



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days. (Luke 4:1)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Catholic Relief Services

First Sunday of Lent

March 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, March 16th

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

Sunday, March 17th

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, 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 Lopez,
Robyn Luisi, Olha O'Quinn, Marcy Parlow Pomerance,
Ernest Rossi, Raymond and Terri Sharpe,
Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, Sonia Serrata,
baby Paloma Solis, Edith Stewart, Michael Termini,
Phillip Traynor, 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'Keefe, Ann Poliandro, Dr. Mely Salanga Ponio, Jeff
Stevenson, 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.**

RCIA 2018-2019

From December 2, 2018, if you attend the 11:30 am Mass, you have seen that the first pews on the left side of the sanctuary are reserved for the catechumens, candidates, sponsors and RCIA team. On that day, we celebrated the Rite of Welcoming catechumens and candidates to be part of the Xavier community. The catechumens (unbaptized) are Amanda Waite, Jacob Wagner Fields, Kathleen Emily Hart, Kirstyn Sherrie Mazza, Natasha Eno Scrivani, Rose Everest Rial DiLoreto, Shan Wang, and Zhongyi Ilona Zhang. The candidates (baptized) are Craig Durrant, Diana Yvonne Lewis, Jonathan Michael Shows, Leslie Arellano, Peter Claire Yow Holloway, and Samantha Rose Savarese. The community is an integral part of the formation of those preparing for Christian Initiation. While it is essential for each catechumen and candidate to develop and foster his or her relationship with Christ through individual prayer, study, and reflection, it is equally important to pray with and become part of the community. The learning, sharing, and reflection on the Sundays' scriptures are intended to help the catechumens and candidates not only to learn about and reflect upon the scriptures they hear throughout the catechumenate stage but also to form their own habits and methods of reflecting upon the weekly scriptures after their initiation is complete.

The catechumens and candidates also play a role as witnesses to the rest of the community. RCIA will continue to be visible to the community in many ways, including sitting in a reserved area until Pentecost Sunday, June 9. We encourage the community to greet them before or after mass, to talk with them, get to know them.

On Sunday, March 10, the purification and illumination stage of the RCIA process begins, which coincides with Lent. In this period, the catechumens are consecrated to "prepare more intensely the spirit, and the heart" (RICA, n.22) and the candidates will deepen their call to continuous conversion (RCIA, n.454.) As of March 10, catechumens will be called "elect" or "enlightened," referring to the light of faith (RCIA, n.22-24).

On March 10, at the 11:30 am Mass, the catechumens will be blessed by the Xavier community with the Rite of Sending the catechumens to their election by the bishop. Archbishop Timothy Dolan will celebrate the Rite of Election at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 2 pm. The Rite of Call for Continuous Conversion of Candidates will be celebrated on March 17 at the 11:30 am Mass chaired by Father Daniel Corrou, SJ with members of the RCIA. The triple scrutiny of the elect will take place on the third, fourth and fifth Sunday of Lent during the 11:30 am Mass. That is why the liturgy of the word read during those Masses will be those corresponding to the cycle A. The scrutinies are themed according to the respective Gospels: Samaritan (living water), blind from birth (light) and the resurrection of Lazarus (resurrection and life). The elect scrutinizes themselves by consciously reflecting their lives through these gospels.

The stage of purification and illumination culminates with the Paschal vigil on Saturday, April 20 at 7:30 PM when the elect receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) and the candidates will receive the sacraments of confirmation and Eucharist.

We are very grateful to all of our Catechumens, Candidates, and all who support them in the parish!



ONLINE AUCTION IS LAUNCHED!

Casino Royale Fundraiser: Saturday March 23, 2019

Can't join us for the Casino Royale Dinner Dance?
Or want to get a jump on the silent auction before the event?

Our Silent Auction is now open online!

Whether you are attending the event or not, you can start bidding on some AMAZING items, including:

- Tickets to The Rolling Stones, Billy Joel, and Queen with Adam Lambert!
- Beautiful vacation homes in upstate New York!
- Tickets to the Broadway show "Come From Away" with backstage passes!
- Tickets to The Daily Show with Trevor Noah!
- Autographed sports memorabilia!
- A private shopping event!
- And more!



