



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him. (Matt 17:5)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 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;

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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 23rd

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

Sunday, March 24th

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, Rose Wohlstader*

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 The Honduras Campaign Communities Project

HONDURAS 2019

At the end of January we (former Xavier parishioner Monica Maher, Mary Phelan and myself) returned to Honduras at a time when the residents of that country continue to face difficult choices due to dire political and economic conditions. We found that the people whom we visited have a lot of potential which could be realized if only they can get a break. They work hard to try to make things better but it is always a challenge under a repressive and corrupt government that gives no break to anyone except the wealthy.

We visited both groups of scholarship students in the programs which Xavier has supported for over 15 years. The students were still on their two-month vacation which, for them, is the months of December and January. We traveled to a small village in a poor rural area where most of the students in one of the groups live and go to school. In past years we met at locations more convenient for us and so the students and their leadership team appreciated that this time we came to their turf. We stayed overnight in the village and met the next morning near the church which sponsors the program in a hall which was specially decorated in anticipation of our arrival. The leadership team does an excellent job in keeping records and mentoring the students. All 17 students had averages over 80 last year with the exception of 2 students who were ill, and four had averages over 93. Each recipient must perform at least 16 hours of verified community service and they meet as a group once a month. They all wrote letters of appreciation and spoke of their hopes and challenges. We shared lunch and played an ice-breaking game.



We visited the second group of students in the program managed by a women's co-operative in the village of Guacamaya. The leader of the group now is a very dynamic woman who has a lot of plans for the group and for the community. The group also anticipated our arrival by taking us to the nearby community library where many children had gathered and the program in the library for the coming year was described. Then the adolescents performed a program for us based on Christian rap. The story they acted out had a "West Side Story" kind of theme, with the ultimate appearance of one of them wrapped in a white sheet indicating he was Jesus and would save them from their life of violence. The women prepared lunch for us and we then met as a larger group with the scholarship students.

Both groups requested that we expand the programs to the university level and a few students have already made requests for assistance. We agreed and established procedures whereby requests would be addressed to the program leaders who would vet the applications before forwarding them to us. The amount which most students would need at that level is \$400 or \$500 per semester compared to about \$100 per semester which students receive at the secondary school level. We hope that some parishioners at Xavier, either individually or in groups, would be willing to undertake this support. While not guaranteed, a student who has hope of a higher education degree is certainly less likely to leave the country in a caravan.

We also visited Casa Corazon, the home for children who are HIV+ and who have designed the holiday cards which we sell during each season of Advent. Some of the older residents have now moved on to lives on their own or with other family members. But a couple of them have simply disappeared. The overall age of the children in residence is advancing as fewer unwanted HIV+ babies are born. We took about 25 of the children to lunch at Pizza hut which they always enjoy.

See our website at <https://sfxavier.org/honduras-companion-communities-project> for the rest of the article.



SFX ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

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You may have noticed the paper leaves on the branches at the main entrance to the church. The leaves are for you to take, then read what is on the leaf and try to do what is suggested on the leaf. The leaves are a compliment to our Lenten Care of Creation calendar. (If you didn't get a calendar, they are also at the entrance to the church.) The leaf suggestions are more for reflection than action. We hope they inspire a more contemplative attitude towards the gifts of creation that we enjoy each day, as well as a reflection on the harm we are inflicting on God's gifts.

Leave a bit to chance/coincidence/God's intervention by taking a leaf without first reading the message, and then challenge yourself to comply with the suggestion.

Once you have completed the suggested action, write your initials on the back of the leaf and put it back on the branches for someone else to take. We will then have a revolving Lenten prayer “tree” and a community of people reflecting on the wonderful gifts of God's creation, the harm being done to our environment and the impact on the human community, as well as suggestions for the individual small actions we can take to contribute to caring for our common home.

LENTEN PRAYER SCHEDULE

Weekly Spiritual practices



MONDAYS:

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

TUESDAYS:

Ignatian Yoga in the Main Church at 6:00pm.

