



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, December 31st &
Wednesday, January 2nd

One Mass will be celebrated each of the
days at 9:00am.

Please use 15th Street entrance

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Paradise

Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 30, 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, January 5th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ*

Sunday, January 6th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Anita Ibarra Advincola, Jesus Andaluz, Mary Jane Brown,
Michael Carroll, Dan Clarius, Kay Quinn Cohen,
Bobby Cook, Jesús Dabu, Isaac Falci, Maria Formoso,
Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia, Ann Grant, James Levaggi,
Manny Lopez, Robyn Luisi, Bertha Mercedes, Joan O'Brien,
Olha O'quinn, Marcy Parlow Pomerance, Eileen O'Keefe,
Brigid Scott, Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, baby Paloma Solis,
Jeff Stevenson, Edith Stewart, 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:

*Adolfo O. Agra, James Ferrando, Al Hurley Jr.,
Msgr Tom Leonard and Clint Winant*

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.**

The Holy Family was not the “Family without problems”

This week, as we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family let us remember two important things: first, that there are many ways of being family; and second, that to be holy is not to be abstract.

It is important to remember that the Holy Family was a “non- traditional” family. They were one of many of the biblical examples of the wide breadth of who family is. As we work to build our parish family, and in turn support the many kinds of families who are welcome here, let us remember to celebrate and savor all of those families.

Additionally, for some reason there has been a general assumption that this particular family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph never had any problems and never argued or felt insecure. This is not just a bad model, it is bad theology.

In our Gospel reading this weekend we read that Jesus did not follow the implicit order of his family and stayed in Jerusalem when it was clear that he should have been traveling home. Mary and Joseph were clearly not happy, and while the Gospel is not to be taken as a literal text we can imagine the language that these concerned parents had for their wayward child was colorful. Every week we recite the Nicene Creed at Mass. This creed is the foundation of who we are as Christians. It does not say anything about race or abilities or gender or sexuality, because all are welcome to the name Christian. It does say a lot about who Jesus is. Jesus is fully human AND fully divine. That is what the Creed says. Jesus did not exist as a super human who did not know suffering. Jesus was crucified, died and was buried; Jesus cried at the death of his friend; Jesus got angry at his friends when they were stubborn or shallow. Jesus was very human.

Jesus suffered anger, without letting it destroy him from inside. Jesus struggled with loneliness without letting it define him. Jesus knew what it was to be abandoned by people he loved, without de-humanizing them. Jesus knew what it was to feel his body fail and deteriorate, without losing a sense of his dignity.

This is the model for holiness in the varied models of our family life. How can we live in reality with the messiness of one another without falling prey to the sins of division and fear? How can we celebrate the wide diversity of our family story without forgetting the dignity of each member? These are the questions for our Xavier family in this New Year: How can we be more fully human? How can we be more fully divine?

Blessed New Year to all!

THOMAS MERTON AT XAVIER



As we celebrate the memory of Thomas Merton, Trappist Monk, peace activist, example of inter-religious dialogue, we remember his prayer experience in Xavier Church.

January 30 from 5:30- 8:30pm in Hurtado hall we will offer silent meditative prayer as well as recordings of Merton's lectures. It will be a space of prayer and meditation, just as Merton found in the same space in 1939. Please join us for any or all of the evening. Contact Fr. Dan for more details at dcorrou@sfxavier.org.

SAVE THE DATE

FRENCH FIREWORKS

STEPHEN HAMILTON,
ORGANIST



**FEBRUARY 5, 2019
AT 7:30 PM**

SPIRITUALITY AND THE TWELVE STEPS

We will begin a reading group for people interested in spirituality and the 12 steps. This group will be open to people who are in recovery. Spaces will be limited. If interested, please contact *Fr. Dan* at dcorrou@sfxavier.org

Help DACA students

St. Peter's University, the Jesuit University in Jersey City is asking for help for some of their DACA students. If you can help with book vouchers, care packages some tuition costs or letters of support, please email Fr. Dan at dcorrou@sfxavier.org.

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.

