



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
Then I said,

"Here am I! Send me."

Isaiah 6:8



SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Catholic Relief

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 10, 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;
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, February 16th

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

Sunday, February 17th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Ronald Amiot, SJ*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Anita Ibarra Advincula, Jesus Andaluz, Michael Carroll, Dan Clarius, Christine Cioffi, Kay Quinn Cohen, Jesús Dabu, Isaac Falci, Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia, Ann Grant, Christopher Nazareno, James Levaggi, Manny Lopez, Robyn Luisi, Olha O'quinn, Marcy Parlow Pomerance, Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, baby Paloma Solis, Jeff Stevenson, Edith Stewart, Michael Termini, Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann, Liese Zilberlyt

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

Adolfo O. Agra, Bobby Cook, James Ferrando, Friar Fabian Grifone, OFM, Kathy Hauer, Al Hurlley Jr., Msgr Tom Leonard, Theresa Monaco, Eileen O'Keeffe, Ann Poliandro, Mary Salanga Ponio, Dianne Weyers 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

This weekend we will hold our annual parish ministries retreat. Every year we gather the leaders of the parish to reflect on where we are, and where we are being called in light of the Gospel. It is one of the many extraordinary things about Xavier. It takes real work, but we are a deliberately, lay driven parish. Our ministries are centered in the Gospel call and are prophetic in their witness, and they are driven by the people of the parish.

We walk a fine line. On one hand we celebrate the Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church with elegance, beauty and joy. We also believe that the Church is to be a place of welcome and hospitality, a place to meet people where they are. As Pope Francis says, the Church is to be a field hospital, not a museum. That field hospital is not just for individuals, it is also for our society and our Church. The call of the Gospel, and the work of a sacramental Church must be the work of social justice and reform of structures. This is what is so exciting about Xavier when we see the work that is happening in direct relationship with our worship. Our liturgy and our social action are inextricably linked.

I admit that it is not easy to be publically Catholic these days. As a recently ordained priest I grow disheartened by the structures of sin that have become part of our institutional Church. I also worry that we are not doing enough to address the sins of racism and able-ism in our own parish. These are all very real.

The image that has been part of my prayer recently, and that has helped me focus on my work, has been the image that St. Paul uses of the Church as a body. We are the Body of Christ. We cannot say to one part of the body that it does not belong, or is less important, all are part of the body. We also cannot pretend that parts of our body do not ache. Some are pains that we would rather avoid, and some are pains that we can accept more readily. However, they are all part of the same glorious body, that wonderful, beautiful body that is all of us. What a joy to be part of the beautiful, messy, body of Christ!



CASINO ROYALE - TICKETS ON SALE!

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 ARE NOW ON SALE!

Please visit:

www.xaviermission.org

CHANGE A LIFE!

Want to help change the world but don't have a lot of spare time? Your financial contribution helps every bit as much as your time. We have a great way for you to make a significant impact on the lives of your fellow New Yorkers.

For a gift of \$700, you can sponsor a participant of the Life-Skills Training & Empowerment Program (L-STEP). This covers stipends, MetroCards, food, supplies, and administrative costs.

Our next class of L-STEP will begin their semester soon and we are looking forward to an exciting 14 weeks ahead! With a sponsorship you can ensure that someone will have a life-changing experience!

Visit www.xaviermission.org/donate to make your gift today.

L-STEP MENTORS

If you've got life-experience, then you're just who we're looking for! We are looking for caring, compassionate mentors for the Spring semester of L-STEP, a program designed to empower currently or formerly homeless individuals to set and achieve goals and move forward in their lives.

L-Step Mentors commit to seven Wednesday evening sessions between March and May, plus the Stepping Stones & Graduation Ceremony, to assist individuals with goal-setting, story presentation, and successfully completing the program. Prospective mentors must attend a training on **Saturday, February 23rd at 9:30am**. For more information about L-STEP, please contact *Rachel Johnson* at 929-326-2242.

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.