For those who will be attending the Casino Royale, registering now will allow you to take part in the bidding via your mobile phone on the night of the event!

For those not attending, you will be able to bid online until the end of the auction on March 23rd, so even if you aren't there, you can still win!

So what are you waiting for?
Register now and start bidding!
www.xaviermission.org

(And don't forget to get your tickets too!)

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK AND ST. JOSEPH WITH THE XAVIER ADULT GROUP

**Friday, March 15th at 1:00pm
in the West Room at Xavier**

Bring food or beverage to share. A poem, or a joke to tell. This year Jim Fox will entertain us with one of his stories. We will hold our annual auction of donated items. If you have a small, lightly used item you think someone would like, bring it for the auction. Then you can bid on donated items and add money to our FREE WILL OFFERING can. This popular celebration is an afternoon of fun and food. All are welcome.

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**

*Featuring new chant and kirtan by
Stefan Andre Waligur*

*And Ignatian Yoga led by
Ko Im (Saturday, March 16th 2-3pm)*

RSVP: thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com

Retreat Cost: \$30

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
TRACEY TYNAN
NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THRIVE FOR LIFE PRISON PROJECT!**

<https://www.thriveforlife.org/>

LENTEN PRAYER SCHEDULE

Weekly Spiritual practices



MONDAYS:

Zen Spirituality in the Mary Chapel at 7:00pm.

TUESDAYS:

Ignatian Yoga in the Main Church at 6:30pm.

WEDNESDAYS:

Lent and Eastertime Bible Study in the Mary Chapel at 6:30pm.

Eucharistic Adoration starting March 13th in the Main Church from 5:00pm-6:30pm

FRIDAYS:

Starting March 15th *Stations of the Cross* at 6:30pm.

WOMEN'S STATION OF THE CROSS Friday, March 22nd

*Cosponsored by
The Women Who Stayed & Catholic Lesbians*

We hope you are inspired to participate. We need to know what station you are volunteering for and a draft of your one-minute reflection on a current-day woman who walks with Jesus. Please contact Mary Hurson, who is coordinating the evening, at SFXWomen@aol.com.

Acclaimed liturgical composer:

PRIOR CYPRIAN, OSB

Prior of New Camaldoli in concert

Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00pm
Mary Chapel



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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



Wednesday, April 3rd 6:00pm-10:00pm

Capitale 130 Bowery NYC

Mercy Center is a “haven” in Mott Haven, a community center offering programs and services that empower women and their families to reach their full potential and become agents of change for healthy family living and economic independence. We promote an improved quality of life by addressing the needs of the whole person in a community of respect, hospitality and non-violence. At Mercy Center our participants experience the community, skill building and transformation that empowers them to take charge of their future and pursue their goals for an improved quality of life.

For more information visit www.mercycenterbronx.org

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:

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

FIRST MONDAY OF LENT: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Matt 25:31-46.

7:45AM: WILLIAM KALKBRENNER JR. (D)

12:05PM: DANIEL LUCEY (D)

FIRST TUESDAY OF LENT:

Isa 55:10-11; Matt 6:7-15.

7:45AM: WALTER GEHLICH (D)

12:05PM: VINCENT McLAUGHLIN (D)

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF LENT:

Jon 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32.

7:45AM: KATHLEEN EGAN TOMAI (D)

12:05PM: JOHN MARSHALL (D)

FIRST THURSDAY OF LENT:

Esther C12, 14-16, 23-25; Matt 7:7-12.

7:45AM: CATERINE MANZOLILLO (D)

12:05PM: PATRICK MULLEN (D)

FIRST FRIDAY OF LENT: Ezek 18:21-28; Matt 5:20-26.

7:45AM: ZYGMUNT SERAFIN (D)

12:05PM: AVAILABLE

FIRST SATURDAY OF LENT: Deut 26:16-19; Matt 5:43-48.

12:05PM PAUL BOSSACK (D)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT:

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36.

**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