



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. (Luke 6:43)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Jesuit Refugee Service

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 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

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Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Vice-Chair);
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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, March 9th

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

Sunday, March 10th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Anita Ibarra Advincula, Joel Allegretti, Jesus Andaluz,
Michael Carroll, Dan Clarius, Christine Cioffi,
Kay Quinn Cohen, Jesús Dabu, Isaac Falci, Kathleen Friel,
Juan Garcia, Ann Grant, Kevin Hurson, Kathleen Kretchmer,
Christopher Nazareno, James Levaggi,
Deborah Maloney Locicero, Manny López,
Robyn Luisi, Olha O'quinn, Marcy Parlow Pomerance,
Ernest Rossi, Raymond and Terri Sharpe,
Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, baby Paloma Solis,
Jeff Stevenson, Edith Stewart, Michael Termini,
Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann, Liese Zilberleyt*

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

*Anita Ibarra Advincula, Bobby Cook, Theresa Monaco,
Eileen O'Keeffe, Ann Poliandro, Dr. Mely Salanga Ponio,
and Vincent Vella*

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 in the readings we read the familiar admonition

*“Why do you notice the splinter in another’s eye,
but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?” (LK 6:41)*

This calls out the most dangerous temptation among prophetic communities like our own. It has focused my prayer on the areas in which our community needs to grow: attention to our participation in structures of racism and able-ism. I have been asking myself: How is our community being invited to greater understanding of God in whose image we are all created?

As I write this we are remembering the seventh anniversary of the killing of Trayvon Martin, a young unarmed African American student who was shot and whose murderer was not convicted. This was one of the episodes that began the prophetic work of #BlackLivesMatter.

In her article “What Black Lives Matter Can Teach Catholics about Racial Justice” in the Feb. 1, 2019 issue of America Magazine, Olga Segura speaks about the outstanding work of Catholic activists in the past who have been in the center of the most important social movements of the 20th century. However, she also points to the reluctance and failure of the Church to address the structural sin of racism in the US. How are we being called to address the structures of racism in our own parish community?

As a Lenten prayer tool, I would also invite you to check a video of a Song called “Several Last Words of the Unarmed” by the University of Michigan Men’s Glee Club available on line. It is a powerful and haunting use of the final statements of unarmed individuals who were killed on our streets. It is a distinct reminder of the meditation on the Seven Last words of Christ, a traditional Catholic prayer tool in Lent and Holy Week.

This weekend we are also holding a workshop that will address the sin of prejudice against people with disabilities. It is not a matter of welcoming people with disabilities. It is a matter of creating a culture of belonging for all people. We are blessed with a wide range of abilities in our parish community. How do we be certain that all belong and are valued?

This Lent, I would invite us to a deeper sense of transformation. In Lent we are to strip away all that interferes with our ever-deeper relationship with God. What do we need to strip away for our longing for God to be as great as God’s longing for us? Our longing for God cannot be complete if we fail to recognize the image of God in all our neighbors regardless of race or ability level.

It is good and important that we, as a Xavier community, are prophetic in our welcome. There is much that we do well, and that serves as a prophetic call to reform the sinful structures of the larger Church. However, let us not allow that to become complacency. We as a Church, and as a parish need to be better at creating a community of belonging. We need to address the structures of racism in our parish. We need to address the structures of ableism in our parish. Let us use this penitential time of Lent to strip away the structures of sin in our own community so that we might not be accused of hypocrisy in calling out the structures of sin in the larger Church and society.



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!

This year will feature an open bar, online auction, casino games, raffle, dinner and dancing!

Keep your eyes open for a sneak peek of auction items, coming soon!

Please visit: www.xaviermission.org

MAKE AN IMPACT!

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. With a sponsorship you can ensure that someone will have a life-changing experience!

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

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

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.

THE TRAGEDY & TRIUMPH OF LYNDON JOHNSON: AN EVENING WITH JOSEPH A. CALIFANO, JR.

**March 20, 2019 | 6:00 p.m.
America Media | 1212 Ave of the Americas 11th Fl.**

Free & open to the public.

