



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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# Happy Easter



**OFFICE CLOSED**

**EARTH DAY**  
Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>



*One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am in the  
Mary Chapel. Please use 15<sup>th</sup> Street entrance.*

Easter Sunday

April 21, 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

1:30pm 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, Fr. Don Doherty, MM,  
Moira Egan, Isaac Falci, Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia,  
Ann Grant, Ray Green & Peter Green Junior, Kevin Hurson,  
Kathleen Kretchmer, Christopher Nazareno, James Levaggi,  
Deborah Maloney Locicero, Manny Lopez, Robyn Luisi,  
Olha O'quinn, Ernest Rossi, Raymond and Terri Sharpe,  
Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, Sonia Serrata,  
baby Paloma Solis, Ibis Soto, 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:

Yi-Hsien Chiu, Phibeon Cobb-Small, Magda Martinez,  
Eileen O'Keeffe, Lorraine Bernadette Sagliocca,  
Jeff Stevenson, and Vincent Vella, Rose Wohlstadter

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*

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Happy Easter!

*“Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning...” John 20:1*

It was the women who stayed! Amid the trauma of the crucifixion it was the women who stayed. It was Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles who had anointed Jesus before his passion and death, who returned with the fragrant oils on Easter Sunday morning. Mary remained with Jesus through the very worst of his torture and was with him in his resurrection.

Cynthia Bourgeault, at the Center for Action and Contemplation, writes so beautifully of the connection of smell between these two anointings. Jesus smelled this beautiful scented oils before his torture and death, and it is this same smell that greets him in the confusion of his resurrection. We know the power of smell-memory, foods, flowers, or the sea. Those smells can evoke powerful connections to people and events far distant or long past. I have to believe that Jesus was a little confused after the resurrection. He still bore the wounds of the crucifixion, he still remembered those images and feelings. However, now, everything was different. Love had conquered death; self-offering had vanquished fear, hatred and division. Everything was new, and yet, everything was confusing. Then he smelled the smell of the fragrant oils, a reminder of Mary's love for him; a reminder of Mary's self-offering for him, a connection between his life and his resurrection. With that connection he had the courage to emerge boldly from the tomb and become the resurrection.

As we emerge from the tomb of despair and death, we are greeted by the smells of spring, and newness of life. May we continue to be that prophetic voice within the Catholic Church, within our neighborhoods, and within our world for peace, justice and love. Having remembered the passion and death of Christ, may we now live, boldly, the Resurrection!

**ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! HAPPY EASTER!**

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### **THANK YOU!**

The root of the spiritual life is gratitude and I am so grateful for all of the amazing people of Xavier who have made this Holy Week and Easter celebration so beautiful and prayerful! Thank you to our lectors and Eucharistic ministers, altar servers and linen cleaners, coordinators and hospitality ministers! Thank you to all of our music ministers, singers, instrumentalists, bell ringers, and cantors. Thank you to our amazing decorating team and all their helpers.

Thank you also to all of those who volunteer at the Xavier Mission Welcome Table and the shelter, and at LSTEP and the food or clothing pantry.

Above all, thank you to our staff who have planned and prepared all of the schedules, and rehearsals and refreshments. Thank you for their daily commitment to support our community in its resurrection mission!

Be assured of our prayers for you and all those you love this Easter Season!



## HAPPY EASTER FROM XAVIER MISSION!

Sometimes the events happening in our world make us doubt the very essence of humanity, and we question whether or not love and peace are strong enough to drive out hate and conflict.

During this Easter season, may we all be filled with the strength and love of the Holy Spirit, so that we can heed St. Ignatius's simple but powerful directive:



Have a blessed and rejuvenating Easter!

Sincerely,

*Cassandra, Christina, Rachel, Beverly, Ray, Maria & Geoff*

### RETURNING.....

*We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time.*  
- T. S. Elliot

### CATHOLICS

An invitation to return to the Catholic Church here at St. Francis Xavier. Find the Welcome that somehow got lost. Ask questions, share experiences and be at home. We will begin four weekly sessions every Sunday from 3:30- 4:30pm on Sundays in the Xavier High School Chapel.

