



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.” So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. (John 6:13-15)

## ***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

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## ***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.



## ***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, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Bob O'Hare, SJ*

### **Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Bridget Blain, Joseph Cali, Vivian Catenaccio,  
John Kevin Cloonan, Patricia Cunningham, Amor Domingo,  
Isaac Falci, Sherri Fallon, Mickey Flood, Maria Formoso,  
Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia, Mary Hannan., Yvette Hogu,  
Brigitte Johnson, Frances Ann Lisi, Robyn Luisi, Keith Martin,  
Mark Martinez, John McLoughlin, Adrienne Montgomery,  
Amelia Mullings, Joan O'Brien, Eileen O'Keeffe,  
Dean O'Sullivan, Mary Ann Rose, Leonarda Zafrás Santos,  
Ava Sellitti, 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 parishioners and friends, especially:

*Kate Galeone, Lee Giamb Bruno, Camille Jerome,  
Marion Elise Kytte, Logan Mannigan, Kathleen Mulvaney,  
David Roben, Sondra "Shevie" Shatsky, 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.**

## **CELEBRATING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

**By: Kathleen Friel**

Have you heard of Charles Francis Xavier? If you're a fan of the X-Men series, definitely! Unrelated to our parish namesake, Charles Francis Xavier is known as Professor X. Professor X uses a wheelchair to navigate the world. A bullet to his spine caused his paralysis, but did not dampen his genius, his power of telepathy, or his awesomeness.

We think of superheroes as beings who can climb walls, see through muddy water, fly, or travel through time. But imagine if you had to use "superhero-ish" powers to get around during a typical day in New York City. Imagine if the subway stairs had teeth that prevented you from descending. How would you order lunch if the menu was invisible to you? What if you couldn't hear people speaking, or what if people couldn't understand your speech? What if people continually assumed that your intelligence was dampened, just because of the way your body worked?

This is what life can be like for about 20% of the population. Who are these crafty, resourceful creatures? Do they wear capes? Not on the outside (usually). These people have disabilities. People with disabilities are the largest minority in most US cities and in most parishes, but are often overlooked. Imagine how you would run your daily errands if you had a disability. You'd have to rely on some hefty superpowers, wouldn't you?

On July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act was passed. The ADA requires [most] businesses and cities to be accessible. Like all those subway elevators that never break. From architectural requirements, to removal of communication barriers, to encouraging attitudes of welcome in workplaces, the ADA has made great strides in helping our society realize that we are all equals, no matter what.

But there is still a lot to be done. People with disabilities are often under-employed. People with disabilities can lose social services if they marry – "marriage equality" is more than a sexual orientation issue. Women with disabilities are more likely to experience abuse than women without disabilities. There are some hopeful statistics, too - people with disabilities had a higher rate of engagement in the 2016 election than non-disabled Americans, and are more likely to adopt new technology than people without a disability.

What can we do at Xavier to be even more welcoming to persons with disabilities? As a person with a disability myself, I think the most helpful thing is to treat me (us) as regular people. Expect a lot from us. Invite us to volunteer, and welcome us when we show up. Consider our assistive devices or compensations to be more like "superpowers", not burdens. We're crafty, we're adaptable, we get stuff done. We might not do things in a typical way, but that's okay. Recognize that for most of us, the most "disabling" part of life is when other people don't give us a chance. Stand up for us. Remember us. Don't overlook us. We will do the same for you.

This week, we lost one of our most beloved superheroes, Kathy Mulvaney. Over her life, Kathy developed blindness. Like any legit superhero, she figured it out. She was our only lector who could read in the dark during the Easter Vigil, as she proclaimed the Genesis story via her Braille text. She had a variety of sidekicks, including Cruiser and Bella, service dogs who helped her navigate slushy sidewalks and street fairs. She never let her physical blindness impair her ability to see God in all things, and to see the best in each of us. As we celebrate the anniversary of the ADA this week, we celebrate the amazing life of our sister. Let us always strive to be welcoming to all. *St. Kathy of Chelsea, pray for us!*

## 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 AT THE COUGHLIN MEN'S SHELTER?

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

**C Bowman@XavierMission.org**

## 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** and visit our website: **www.ivcusa.org**

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you know any parishioner who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist?

Contact: **Jim Fox**  
Email: **sumiko120@nyc.rr.com**

*The St. Francis Xavier Environment Ministry  
is pleased to present the last film in our Summer Film Series:*

## THE WISDOM TO SURVIVE



The film explores the impact of unlimited growth and greed on the life support system of the planet and the social fabric of the society. The film asks: Will we have the wisdom to survive?

It examines the challenges that climate change poses and discusses meaningful action that can be taken by individuals and communities.

*Features Bill McKibben, Joanna Macy, Roger Payne,  
Herschelle Milford, Quincy Saul.*

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 @ 7 PM**  
**KEENAN COMMONS**  
ENTRANCE TO RIGHT  
OF 35 W 15TH - FERNANDEZ HALL

**<https://www.olddogdocumentaries.org/product/the-wisdom-to-survive/>**

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



## THREE WAYS TO STAY COOL THIS SUMMER!

Help Xavier Mission beat the heat of summer, when donations disappear faster than New Yorkers on the hot subway car!

Here are 3 ways you can be super cool, without breaking a sweat...

### 1) BUY A MISSION T-SHIRT—ALL THE COOL KIDS ARE WEARING THEM!

Show your Xavier Mission pride with one of our awesome t-shirts! We have two options, 'Volunteer' & 'Supporter' in fitted or regular sizes (S-XL).



