



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4, 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

Staff

Rev. Daniel Corrou, S.J. (Acting Pastor) - 206
Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208
Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207
Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to the Pastor) — 222
Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201
James Martinez (Assistant for Financial Planning)
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; Ron Oberdick;
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, November 10th

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

Sunday, November 11th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ*

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Anita Ibarra Advincula, Mary Jane Brown, Dan Clarius,
Kay Quinn Cohen, Bobby Cook, Jesús Dabu, Maria Formoso,
Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia, Ann Grant, Manny Lopez,
Bertha Mercedes, Joan O'Brien, Marcy Parlow Pomerance,
Eileen O'Keeffe, Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, 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:

*Tim Becker, Vilma Costello, Kristina Esposito,
John Kevin Cloonan, Danilo Cuilao, Anna Jimenez,
Eusebia Marzan, Aurea V. Tomines, Ricardo Vales,
Renzo Venrella, Lillian Wall*

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.**

LOVE IN THE MIDDLE OF TRAUMA

Last weekend was a delicious reminder of why I love our Xavier community so much. We celebrated the sacraments: five masses, two beautiful weddings, one gorgeous baptism, and many confessions. In addition, we honored Sr. Anne Citarella SC, and celebrated her role in the 25 years of LGBTQ ministries at Xavier; we gathered for a Yoga and Ignatian Spirituality retreat; we welcomed Prof. Sr. Elizabeth Johnson CSJ, for a presentation and discussion of her book **Creation and the Cross**; we began rehearsals for the cabaret and enjoyed the weekly petit soiree after the 5pm mass. It was a full weekend. It was also a reminder that amid the pain and struggle of our world and our church, our community continues the work of healing.

We name the very real pain of loss when we hear that our Jewish friends have been killed in Pittsburgh. We name the very real pain when we hear about our immigrant friends demonized. We name the very real pain of mail bombs and famines and clericalism and child abuse. Prof. Johnson offered a wonderful response to the question of evil (Theodicy) in the dialogue on Sunday. It centered on the idea of accompaniment.

As I have been praying in the middle of all of these events, I have remembered her response as well as two simple sentences from a reflection on Fr. Richard Rohr's blog from the Center for Action and Contemplation (<https://cac.org/>). In this blog post (Richard Rohr Meditation: "Traumatization of Spirituality" on Tuesday, October 23, 2018) Rohr quoted James Finley:

"Love protects us from nothing, even as it unexplainably sustains us in all things."
Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people? The Christian answer has to begin with the identification of God as Love (1 John 4:8). God is not a shield against reality. God is what sustains us in reality. God does not protect us from pain, but is there to mourn with us in the middle of that pain.

Our invitation is to do the same. We cannot protect one another from all harm, all the time. We try as much as we can to build a more just and loving society. However, we must also accompany one another through the pain of what we cannot control. We are a "both... and..." people. We strive, and we accompany; we struggle and we remain; we advocate and we abide. In our sacramentality, we become what we receive.

'HOLIDAY HOPE & HEALING CAMPAIGN' KICKS OFF WITH A BANG!

*Make your family a little bigger this holiday
season by helping one of ours!*

This year, instead of doing a separate Thanksgiving Meal Fund and Year-End Appeal, we are combining our fundraising efforts into our new "Holiday Hope and Healing Campaign." This campaign will streamline our fundraising efforts, ensuring that less money and time is spent on raising funds, and more time is spent on putting your donations to work to provide hope and healing to our community! This campaign kicked off last weekend and will run through December 31st.

We invite you to join us in spreading the love to families who are struggling. Your generosity helps to ensure that they won't have to worry about their basic needs and can celebrate the season in peace and joy. Please consider one of the following gift levels:

\$10 – 5 Homebound Meals

Help us feed our homebound neighbors this
Thanksgiving!

\$25 – 1 Pair of Winter Boots

Give the gift of warm, dry feet this winter!

\$50 – 30 Thanksgiving Dinners

Support our Thanksgiving Day and Welcome Table
meals!

\$100 – 12 Holiday Care Packages

Spread some holiday cheer with care packages for the
guests of our shelter!

\$700 – 1 Life Changed

Sponsor a participant for LSTEP and give them a gift
they'll never forget!

\$1000 – 1 Christmas Miracle

Cover one month of back rent and keep a family in
their home for the holidays!

GOAL: \$100,000

RAISED (as of 10/30): \$56,305

We've already raised almost 20% of our goal! Join us
and make an impact on your world!

Donate at: xaviermission.org

*Lay Spirits continues its program
on prayer and praying designed
to help you find your way.*

CENTERING PRAYER with Catherine Wolfe

**Sunday, November 18th
1:30pm, Xavier High School**

Three additional sessions will be offered in 2019.
For more information, call 212-470-8790
or email: patg48@hotmail.com.

*The Pastoral Council of St. Francis Xavier Church
Invites All Ministries to:*

A CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

In appreciation for all you and
your ministries do for Xavier

Food! Drink! Music! Fun!

**Sunday, November 18th, 6:00 PM
Downstairs at Hurtado Hall**

Please RSVP by **November 11th** to
pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org

HONDURAS TRIP

The trip to Honduras which was earlier
announced for November will actually occur
from January 28 to February 2, 2019. If you have
an interest and would like further information,
please contact Brian Hotaling at
BHtraveler@aol.com.



