, I was in the church and must have been doing something that made me look like I worked in maintenance here. A woman said to me “It must be such an honor to care for a beautiful church like this!” She, of course, didn’t know that my “care” for the church was more pastoral than maintenance (although I did help paint the West Room). I saw her again a day later since she stops to say a prayer on her way to work. This time I asked her name and introduced myself as the Pastor of the Church. “Oh I had no idea!”, she said and we both laughed. Her words, however, stayed with me. “It must be such an honor to care for a beautiful church like this!” And, yes, it is. It is not only an honor to be charged with the pastoral care of the parish but to care for such a beautiful building of prayer and community worship.

As you all know so well, the renovation of the Church was completed only 8 years ago so I am somewhat reticent to bring up the topic of the Renew and Rebuild Capital Campaign that the Archdiocese has “missioned” us with. The Campaign has been going on for the past three years and we are in the final group of parishes. The goal is around 1.5 million. The good news is that in this campaign 74% of donations go directly to the parish. If you’re wondering what our Capital needs are, given the fact that the renovation was so thorough and wonderfully done, there are a number of projects that still need attention:

Renovation of the Elevator
Completion of the Organ installation
Refitting of light fixtures in the church to illuminate the assembly better
Technology for live streaming
“Envelope” repair on our rental property.

In the fall we will have a complete description of these capital needs of the parish. If there are any of you generous souls who would be willing to assist in the Renew and Rebuild Campaign, I would be more than grateful!

After this weekend, you won’t be hearing from me for a few weeks. I will be taking some vacation time as well as some weddings of former parishioners. I hope you will have a wonderful summer and I hope to see you in July.

Sincerely,

Bob VerEecke S.J.



THE PASTORAL COUNCIL invites everyone to participate in the 2018 NYC Pride March with The Church of St. Francis Xavier on Sunday, June 24!

Be part of this legendary evangelization of love by handing out church bulletins along the route and marching alongside your fellow parishioners.

We are ALL GOD'S FAMILY.

This year also marks the silver anniversary of the Catholic Lesbians & Gay Catholics ministries.

For questions or more information, contact: sfxwomen@aol.com or sfxgcgroup@gmail.com

Whether you have a toddler, teenager, multiples, or expecting your first child - please, join us for a casual, open, lighthearted conversation on Being a Mom.



WHERE: Mary Chapel

WHEN: Wednesday, June 27 @ 8:30am

THERE WILL BE COFFEE!

Questions, contact Michelle Jung lee.moonhy-ung@michelle@gmail.com

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
Associate Director of Advancement, America Media

SPACE IS LIMITED.

For More Information

Contact: Mr. James Cappabianca, America Media
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Email: jcappabianca@americamedia.org

Download a Brochure to Share:
www.GoCatholicTravel.com/18076

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

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.



**FAMILIES SHOULD
NOT
BE SEPARATED AT
OUR BORDERS!**

The Trump Administration's family separation policy has raised objections from many groups across the country and in Congress. This new policy means that any child with a parent when that parent is apprehended for illegal entry into the US, must be taken from the parent.

Two bills have been proposed that would end the practice of family separation and provide relief to impacted families. Please visit the NETWORK Site: <https://networklobby.org/20180611immigration/> to learn more about The Keep Families Together Act (S. 3036) and The Humane Enforcement Legal Protections (HELP) for Separated Children Act of 2018 (S. 2937/H.R.5950).

Watch the bulletin for information on how you can advocate for passage of these bills.

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

**THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHORUS
OF SAN FRANCISCO**

SUSAN McMANE, DIRECTOR

Will be singing at the 12:05 Daily Mass on Thursday June 21st as well as offering a "mini-concert" immediately following the liturgy with three choral selections. This is sure to be a grace-filled and beautiful noon time devotion.

All are welcome.

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

WHERE: St. Boniface Church
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. 190 Duffield
Street

RSVP: SFXWomen@aol.com

XAVIER OUTINGS - Xoutings is a relatively new parish group for gay parishioners and friends who are interested in gathering informally for social events, lectures, performances. If you are interested in knowing about events please contact xoutings@gmail.com

GIVE ENVELOPES A PERMANENT VACATION!

Did you know that June 21 – the first day of summer in 2018 – is National eGiving Day?

Xavier can take particular joy in this celebration as your response to eGiving using Faith Direct has been wonderful. So far this fiscal year almost half of the Sunday Offertory comes via Faith Direct. Thank you to the 398 parishioners who used Faith Direct last month to generously support Xavier. To build on this success, I am setting a National eGiving Day Challenge. My goal is for Xavier parishioners to Go Green and put envelopes on a permanent “summer vacation” and make the switch to Faith Direct.



By embracing this practice, you will simplify your giving and help provide our parish with consistent support. This is especially important in the summer months, when many of you may be out of town some weekends and we do not receive your envelopes. It's easy for people to forget to catch up once they're back, and our weekly offertory can fluctuate as a result – making it harder to predict how much we will have to sustain our year-round ministries. As an example our Sunday Collection this Memorial Day weekend was \$5,871, far below our average collection of \$8,520.

Being part of this challenge is simple: 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. The more of you who welcome the beginning of summer by taking this National eGiving Day Challenge, the more consistent and predictable our offertory will be month after month – and this will help us do even more to spread Christ's love throughout the community.

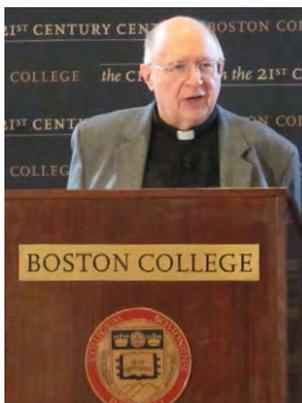
I ask you to give eGiving through Faith Direct your prayerful consideration, and give envelopes a permanent vacation this summer.

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly this summer and throughout the year!

Fr. Bob

AMERICA'S ASSOCIATES BOARD PRESENTS

A conversation with the Rev. Michael Himes, professor of theology at Boston College, who will address the topic:



WHY DO WE NEED A CHURCH?

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

6:30 p.m.

America Media

1212 Avenue of the Americas, 11th Floor

New York, NY 10036

Kindly RSVP to events@americamedia.org

The event is free, but donations are most welcome!

Scriptures & Announced Masses

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34.

ELEVENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: 1 Kings 21:1-16; Matt 5:38-42.

7:45AM JUAN LUIS MARIN (D)
12:05PM ROSEMARY PAVONE (D)

ELEVENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: 1 Kings 21:17-29; Matt 5:43-48.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM MARY ELLEN BASILE (D)

ELEVENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matt 6:1-6,16-18.

7:45AM TERRENCE WERNON (L)
12:05PM ISMAEL & ENA RODRIGUEZ (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. ALOYSIUS

GONZAGA: Sir 48:1-14; Matt 6:7-15.

7:45AM MAUREEN SKELLEY BONINI (D)
12:05PM DEBI BAGBY (D)

ELEVENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Matt 6:19-23.

7:45AM AVAILABLE
12:05PM GEORGE DEAN(D)

ELEVENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: 2 Chron 24:17-25; Matt 6:24-34.

12:05PM MARY VALENTINO (D)

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: Isa 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66.

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