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, January 11TH

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.~West Room

“What we bring to the pursuit of the God of Life is what we will get out of it” (Joan Chittister). What will you bring this new year in the pursuit of Love? What will we bring as a ministry? Let’s sketch that out for 2019. BYOCups (cup, utensils, plate, serviette), snacks and/or beverages to share with friends, old and new. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (929) 333-5011.

NEW YEARS DAY MASS

Tuesday, January 1st

New Years Day

Mass: 11:30am

SFX ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

NYC BAN ON STYROFOAM

IN EFFECT JAN. 1, 2019

Because we know many of us will receive gifts with Styrofoam packing material, our committee actually tried to find a place to recycle Styrofoam, but the closest place is in Springfield, NJ, where they only accept white packaging material, nothing with a rubbery quality, and no food serving items. The only NYC establishment we found recently stopped accepting Styrofoam because they can no longer ship it to China. So let’s make a best effort to avoid Styrofoam completely, especially when tempted to buy/use it for social gatherings.

Starting Jan. 1, 2019, the NY City’s ban on Expanded Polystyrene, EPS, commonly called Styrofoam, will go into effect. Consider this a Christmas present for marine life and birds! We’re glad that Time is Up on Styrofoam because when we did the coast clean-up this spring, Styrofoam was the most common thing we picked up and much of the little pieces from disintegrated Styrofoam was impossible to clean up and will be mistaken for food either by birds or, when it is eventually washed into the Hudson River, by marine animals.

Think packing material, take-out containers, coolers, display forms such as heads for hats, swimming noodles etc. Starting now, if you are taking out food or asking for delivery from a restaurant or deli, you might request that it be packaged in something other than Styrofoam and inform the vender of the ban. Businesses will be given a grace period, but tickets will be issued when the grace period ends in June. We can all be part of the civic education campaign around this issue.



LAST WEEKEND FOR HOLIDAY HOPE & HEALING CAMPAIGN!

Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated—you are AMAZING!!

Our goal is \$150,000 by December 31 and we are SO CLOSE - this is your last chance to help us reach our goal!

All money raised goes directly into our programs, saving families from eviction or putting groceries on their table, feeding, clothing and sheltering our homeless neighbors, and giving people the opportunity for a new start in life. Every penny that you donate impacts someone's life TODAY.

As you prepare for a New Year full of hope and possibility, please remember our families at Xavier Mission whose year will be so much more hopeful and full of possibility because of YOUR help.

THANK YOU!

GOAL: \$150,000

RAISED (as of 12/19): \$125,000

We're currently at 83% of our goal! Join us and help put us over the top!

Donate at:

xaviermission.org

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM XAVIER MISSION!

From one of my favorite Christmas songs ever, "The Secret of Christmas" by the great Ella Fitzgerald, comes a beautiful New Year sentiment for us all. May we keep the spirit of Christmas in our hearts and minds even after the gifts have been unwrapped and the ball has dropped! Have a safe and happy new year! -Cassandra

*...may I suggest, the secret of Christmas
is not the things you do at Christmas time,
but the Christmas things you do
All year through.*

SAVE THE DATE: CASINO ROYALE!

Annual Dinner Dance Fundraiser: Saturday March 23, 2019

The best of two worlds – you can 'Casino Royale' like the James Bond flick or like a night in Vegas! Bring your best 007 or Sin City look (within reason....ahem) and get ready to dance those winter blues away!

Cocktails, "casino games", dinner and dancing!

Silent Auction will be held online and will launch a few weeks prior to the event so keep your eyes open for announcements!

Early-bird tickets will go on sale towards the end of January.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH:

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52.

MONDAY~SEVENTH DAY WITHIN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE:

1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-8.

TUESDAY~OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:

Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF STS. BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN:

1 John 2:22-28; Luke 2:16-21.

THURSDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS:

Sir 51:8-12; Phil 2:1-11; Luke 2:21-24.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM: DELLA WENDA WILLIAMS (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON:

1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42.

7:45AM: BARBARA LOIZBES (D)
12:05PM: JUAN CRUZ (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN:

1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51.

12:05PM CHARLES SMYLEY (D)

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:

Isa 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matt 2:1-12.

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