I AM WHAT I AM

The parish cabaret



Friday, November 9th (7:30pm)
Saturday, November 10th (7:30pm)
Sunday, November 11th (2:30pm)

*Tickets will be sold at
our Front Desk on 15th Street.*

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA

**Thursday, November 8th at
1:00pm in the West Room**

The Xavier Adult Group has invited Della Frazier-Rios, RN, MS, former Senior VP, Director of Education and Outreach, Alzheimer's Association, NYC Chapter. Della's presentation will inform us about Alzheimer's disease (AD), its symptoms, stages, and treatments; information about common AD behaviors; and available resources. Alzheimer's today is in the news, the subject of plays, books, TV shows, and articles in almost every publication. Maybe you know someone with dementia. Here is your chance to hear and question an expert.

The Women Who Stayed

**Tuesday, November 6th
6.30pm - 8:00pm
West Room**

What demands for reform would you nail to a church door? How can we create spaces for authentic healing in our parish, Church, and world? Lets explore these questions together as we imagine, pray, and organize our way to the Church of the future. (Please feel free to arrive whenever you can, we realize it is Election Day and want everyone to be able to cast a vote first.)

Remember Xavier When Considering a Year-end Gift

First we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support our parish throughout the year. As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to Xavier. Your year-end gift can help us continue to celebrate vibrant liturgies and support our many ministries.

The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support Xavier for years to come. There are many different ways of contributing a gift. Two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests and IRA/retirement accounts. For more information on how you can help make a difference contact the parish office.

Gustav Mahler



Symphony No. 6 'Tragic'

A concert in support of immigrant rights.
Proceeds benefit UnLocal.

Orchestra Amadeus



Joseph Jones
Conductor

November 18, 2018 7:00 p.m.

The Church of St. Francis Xavier

46 west 16th Street - New York, NY - OrchestraAmadeus.org

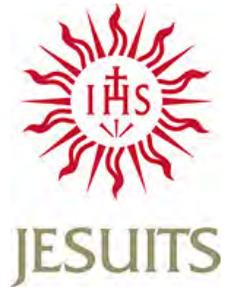
Catholic Lesbians

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.
WEST ROOM

Our Lady of Czestochowa. La Divina Pastora. Nossa Senhora Aparecida. Who is the Black Madonna? What significance does she hold? Join us as Tess Thompson leads an exploration on how Black images of the Virgin Mary came to be and why they still resonate, especially with marginalized people across the world today. Please bring a snack or beverage to share, and BYOCups (Cup, Utensils, Plate, Serviette). For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (929) 333-5011.

It's beginning to look like Christmas!
16th Annual CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PARTY
Please "adopt" a child or two or three or . . . ?
Send requests to SFXwrap@gmail.com
and get ready to wrap!

THE MISSION CONTINUES



If you, or someone you know, has ever considered serving God's people, the Church, as a Jesuit, then the Society of Jesus invites you to pray and discern if your passions and desires may lead you to a life with us. For almost 500 years Jesuits have been serving the Church as "men on mission." Through prayer, we aim to orient our own passions and desires with God's desires for the Church and the world. To explore if God is calling you to serve in Christ's mission as a Jesuit priest or brother, please visit our Vocation Website BeAJesuit.org. We are ready to help you to discern our Jesuit life.

From Other Places

BACKSTAGE BROADWAY: COME FROM AWAY

Monday, November 6th 7:00pm
Sheen Center for Thought & Culture
18 Bleeker Street

You may have heard parishioner Kevin Tuerff's book talk about "Channel of Peace: Stranded in Gander on 9/11" last year, or seen Kevin's story in one of characters in the Tony-award winning musical *Come From Away*. At this upcoming Sheen Center event, he'll share stories of his work with SFX immigration initiative and his Broadway doppelgänger Chad Kimball will sing a few songs not heard in the musical.

Tickets (\$25) at
<https://www.sheencenter.org/shows/away/>

WALKING RETREAT PILGRIMAGE ON THE CAMINO IGNACIANO,

with Fr. George Drance, S.J. March 13-24. Follow the footsteps of St. Ignatius Loyola, from his castle in Loyola to Barcelona. Option to walk or take the bus. \$3,295 (guaranteed till December 15). Space for only 20 pilgrims. Please contact Angie Cruz at angiecruzphd@gmail.com or 917-607-0937.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mark 12:28b-34.

MONDAY~FEAST OF ALL SAINTS OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS: Eph 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM CHARLES SMYLEY (D)

THIRTY-FIRST TUESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Phil 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24.

7:45AM: ALLISON JURESCAO (L)
12:05PM JANE POWERS (D)

THIRTY-FIRST WEDNESDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Phil 2:12-18; Luke 14:25-33.

7:45AM: WILLIAM VAN SLYCK (D)
12:05PM: HELEN V. KOSS (D)

THIRTY-FIRST THURSDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME: Phil 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10.

7:45AM: BARBARA ANNE BALSAN (D)
12:05PM TIM PATRICK (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA: Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22.

7:45AM: ROSEMARIE DAVIS (D)
12:05PM MARK A ZAYAS(D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. LEO THE GREAT:

Phil 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15.

12:05PM MARGE ZWANZIGER (D)

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: 1 Kings 17:10-16 Heb 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

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

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

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 (offsite July & August), SFXWomen@aol.com (929) 333-5011.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Contact Katherine Cleary, krcoff5th@netzero.com

THE ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY: promotes care for all of God's creation, and follows the message of Laudato Si. For more information refer to the link on the parish website under Outreach Programs or contact: SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.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 Marie Bannister, mariebannister1@gmail.com or Gerry Moss, gerrymoss@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 sanxnyc@gmail.com

XAVIER YOGA: Tuesdays at 6pm. Open to all levels. Contact 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

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul schubertnyc@gmail.com