



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Xavier Mission

Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

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;
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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.



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 19th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

Sunday, January 20th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Patrick Gilger, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Anita Ibarra Advincula, Jesus Andaluz, Mary Jane Brown,
Michael Carroll, Dan Clarius, Kay Quinn Cohen,
Bobby Cook, Jesús Dabu, Isaac Falcí, Maria Formoso,
Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia, Ann Grant, James Levaggi,
Manny Lopez, Robyn Luisi, Bertha Mercedes, Joan O'Brien,
Olha Oquinn, Marcy Parlow Pomerance, Eileen O'Keefe, 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, Friar Fabian Grifone, OFM,
Kathy Hauer, Al Hurley Jr., Msgr Tom Leonard,
Theresa Monaco 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.**

From the Desk of Fr. Dan

One of my favorite events at Xavier is celebrating baptisms. There is always a great deal of energy and joy amid the family heirlooms and the candles and the bonnets. At Xavier, we celebrate baptisms with a wide range of family, and can rejoice at the full breadth of God's loving kindness in all forms of family life.

Michael Himes explains that a sacrament makes "what is always and everywhere true, real in time and space." It is always and everywhere true that God calls each of us the Beloved. In baptism we pause just long enough to remember that call. This weekend we remember that Jesus shares in this same baptism. Just as Jesus emerged from the waters and understood God's call of the Beloved, so too must we grapple with this call.

It is sometimes more difficult to receive love than to offer love. When we offer love we are in control. In being called the Beloved of God, as we are, we are invited to receive the love of God. This invitation comes with that unsettling freedom of being known and being our true selves. Real freedom is a frightening enterprise. However, this is our baptismal call: to know ourselves as the Beloved, to be loved, and to be love.

Two important notes:

1. On January 15, 2019 the Northeast USA Jesuit province will release the names of all Jesuits who have been credibly accused of abuse of a minor. I will be sending a letter to the parish explaining the release of those names and outlining our commitment to a safe environment for all of our parishioners.
2. Some people have asked about an article in the Catholic New York Newspaper that names me as the pastor of St. Francis Xavier parish. While I am honored and humbled by this, it is not entirely accurate. I remain the interim pastor and expect to be assigned in the Middle East some time in September 2019. We are beginning the discernment around a new pastor as we do our pastoral planning for the future. I love Xavier parish and will find it very difficult to leave.

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.

Welcoming the Stranger: An Evening with Kevin Tuerff, takes place on **Tuesday, January 29th at 7:00pm in Wallace Hall at St Ignatius Loyola Church.**

The event is presented by St. Ignatius Loyola Music Ministry, LGBT Catholics and Friends, and Ignatian Social Justice.

If you would like to see *Come From Away* performed in its Broadway home, then Wednesday, February 20th at 7:00pm is your night. Use code CFSTIL29 at the box office or Telecharge to purchase tickets for that performance at a 40% discount.

If you have any questions please email LGBT Catholics and Friends join.lgbt.caf@gmail.com.

JOIN THE XAVIER ADULT GROUP

**Thursday, January 17th
at 1:00pm in the Mary Chapel**

Peter Kempner, Elderly Project Director at Volunteers of Legal Service will tell us about the legal documents we need today and those useful after death. He will talk about the importance of having a last will and testament, a durable power of attorney, a healthcare proxy, and a control of body form. Peter will help us understand what Article 81 Guardianships are, the subject of a disturbing article in the New York Times on December 9, 2018. Bring your questions. All are welcome.

FRENCH FIREWORKS

**Tuesday, February 5th
7:30pm Free Organ Concert
All are welcome**

Performing Arts at Xavier (PAX) presents internationally acclaimed concert organist STEPHEN HAMILTON. He will present a concert celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Peragallo Organ, entitled FRENCH FIREWORKS.

Hamilton will perform music by:

Dupré

Duruflé

Franck

Langlais, and

Messian

We are The Women Who Stayed and we are looking for contributions to our blog: "*I Have Something To Say*." <http://thewomenwhostayed.blogspot.com/> We want to give women a voice and a place to share their thoughts. It can be a poem, artwork or reflection. If interested to know more or if you want to be part of the email list, please email us at: TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com.

Check out this week's post written by Jacqueline Perez called *Jackie Perez Has Something To Say The Feast of the Epiphany 2019*.

ZEN SPIRIT/CHRISTIAN SPIRIT AT XAVIER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH

9:30AM - 4:00PM WEST ROOM

*Exploring Silence and Deepening Awareness
A day of teaching, reflection, and meditation*

Many Christians have discovered in Zen a profound connection to life. Through the practice of stillness and awareness, we wake to a world of wonder and gratitude for life in all its aspects. This day of meditation and discussion provides an excellent opportunity for both the curious and committed.

Space is limited, please make a reservation by emailing Peggy and Paul Schubert at schubertnyc@gmail.com. A \$20 donation is suggested to cover lunch and refreshments.

