



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22, 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 (Communion Service), 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)

Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201

Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221

Receptionist — 201

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

## ***Pastoral Council***

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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.



## ***SUMMER OFFICE HOURS***

**Weekdays:** 10:00 am to 4:00 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, July 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Kevin Spinale, SJ*

### **Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Kevin Spinale, 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, Bridget Blain, Joseph Cali, Vivian Catenaccio, John Kevin Cloonan, Patricia Cunningham, Amor Domingo, Isaac Falci, Sherri Fallon, Mickey Flood, Maria Formoso, Juan Garcia, Mary Hannan,, Yvette Hogu, Brigitte Johnson, Frances Ann Lisi, Robyn Luisi, Keith Martin, Mark Martinez, John McLoughlin, Adrienne Montgomery, Amelia Mullings, Kathy Mulvaney, Joan O'Brien, Eileen O'Keeffe, Dean O'Sullivan, Mary Ann Rose, Leonarda Zafra Santos, Anthony Sellitti, Toni Spinelli, Jeff Stevenson, Michael Termini, Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers, David Woolwine*

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

*Kate Galeone, Lee Giambruno, Camille Jerome, Marion Elise Kyttille, Logan Mannigan, David Roben, Jacqueline Walker, Marge Zwanziger*

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 weekend we celebrate the feast of Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles. It is very much thanks to the efforts of one woman, Rita Ann Houlihan, a great friend of Xavier, that Rome officially changed a “memorial” to a “feast”. I'd like to share with you a section of the letter that she wrote to Pope Francis in June of 2015. The “official” proclamation of her “feast” on July 22<sup>nd</sup> was made in February of 2016.

Most Holy Father,

This letter brings many prayers and greetings from New York City. It also brings a simple, but urgent request for a formal, corrective Papal Teaching regarding St. Mary of Magdala's true role in salvation history. For centuries our church has misrepresented her as the “sinful Magdalene” and some continue this error today. This distorts the Gospel and has virtually erased our memory of her as one of the disciples Jesus included among those who “came up from Galilee with him.” (Luke 23:55) As a Church that champions itself as the keeper of the deposit of true faith, we are obliged to teach the truth about Mary of Magdala.

We need an official Papal Teaching that 1) presents the true Gospel story of Mary of Magdala, the faithful disciple who remained, unflinching at the cross, led the visit to Jesus' tomb and was chosen by the Risen Christ as his witness and proclaimer of the Resurrection and 2) rejects and corrects the erroneous depiction of her as the anonymous, sinful woman in Luke 7:36-50 or any other woman in scripture. This erroneous depiction derives from an ancient, negative stereotype, not from Jesus' teaching or example. It dismisses her leadership and prevents others from experiencing her faith and witness.

Learning about the depth of St. Mary of Magdala's faith and witness has been life changing; it opened my eyes to the love and inclusiveness of Jesus, as shown in the Gospel and continues to nurture me in ways I never could have imagined. I have seen the joy of similar awakenings in others. This rekindling of my faith through Mary of Magdala's witness is a gift I am compelled to share.

A formal, Papal Teaching confirming the truth and rejecting the distortions will allow all to experience her faith and love in action and to hear, through her, Jesus' powerful Resurrection message. It will inspire and empower us, especially our young women to become personal evangelizers of this Good News.

We are so grateful to Rita for the gift of the bronze relief “Mary Magdala Proclaims the Resurrection”, commissioned by her and executed by Sr. Peggy Beaudette, SC.

And the whole church is grateful for her advocacy for St Mary of Magdala who is now restored to her rightful place in the company of the saints as Apostle to the Apostles.

## Special Showing of the movie

### ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Learn about his life and his intimate and profound friendship with the Lord!

**AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> 6:00 PM**

Wallace Hall, Church of St. Ignatius Loyola  
980 Park Avenue (and E 84th St.)

Advance ticket: \$25 • At the door \$30  
Seniors / Students: \$10

A light supper before the movie, and a talk back with Fr. George Drance, S.J., afterwards.

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

For more info and to reserve tickets, call: 212-756-8958



## INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING

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### COUGHLIN MEN'S SHELTER?

NEXT ORIENTATION WILL BE HELD ON  
AUGUST 15, 2018 AT 6:30PM. PLEASE RSVP  
TO *CHRISTINA* AT

[CBOWMAN@XAVIERMISSION.ORG](mailto:CBOWMAN@XAVIERMISSION.ORG)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you be interested in serving as a Eucharistic minister to the homebound?

Training provided volunteers make their own schedule.

Contact: *Jim Fox*

Email: [sumiko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto:sumiko120@nyc.rr.com)

## 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](mailto:mfullam@ivcusa.org) and visit our website: [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org)

## NEW SANCTUARY COALITION

When Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) orders our friends deported, their loved ones can pack one 25 lb suitcase for them. Each day, people in our communities must pack such a suitcase and submit it to ICE for inspection. When they drop off these suitcases with ICE, they cannot see their loved one to say goodbye.

Some of our friends and neighbors are deported to countries they left as children, where they know no one and may not speak the language. They often face grave danger.

We are asking you to think about one person—someone you love—and imagine packing their suitcase before they were deported to a country where you might never see them again. We invite you to think about this choice: what objects, what pieces of clothing, what photos, what books, what letters would you pack?

