



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. (Luke 13:8-9)

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
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John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

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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 30th

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

Sunday, March 31st

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, 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, Fr. Don Doherty, MM, 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 Fr. Dan

This weekend, March 24, we remember the anniversary of the killing of Archbishop Oscar Romero in 1980, now an official saint in the church. He is one of the major reasons that I am a Jesuit today. He accompanied the poor and marginalized in El Salvador throughout the civil war in that country. His example has helped me to focus my prayer amid all of the scandal of the sinful structures of the Catholic Church that is made so evident these days.

“It helps now and then to step back and take a long view. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision.*

In these days it is important to attend to the very real structural reform of the church, but this will only happen well when we have a sense of the long view. For this reason it is helpful that the Jesuits throughout the world have, over the last 16 months, developed four major apostolic priorities. These are four major areas in which all Jesuits and Jesuit works (like our parish) are invited to focus as we continue the work of our institutions. These four priorities should offer some long view amid the immediate responsibilities of our regular work.

The first apostolic priority is to ***“show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment.”*** Our programs in Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life (ISEL) and Lay Spirits offer good foundations in Ignatian spirituality and discernment. I am also happy that our Spiritual Director Formation program is continuing this year with a second cohort of spiritual directors in training. As a parish, it will be important to continue to deepen our commitment to the spirituality that is at the heart of our Ignatian/ Jesuit tradition.

The second priority of the Jesuits throughout the world is to ***“walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated in a mission of reconciliation and justice.”*** This serves as a strong reminder that our association with Xavier Mission and our work through the Immigration initiative, as well as a prophetic voice for women and LGBTQ+ folks in the Catholic Church are essential to our mission. It also inspires us to be more dedicated to our recent work for racial justice, and to confront able-ism in our community. These are not additions to our ministry, they are at the center of all we do.

The third priority is to ***“accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future.”*** As Jesuits, we are often associated with schools and educational institutions. However, as a parish we accompany our children in the Family Faith program. We also continue to grow our youth group and young adult ministry. All of these efforts will be essential for the future of our parish. We cannot accompany young people with programs that worked in the past. We must be flexible and ready to adapt.

The final area of focus for the future of Ignatian and Jesuit works is to ***“collaborate in the care of our Common Home.”*** Inspired by the passionate commitment of Pope Benedict and Pope Francis, our Environmental Ministry has invited us individually and collectively to reform our lives and live more justly on our planet. This work needs to continue as we deepen our commitment to our foundations.

We, as a parish, are already well positioned in these four priorities. However, they will still help us in our vision for the future.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing this. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.... We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.*

**From a prayer by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, in memory of Oscar Romero (1917–1980)*

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:

Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm.

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

Acclaimed liturgical composer:

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Prior of New Camaldoli in concert

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.





From Stefan Andre Waligur, our weekend retreat leader and musical guest “THANK YOU to the good people of St. Francis Xavier Church in NYC for a lovely weekend. It was SO GOOD to be with you and witness your beautiful singing and courageous, compassionate congregation.”

Stefan’s music can be found at <http://www.songsofpeace.net/home.html>

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.

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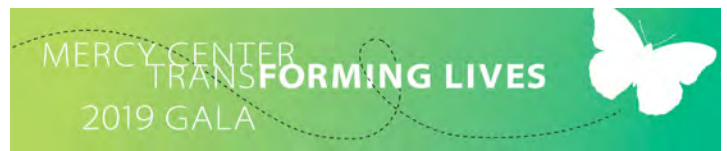
MARCH: A MONTH TO SPEAK OUT FOR TRAFFICKED VICTIMS EVERYWHERE

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

March 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.



Interfaith Passover Seder

**CELEBRATE THE DIFFERENCE IN
UNITY: FAITHS, CULTURES, AND
GENERATIONS TOGETHER.**

**Sunday, April 14th 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Hurtado Hall**

Haggadah booklets for the event will combine traditional elements with a thematic discussion. The singing will combine Jewish songs, Christian hymns, and traditional niggunim—tunes with no lyrics. A delicious buffet will be served!

Cost: \$30 per person
Donations for Facilitators and Xavier Interfaith Committee are welcome!

To purchase tickets and for more information please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/interfaith-passover-seder-tickets-56940603879>

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.

WAY OF THE CROSS OVER THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

On Good Friday, April 19, 2019, Communion and Liberation will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn, at 10:00 am. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan, and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter’s Church, on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30pm. At each station, there will be readings from the Passion, a meditation, a reflection and hymns. All are invited. For more information, please call Communion and Liberation at (212) 337-3580 or visit its website at www.wocbrooklynbridge.org.

SPRING MCGINLEY LECTURE: SEXUALITY, SPIRITUALITY, AND THE LOVE OF GOD

Tuesday, April 9th 6 – 8 p.m.
McNally Amphitheatre
140 West 62nd Street New York, NY 10023

The Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, S.J., the Laurence J. McGinley Professor of Religion and Society at Fordham University, will deliver the annual Spring McGinley Lecture, “Sexuality, Spirituality, and the Love of God: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Insights.” The lecture will be followed by responses from Sarit Kattan Gribetz, Ph.D., assistant professor of theology at Fordham University, and Amir Hussain, Ph.D., professor of theological studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

The lecture is free and reservations are not required.

For more information,
visit our website www.fordham.edu/mcginleychair

Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

MONDAY~FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD: Isa 7:10-14; Heb 10:4-10.

7:45AM: TOM RAINONE (D)

12:05PM: EILEEN GLEESON &
DONALD P. GLEASON SR. (D)

THIRD TUESDAY OF LENT: Dan 3:25, 34-43; Matt 18:21-35.

7:45AM: ROSA FIGUEROA (D)

12:05PM: ANNE MISCHLER (D)

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF LENT:

Deut 4:1, 5-9; Matt 5:17-19.

7:45AM: MARY ELISABETH (D)

12:05PM: ROBERTA LEPAGE (D)

THIRD THURSDAY OF LENT: Jer 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23.

7:45AM: BRIGID CURTIN (D)

12:05PM: LEONARD SPENO (D)

THIRD FRIDAY OF LENT:

Hos 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE

12:05PM: ANNE MISCHLER (D)

THIRD SATURDAY OF LENT: Hos 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14.

12:05PM HELEN MONAGHAN (D)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Josh 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

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