Visit [www.xaviermission.org/donate](http://www.xaviermission.org/donate) and click on the 'Visit Our Store!' tab or email Cassandra at [cagredo@xaviermission.org](mailto:cagredo@xaviermission.org) to purchase your t-shirt today!



### 2) SET UP A RECURRING DONATION—MAKE YOUR MONEY WORK EVEN WHEN YOU'RE ON THE BEACH!

Our expenses stay pretty stable from month to month but our income varies wildly depending on the time of year. Summer is a significant down time. Help us make it through the end of the fiscal year with a gift that we can count on every month!

VISIT [WWW.XAVIERMISSION.ORG/DONATE](http://WWW.XAVIERMISSION.ORG/DONATE) TO SIGN UP NOW!

(Faith Direct users can make a monthly gift through the Mission's separate Faith Direct account, code NY522)

### 3) SIGN UP FOR OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER—STAY IN THE KNOW WHILE YOU'RE DREAMING OF SNOW!

Our new monthly e-newsletter keeps you up-to-date on everything that's happening with your favorite for-impact organization. We include a recap of past events, upcoming events, our monthly service statistics, and real-life stories of our guests and the impact of our programs.

To sign up, email *Cassandra* at [cagredo@xaviermission.org](mailto:cagredo@xaviermission.org)!



PARTNER NEWSLETTER | JULY 2018

Dear Xavier Mission Family and Friends,

I hope you all had a relaxing and rejuvenating fourth of July. I know that it may have been difficult for some to celebrate given the current state of our nation. Every day there seems to be another sad or dangerous event taking place in our world. Summer should be a time of fun, and relaxation, and exploration, especially for children. Yet so many people are struggling every day just for their basic human rights and dignity. It can be difficult to know what to do and how to respond, especially when there is so much to respond to.

In light of the constant barrage of negativity that we face, and the feeling of being overwhelmed by it all, I hope you will allow me to share with you a reflection that I wrote for the parish bulletin at the Church of St. Francis Xavier for the weekend of July 5. It was cathartic for me to write and I hope will be helpful for you to read. Your feedback and thoughts are, as always, welcome.

# WHAT WOULD YOU PACK FOR A LOVED ONE ABOUT TO BE DEPORTED?



When ICE is about to deport someone, they allow family or friends to pack one 25 lb. suitcase for the person about to be deported. People are asked to deliver these suitcases to ICE, but they can only drop it off. They are not permitted to see their loved one to say goodbye. What would you pack? Clothing, books, photos, letters...?

On July 26, crowds gathered in Federal Plaza to protest this cruel policy. Local artists were invited to create art installations for the Deportee Suitcase March, and Lourdes Bernard, a member of the Xavier community, created a piece she titled *Flag in a Suitcase*.

In Lourdes' words: *The battered suitcase represents our battered and broken immigration policy. The suitcase itself contains a visual narrative that addresses why so many people are fleeing Central America. These images highlight the following -- why immigrants flee (typically because of war and violence with US foreign policy as a catalyst); the authoritarian governments they seek asylum from; the current administration's animus towards immigrants from Latin America and other people of color; the government policy of separating families; and the dreams that immigrants carry with them as they leave what is familiar behind. For long-time immigrant-residents, the good news is that these dreams are often realized once they arrive, which makes deportation such a blow.*

Read Lourdes' full reflection and see more photos of her art installation on our website.

You can also watch a video created for the Deportee Suitcase March at: <https://vimeo.com/277808670>

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



We have available replicas of the newly installed bas relief of Mary of Magdala in our Mary Chapel, sculpted by Sister Margaret [Peggie] Beaudette, SC and given by Rita Houlihan. Made of resin, they will be available next Sunday after the 9:00 am Liturgy. You can also find them on the website [www.kathleenaucoin.com](http://www.kathleenaucoin.com) after Sunday. The plaques are \$25; on the web they are \$30. The website uses PayPal. The plaques are in a bronze patina or ivory and are 6.25" x 8.25", cash or check. The plaques made a wonderful gift for those who are named after Mary of Magdala, for confirmation, baptism, and for our girls and women who see in her the fulness of power, love, suffering, devotion to Jesus, compassion and zeal directed to the service of the Church. Welcome Mary to our home, teach us to be Women of the Church!

## 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

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

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

### SEVENTEENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Jer 13:1-11; Matt 13:31-35.

12:05PM VINCENT JANNIELLO (D)

### TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. IGNATIUS OF

**LOYOLA:** 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Luke 14:25-33.

12:05PM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

### WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSUS

**LIGUORI:** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Matt 13:44-46.

12:05PM ETHEL & ANTHONY LABISSIERE (D)

### SEVENTEENTH THURSDAY IN

**ORDINARY TIME:** Jer 18:1-6; Matt 13:47-53.

12:05PM THOMAS DURBIN (D)

### SEVENTEENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Jer 26:1-9; Matt 13:54-58.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE

12:05PM MARGE ZWANZIGER (D))

### SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN

**VIANNEY:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Matt 14:1-12.

12:05PM MARIO ANABROSECCHIA (D)

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

**TIME:** Exod 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35.

**YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR  
YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE  
PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.**

#### 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)

## 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 [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,  
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[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)

**XAVIER YOGA:** Tuesdays at 6pm. Open to all levels. Contact  
[Ko\\_ko@nyyogalife.com](mailto:Ko_ko@nyyogalife.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  
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