NEXT SESSION:

• The Examen with Marie Bannister
Sunday, February 17, 1:30 pm
Xavier High School Chapel
30 W. 16th Street

COMING IN MARCH:

• Taize Prayer with Jose Ramon Perez Lopez – Mar. 24

For more information: Pat 212-470-8790



The Lay Spirituality Program

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, March 8, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
West Room

Women of all races, religions, and socioeconomic status have the common experience of their work being relegated to the background. Why does this pairing of invisible labor with women's work systematically occur across time and place? How can we bring our labor to light? How are Catholic women, in particular, affected by and able to effect change? On International Women's Day, Danielle Nista leads a discussion grounded in sociohistorical sources and intersectionality to address these questions and more. Come with your ideas, experiences, and anecdotes for the opportunity to speak openly and comfortably about your invisible labor! BYOCups (cup, utensils, plate, serviette) and a snack or beverage to share. SFXWomen@aol.com; (929) 333-5011.

A Retreat for Lent at Xavier

THE LITTLE WAY OF ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

This Lent, spend time with the Little Flower and learn her way of finding God through prayer, scripture and The Imitation of Christ.

The retreat includes suggested daily prayer and reflection and weekly meetings with small group sharing.

There will be 5 weekly group meetings on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings in Lent.

OPENING SESSION FOR ALL IS MARCH 3 AT 1:30PM IN THE CHURCH.

Wednesdays at 6:30pm dates: March 13, 20, 29, April 3, 10
Saturdays at 10:30am dates: March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13

The retreat is based on The Little Way of St. Thérèse of Lisieux by John Nelson.

Suggested donation is \$10.00 for book

To register, please contact Marie Bannister by March 1 mariebannister1@gmail.com, 917 301 2426

Sponsored by ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)



CHORAL MUSIC GALORE!

MARCH 2ND AT 7:30PM

The Cecilia Chorus of New York

SING ME THE UNIVERSAL

Mark Shapiro, Music Director

(see John Uehlein for admission tickets:

juehlein@sfxavier.org)

MARCH 5TH @ 7:30PM

THE COLLEGE CHOIR AND CHAMBER SINGERS OF...

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE

Allegra Martin, Music Director

FREE ADMISSION

MARCH 9TH @ 7:30PM

CANTORI NEW YORK

Mark Shapiro, Music Director

(see John Uehlein for admission tickets:

juehlein@sfxavier.org)



LENT AND EASTERTIME BIBLE STUDY

The Female Ancestors of Christ

Join us Wednesday Evenings 6:30-8:30pm beginning March 13th as we explore the biblical women in Jesus' family tree.

Inspired by a book of the same title by theologian and Jungian analyst, Ann Ulanov, this course will enter into Lent by delving into the Old Testament stories of four women who appear in Christ's genealogy. What can we discover and recover there for our own healing and growth? After Easter the course will continue as we look at Mary's spiritual lineage and Christ's maternal line.

Suggested course fee: \$50-\$100.

To register please email Dr. Lizzie Berne DeGear at XavierBibleStudy@gmail.com.

Brief Notices from Other Places

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA MANHATTAN

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an interactive 8-week guided prayer experience for small groups. Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, it introduces participants to various ways of praying and provides an opportunity to support one another through faith sharing.

Morning Sessions

Tuesdays, February 19th – April 10th | 9:30AM–11AM
Closing Mass: Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 PM

Evening Sessions

Wednesdays, February 20th – April 10th | 7PM–8:30PM
Closing Mass: Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 PM

The cost of the program is a sliding scale of \$30-\$50.

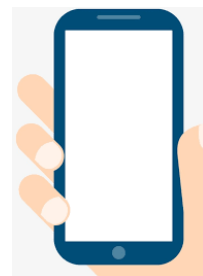
To register, email MCIP@saintignatiusloyola.org

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.

Introducing a new way of giving: 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.



Scriptures & Announced Masses

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Isa 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Luke 5:1-11.

FIFTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Gen 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56.

7:45AM: DAVID ALLEN (L)
12:05PM: MICHAEL T. COLATRELLA SR. (D)

FIFTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Gen 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13.

7:45AM: NORMAN BERETTA JR. (D)
12:05PM: ROSEMARY GARVEY (L)

FIFTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Gen 2:4b-9 15-17; Mark 7:14-23.

7:45AM: ELIZABETH RIVERA (D)
12:05PM: DIANE WEBER

**THURSDAY~FEAST OF STS. CYRIL,
MONK, AND METHIDIUS:** Gen 2:18-25;
Mark 7:24-30.

7:45AM: JOE CONNOLLY (D)
12:05PM: MARY A. DOLAN (D)

**FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. CLAUDE LA
COLOMBIERE:** Gen 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM: MICHAEL ALLOCCA (D)

FIFTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Gen 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10.

12:05PM TELLY ROMASANTA (D)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:
Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26.

**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