**ON JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>, AT 5:30PM, WE WILL GATHER AT 26 FEDERAL PLAZA IN NEW YORK CITY TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DEPORTED AND THEIR LOVED ONES—AND TO MAKE VISIBLE THIS FORM OF INVISIBLE VIOLENCE.**

The SFX Environment Ministry  
is pleased to present the second  
in our Summer Film Series:

**MOVIE  
CHANGE**

## YEARS OF LIVING DANGEROUSLY

*with David Letterman and Cecily Strong*

This film accepts the consensus of scientists that climate change has already arrived, and asks—what is keeping us from action? The film features discussions with thought leaders and activists in the realms of science, economics, and spirituality, and explores how unlimited growth and greed are eroding the life support system of the planet, the social fabric of the society, and the lives of many people. The film asks: Will we have the wisdom to survive? Interviewed: Bill McKibben, Joanna Macy, Roger Payne, Herschelle Milford, Quincy Saul, and more.

**TUESDAY, JULY 24 @ 7 PM**

*Keenan Commons*

*Entrance to right of 35 W 15<sup>th</sup> - Fernandez Hall*

This film, part of the National Geographic series, takes us to India, Florida, Nevada and New York to look at the challenges to provide sustainable energy.

Free admission. Discussion to follow. Light refreshments. Wheelchair accessible.

**PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL SHOW WISDOM TO SURVIVE ON AUG. 7 WHEN THE FILMMAKER, JOHN ANKELE, CAN BE WITH US FOR THE DISCUSSION.**

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



*Join Xavier's annual celebration honoring the*

## FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE SUNDAY, JULY 22

*featuring preaching by Latina theologian Natalia Imperatori-Lee and installation of Mary Magdalene Proclaims the Resurrection in the Mary Chapel!*

**1:00PM:** Resurrection Brunch, West Room & Mary Chapel.

Volunteers are needed to bring dishes to the brunch! To sign up: [bitly.com/marymag](https://bitly.com/marymag)

**2:00PM:** Liturgy and celebration, Main Church  
More info: [thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com](mailto:thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com)

**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](https://thriveforlife.org/donate)  
Contact us at: [info@thriveforlife.org](mailto:info@thriveforlife.org)

# WHO DESERVES ASYLUM?



Public outrage led the Trump administration to end its policy of separating immigrant families. However, this administration continues to dismantle the protections that asylum in the US offers.

Many of those seeking asylum are fleeing gang violence and domestic violence in Central America. Just last month, though, the Justice Department announced that victims of domestic abuse and gang violence no longer qualify for asylum under federal law in most cases.

Critics of this new policy believe that asylum offers a lifeline to people fleeing widespread human rights abuses in their home countries.

Who deserves asylum? Should abused women and those fleeing rampant gang violence be denied asylum? What do you think?

Want to get involved? For more information on supporting immigrant rights, contact us at [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

*“Like a Shepherd the Lord will guard the flock.”*

## HEALING MASS

Friday, July 27<sup>TH</sup>

7:30pm

Fr. George Drance, SJ will preside.



A healing mass provides an opportunity to come and pray for healing of mind, body and spirit for ourselves and our loved ones. The mass includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and individual anointing with blessed oil; and prayers for healing. This is not the Sacrament of the Sick. All are welcome to come and pray for healing.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PART OF OUR MINISTRY? WE ALWAYS NEED LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS AND SINGERS. OUR HEALING MASSES ARE CELEBRATED 4 TIMES A YEAR. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT CAROL FERRONE AT [THEXAVIERCOMPANY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:THEXAVIERCOMPANY@GMAIL.COM). NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

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

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

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

## Catholic Lesbians

Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Trump Tower & Astro Restaurant

Sometimes you've gotta stand for something! We will stand in front of 725 Fifth Avenue (56th & 57th streets) to protest all that does not follow the way of Christ--prayerfully, powerfully, peacefully, passionately. Afterward, we will head to 1361 Sixth Avenue (55th & 56th streets) to process what this all means in our faith lives.

## SUMMER LITURGY SCHEDULE

During the months of July and August, the parish will be going to a summer weekday schedule. There will be a 12:05pm Mass Monday through Friday. There will be a 7:45am Mass on Fridays and liturgy of the word/communion service Monday-Thursday.

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34.

### SIXTEENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Mic 6:1-4, 6-8; Matt 12:38-42.

12:05PM ANTONIO DIAS (D)

### SIXTEENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Mic 7:14-15, 18-20; Matt 12:46-50.

12:05PM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

### WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. JAMES: 2 Cor

4:7-15; Matt 20:20-28.

12:05PM JOHN MARSHALL (D)

### THURSDAY~FEAST OF STS. JOACHIM

AND ANNE: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matt 13:10-17.

12:05PM ELSA GOMEZ (D)

### SIXTEENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Jer 3:14-17; Matt 13:18-23.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE

12:05PM ANTONIO L. ALINDOGAN (D))

### SIXTEENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Jer 7:1-11; Matt 13:24-30.

12:05PM THEODORE KUTASINSKI (D)

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** 2 Kings 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; John 6:1-15.

**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 [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 (offsite July & August), [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) (929) 333-5011.

### 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 [sfxggroup@gmail.com](mailto:sfxggroup@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)

**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)

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