Please email Fr. Dan with questions  
at [dcorrou@sfxavier.org](mailto:dcorrou@sfxavier.org)

### ZEN SPIRIT/CHRISTIAN SPIRIT AT XAVIER

**Saturday, April 27th  
9:30am - 4pm West Room**

*Exploring Silence and Deepening Awareness  
A day of teaching, reflection, and meditation*

Many Christians have discovered in Zen a profound connection to life. Through the practice of stillness and awareness, we wake to a world of wonder and gratitude for life in all its aspects. This day of meditation and discussion provides an excellent opportunity for both the curious and committed.

Space is limited, please make a reservation by emailing Peggy and Paul Schubert at [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com). A \$20 donation is suggested to cover lunch and refreshments.



**LIVE TAPING OF  
100<sup>TH</sup> EPISODE OF JESUITICAL**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM  
1212 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 11<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

Join Kirsten Powers, CNN analyst and USA Today columnist, and Rev. James Martin, S.J., Editor at Large of America Media and New York Times best-selling author, for a live show celebrating the 100th episode of Jesuitical.

Jesuitical is a podcast hosted by three young, lay editors at America Media—Olga Segura, Zac Davis and Ashley McKinless. Each episode brings some of the top (and maybe more obscure) Catholic news of the week, and an interview with a guest who offers a unique perspective on world events, culture or faith, all the while asking: Where do we find God in all this?

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.americamagazine.org/voices/america-media-events](http://www.americamagazine.org/voices/america-media-events).

**AFTER THE SUNDAY 5PM MASS ON APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, THE INDIA GROUP WILL BE HOSTING THE PETIT SOIREE THAT EVENING—A CHANCE TO SOCIALIZING AFTER MASS, WITH WINE, SODA, SNACKS. MEMBERS OF THE INDIA GROUP WILL TALK ABOUT THE RECENT TRIP AND OFFER OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OUR MISSION. THE INDIA GROUP WAS FOUNDED AT XAVIER IN 2012 AND IS NOW A 501(C)3 ORGANIZATION. DONATIONS WELCOME!**

**VIA LUCIS STATIONS OF LIGHT:  
AN EASTER RETREAT**

*The Ignatian Way of Praying  
the Post-Resurrection Life of Christ on Earth*

**April 28, 2019  
May 5, 2019  
May 12, 2019  
May 19, 2019  
June 2, 2019  
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm**



**X-Cafe (Xavier High School)  
30 W 16th St between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> avenues**

Please RSVP to [lm Diaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:lm Diaz@sfxavier.org)  
or (212) 627-2100 ext. 207

*Organized by ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Every Day Life)*

**AIDS WALK NEW YORK**

*Xavier Team Donation Weekend*

At every mass on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, the second collection will go towards our fundraising effort to support AIDS Walk NY. If you want to write a check please make it out to AIDS WALK NY or you can visit the team at the back of the church after the mass.

To donate on line: Visit the Team Page  
<https://ny.aidswalk.net/sfx>

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

*The Lay Spirituality Program presents*

**AN INTERFAITH EVENING WITH MARY**

Representatives from different faith traditions will share the story of Mary in their belief and practice

*Sabeeha Rehman*

Author: Threading My Prayer Rug

*Rev. Zachary Thompson*  
St. James Church, New York

*Rev. Dr. Sergey Trostyanskiy*  
St. Gregory the Theologian Church, New York

*Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*  
St. Francis Xavier Church, New York

**TUESDAY, MAY 7, 6:30 PM MARY CHAPEL**  
*Free Will Donation*

**MIRACLE IN RWANDA:  
LIMITED ENGAGEMENT**

**Playing now until May 11<sup>th</sup>  
The Lion Theatre 410 W 42<sup>nd</sup> St**

Miracle in Rwanda is the story of a remarkable woman, Immaculée Ilibagiza, who miraculously survived the horrifying 1994 Tutsi genocide in Rwanda. Leslie Lewis and Edward Vilga have brought Immaculee's amazing story to the stage. Presented by the Magis Theatre Company and directed by George Drance, the true Miracle of Rwanda is not just a story of Immaculee's survival, but of her ability to forgive. For additional information, visit [www.miracleinrwanda.nyc](http://www.miracleinrwanda.nyc).