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:

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



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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:

- Taize Prayer with Jose Ramon Perez Lopez
Sunday, March 24, 1:30 pm
Xavier High School Chapel
30 West 16th Street

Special Lenten Presentation -- Stations of the Cross
Lay Spirits is participating in Xavier's series on the Stations of the Cross.



AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2019 Xavier Team

As a parish, we encourage as many individuals as possible to JOIN OUR TEAM and/or contribute whatever is comfortable. Visit the Team Page <https://ny.aidswalk.net/sfx>

Be sure to use the Church of Saint Francis Xavier Team's Number, #1250

CATHOLIC LESBIANS MEETING FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH 6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. WEST ROOM

Professor Mary will discuss the 14th century frescoes of St. Catherine of Alexandria. "The Golden Legend" is famous for having converted pagan scholars to Christianity and for surviving torture upon a wheel fitted with metal teeth. Ultimately, she was beheaded, whereupon milk, not blood, poured from her wounds. Angels carried her body to Mount Sinai, where her monastery continues to be a pilgrimage goal. BYO cups (cups, utensils, plates, serviettes) and a snack or beverage to share. SFXWomen@aol.com; (929) 333-5011.

Please join us for an open discussion with students and faculty leaders from the Center for Undocumented Students (TCUS) at St. Peter's University.

March 31st, 2019 | 1:00 PM | Mary Chapel



Located in Jersey City, NJ, TCUS seeks to support the academic work of undocumented students at St. Peter's University, shed intellectual light on the political and economic realities of immigration in our world today, and create a community in which undocumented students feel welcome. TCUS works with community organizations, government agencies, high schools and other Jesuit institutions to create better access to higher education and increase retention rates among undocumented youth.

MARCH: A MONTH TO SPEAK OUT FOR TRAFFICKED VICTIMS EVERYWHERE

The following are international days of remembrance that can inspire us to reflection and action on behalf of those trafficked:

March 21st - International Day to Eliminate Racial Discrimination, especially against migrants, refugees and people of African descent.

March 24th - International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights, Violations and for the Dignity of Victims.

March 25th - Remember Slavery Day - Over 4 centuries 18 million people were removed from Africa to the Americas.

Please remember to buy Fair Trade candy for your Easter baskets!



**Wednesday, April 3rd
6:00pm-10:00pm
Capitale 130 Bowery NYC**

Mercy Center is a non-profit organization with the mission to comprehensively address the full spectrum of needs of the women and families living in the South Bronx's Mott Haven community. Founded and currently sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, Mercy Center serves 2500 participants each year, offering a wide range of classes, programs, and services without cost. The Xavier community has steadfastly supported this work by generously contributing time, talent, and energy. Mercy Center invites you to this year's Transforming Lives Gala on **Wednesday, April 3rd**, at Capitale in Lower Manhattan, to celebrate our successes and raise funds for the critical work ahead.

For further details, visit www.mercycentergala.org.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT:

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

SECOND MONDAY OF LENT: Dan 9:4b-10;
Luke 6:36-38.

7:45AM: MARY F. CUNNINGHAM (D)

12:05PM: NATALIE AURRICHIO (D)

TUESDAY~ FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY: 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22.

7:45AM: GERMAINE HOOPER (D)

12:05PM: SISTER EILEEN CATTERSON (D)

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF LENT:

Jer 18:18-20; Matt 20:17-28.

7:45AM: MAVYLA SMYTH (D)

12:05PM: GEORGE DEAN (D)

SECOND THURSDAY OF LENT: Jer 17:5-10;
Luke 16:19-31.

7:45AM: MICHAEL McDONALD (D)

12:05PM: ANDREW MOLLOY (D)

SECOND FRIDAY OF LENT:

Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matt 21:33-43, 45-46.

7:45AM: JAMES McMANUS (D)

12:05PM: LISBETH TILTMANN (D)

SECOND SATURDAY OF LENT: Mic 7:14-15,
18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

12:05PM JEANNE HAYES (D)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: Exod 3:1-8a, 13-15;
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9.

**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