Please RSVP at: events@americamagazine.org

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the Johnson administration. Join us for a discussion between Joseph A. Califano, Jr., and Matt Malone, S.J., on the legacy of President Johnson. Joseph A. Califano, Jr., served as President Lyndon Johnson's chief domestic policy assistant from 1965 to 1969 and as U.S. Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare in the Carter Administration. He is Founder of The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

DIVERSE EXPERIENCES OF WOMANHOOD: A PANEL DISCUSSION Sunday, March 3, 1-2:30 pm Mary Chapel

What does being a woman mean to you? How do the varied aspects of your identity shape your womanhood and your faith? Join us for remarks by Rabbi Jo Hirschmann on how intersectionality exists in women's experiences, followed by a panel discussion featuring Rabbi Jo Hirschmann, Noelle Marie Javier, and Kathleen Friel. *Cosponsored by The Women Who Stayed and Catholic Lesbians.*

**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.

SFX Environment Ministry

CARING FOR CREATION

This week-end, in time for Ash Wednesday, the Environment Ministry will be distributing their Care for Creation Lenten Calendar at the entrance to the church before and after the Masses. Be sure to pick up one and challenge yourself to do things to lessen your carbon and plastic footprint, to care how your footprint impacts others, and to honor God's wonderful gifts of creation.

**ST PATRICK'S WEEKEND
LENTEN RETREAT**

**TRANSFIGURATION:
THE WONDER & THE WILD**

Sponsored by The Women Who Stayed

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH 6:30 PM
MAIN CHURCH**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH 10AM-4:30 PM
MARY CHAPEL**

**MASSES ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH 5 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH
9AM, 11:30 AM, 5PM**

*Featuring new chant and kirtan by
Stefan Andre Waligur
a contemplative, musician and composer*

And Ignatian Yoga led by Ko Im

RSVP: thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com

Retreat Cost: \$30

As long as space is available, "No one is ever turned away who cannot pay."

**TAKE THE LENTEN CHALLENGE:
FAST. PRAY. GIVE UP YOUR ENVELOPES!**



We invite you to help us save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide Xavier with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Enroll today by visiting our parish homepage and clicking the Donate Now button or mailing in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office. If you want to stop receiving envelopes please contact *Stephanie Fuentes* at sfuentes@sfxavier.org or (212) 627-2100 ext. 222. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season! Thank you for your continued support of Xavier with your time and talents as well as treasure.

Voices of Immigration: Interview-Based Play Series

The Church of St. Francis Xavier presents a series of new short plays written by Catholic playwrights and based on interviews conducted by the New Sanctuary Coalition's Testimony Group with immigrants and refugees in New York City.



Snow and Ice

Written by: Laura Pittenger

Directed by: Laura Pittenger

Fernando Meets the Resistance

Written by: Br. Joseph Hoover, SJ

Directed by Br. Joseph Hoover, SJ

When You Come for One of Us, You Come for All of Us AKA: This is America

Written by:
Rajendra Ramoon Maharaj

Directed by: Adam Mace

Mission to Mars

Written by: Laura Pittenger

Directed by: Laura Pittenger

Sunday, March 10, 2019

2:30 – 3:30 pm

Keenan Commons, Xavier High School 30 W. 16th St. NY, NY

Free and open to all

CHORAL MUSIC GALORE!

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)

Scriptures & Announced Masses

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45.

EIGHTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Sir 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27.

7:45AM: HOWARD FIDDLER (D)

12:05PM: THOMAS BOYLE (D)

EIGHTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Sir 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31.

7:45AM: MARIE LABARBERA (D)

12:05PM: VINCENT McLAUGHLIN (D)

ASH WEDNESDAY: Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2;

Matt 6:1-6, 16-18.

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY:

Deut 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25.

7:45AM: ROGER STEELE (D)

12:05PM: ALICIA DIAZ CASTANEDA (D)

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY: Isa 58:1-

9a; Matt 9:14-15.

7:45AM: FR. BOB VERECKE (L)

12:05PM: THEODORA RADCLIFFE (D)

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY: Isa

58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32.

12:05PM FR. BOB VERECKE (L)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13.

**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