1st Quarter Stewardship News

Thank you to all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support our parish throughout last year. We are grateful for your support during the Christmas season. Whether you gave your time to serve during the liturgies or share your musical talents or volunteer to decorate the church or share your financial blessings with the parish...or a little bit of everything, we want you to know it is greatly appreciated! Our Christmas collection of \$72,634 fell short of last year's total of \$77,861 and our budget of \$80,000. We received \$6,533 for Christmas flowers compared to \$9,421 last year. Also we received \$39,307 in end of year gifts compared to \$31,350 last year. It is only through your gifts can we make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thanks to a very generous \$460,000 bequest, the largest in over 10 years, we finished the quarter with a surplus of \$410,563 versus a budgeted deficit of \$20,453. Without this bequest we would have had an operating deficit of approximately \$50,000. The favorable results are due primarily to the bequest and higher wedding income offset by higher operating expenses and a decrease in the Sunday offertory of \$15,000 below budget. We are projecting nearly \$800,000 in capital improvements for the 17th Street property and our church within the next few years. We ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your donations this year, if you can through your Sunday offertory, maintenance 2nd collection, and Easter gifts to cover current expenses thereby allowing us to direct more bequest income to the planned capital improvements.

First Three Months Revenues and Expenses Ending November 30, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Support	\$ 955,451	\$ 515,686	\$ 439,766
Expenses	\$ 544,888	\$ 536,139	\$ 8,749
Net Support Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 410,563	\$ (20,453)	
Capital Expenditures not included in Expenses above	\$ 5,663		

Our **Faith Direct** e-giving option provides a convenient and secure way to support Xavier via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card. We also now have a Text-to-Give option through **Faith Direct**. These options give you a no cost way to support Xavier even if you are absent from Mass on vacation or other reasons. It also helps us bring consistency to our cash flow and reduces the time it takes our staff to count and report cash. We hope you will set aside a few minutes today to enroll in **Faith Direct**. You can enroll online by clicking the [Donate Now](#) button on the upper-right hand corner of our parish homepage or mail in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office. With online enrollment, you will be able to access your account any time to view and make changes to your account information and gifts. During the last year 24 families have enrolled in **Faith Direct** to make their Sunday offertory. Please consider joining the 351 families who use **Faith Direct** for their Sunday offertory.

There are many ways to support and participate in our many ministries. Our Bulletin and Welcome Brochure on the parish website contain information on these ministries. Perhaps at the start of this New Year you might resolve to find more ways to share your unique skills and talents so that your special strengths will make a difference in this world.

Introducing a new way of giving this New Year:
Text-to-Give! You can now link your mobile phone number to your credit/debit card for easier giving. Text any dollar amount to (646)-681-7010 and complete the one-time registration page to enroll in the ability to text gifts to St. Francis Xavier through Faith Direct.

TEACH ME HOW TO PRAY

Do you feel that you don't know how to pray, or how to talk to God, or how to get back to praying?

Lay Spirits is offering a program on prayer and praying designed to help you find your way.

Upcoming winter sessions:

- Ignatian Contemplation with Boreta Singleton – Jan. 20
- The Examen with Marie Bannister – Feb. 17
- Taize Prayer with Jose Ramon Perez Lopez – Mar. 24

All sessions are Sundays at 1:30 pm in Xavier High School.

For more information contact:
Pat G. 212-470-8790

The Lay Spirituality Program



We invite all youth in 7th to 12th Grades to join us for the

XAVIER YOUTH MINISTRY KICK-OFF

**Sunday, February 3rd
from 10:30am to 12:30pm**

More details to follow
in the coming weeks.

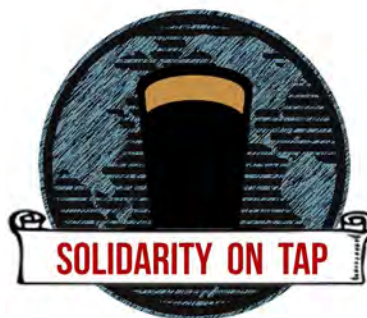
JANUARY IS NATIONAL SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

The International Labour Organization estimates 40 million people are living in modern-day slavery and 25% of those are children. We can continue to educate ourselves by reading STOP TRAFFICKING Newsletter. This month informative web sites are listed as well as organizations that offer aid to victims and information about state laws that assist victims. (<http://www.stopenslavement.org>)

Human trafficking, especially sex trafficking, increases during big sporting events, such as the Super Bowl, which will be held in Atlanta on February 3, 2019. Hopefully, our prayers and efforts can save many persons from this modern-day evil.

SOCIALIZING MEETS SOCIAL JUSTICE

SOLIDARITY ON TAP



Wednesday,
January 23rd
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Topic: "Racial Justice
and Equity"
speaker

Local and national Ignatian partners invite those connected to the Jesuits and the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola to join us for a simple gathering for socializing and social justice. Food and drinks available for purchase.

America Media Studios
1212 Sixth Ave, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10036

bit.ly/solidaritytap

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Isa 40:1-5, 9-11; Tit 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

FIRST MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 1:1-6;
Mark 1:14-20.

7:45AM: ARSENIO RAGONE (D)
12:05PM: PHIL GUTIERREZ (L)

FIRST TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 2:5-12; Mark 1:21-28.

7:45AM: JAMES B GORRA (D)
12:05PM: NANCY CONRAD (D)

FIRST WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52.

7:45AM: ARSENIO RAGONE (D)
12:05PM: EILEEN FOX (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY:
Heb 3:7-14; Mark 1:40-45.

7:45AM: ARSENIO RAGONE (D)
12:05PM: ISMAEL & INA RODRIGUEZ (D)

FIRST FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mark 2:1-12.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM: BRIAN SCHALL (D)

FIRST SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Heb 4:12-16; Mark 2:13-17.

12:05PM AMPARO BERBERENA (D)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Isa 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; John 2:1-11.

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