**NEW AA MEETING  
AT CHURCH OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER!  
THURSDAY EVENINGS 5:45-6:45pm  
HURTADO HALL**

We are excited, and grateful, to be starting a new AA meeting at XAVIER!!

The SFX GROUP (the temporary name for now) will meet every Thursday night from 5:30-6:30 in Hurtado Hall.

PLEASE JOIN US and help us find a direction for this new meeting. We will seek input from the initial community who attends to decide what type of meeting it will be (open or closed, special interest or not, speaker or literature related...etc.)

PLEASE pass on this information to your friends and make announcements at other meetings that this new meeting needs support.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday!!

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS  
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 6:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M.  
WEST ROOM**

Mary on Mary, the mother of Jesus. And in honor of this woman and all the women of the church, we ask that you wear all white at Mass on the weekend of May 11–12, 2019. Please bring a beverage and/or snack to Friday night's meeting and BYOCUPS (cups, utensils, plates, serviettes). For more information, contact [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) or (929) 333-5011.

**TENANT RIGHTS  
ORGANIZING - HOUSING JUSTICE**

The rent laws are expiring this year, and the Housing Justice for All Campaign is fighting to expand tenant protections and win Universal Rent Control state-wide!

On **Sunday, April 28 at 1 pm**, we will be having an info session about the campaign with Natalie Naculich from Housing Conservation Coordinators. Come to an info session to learn more about the campaign, the bills we are fighting for, and how you can get involved in the fight for tenants' rights.

Xavier Arts & Environment Ministry needs the help of a licensed architect and structural engineer to support in the review and design of several large scale decorative installations.

Please contact Fr. Dan at [dcorrou@sfxavier.org](mailto:dcorrou@sfxavier.org) to volunteer or for questions.

**TO ALL PARISHIONERS OF SFX THAT MAY  
WANT TO CONSIDER BEING INTERRED IN THE  
ONLY CATHOLIC CEMETERY IN MANHATTAN**

*Did you know that Cremation is an acceptable form of Christian burial?*

*Did you know that Cremated remains must be cared for reverently and properly interred in a sacred place?*

*Did you know that there is only one Catholic Cemetery in Manhattan? It is "The Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral at 263 Mulberry St New York N.Y. . Over a century ago due to lack of space the practice of interring on Basilica grounds was suspended and limited to the interment of former Catholic Pastors. The Basilica revised the tradition with the introduction of a Columbarium. Due to the overwhelming demand for the niches in the first outdoor Columbarium, more will be added to the Basilica's historical cemetery, as well as adding many more in the indoor catacombs. Each Columbarium will be hand built by stone artisans and contain niches for the internment of cremated remains. They will fit impeccably into the historic design of the Basilica creating a solemn refuge for the faithful departed and a sanctuary for the bereaved. The urns will be reverently placed inside a secured niche and memorialized with a granite stone face plate on which the names will be meticulously engraved. For over 200 years the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral has been preparing Catholics for eternity. With the introduction of the Columbaria, they are preparing a sacred and historical place in which to spend it.*

WE THE CHURCH OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER  
HAVE OUR OWN SECTION IN THE CATACOMBS,  
FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS TO BE  
INTERRED TOGETHER.

Want more information? Contact *Frank Alfieri* directly at St. Patrick's Old Cathedral to answer any questions, or to arrange for a tour. Email address: [frank@oldcathedral.org](mailto:frank@oldcathedral.org) Phone number 917-482-6382

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**EASTER SUNDAY:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9.

**MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matt 28:8-15.

**TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:** Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM: MARIAN LIZZIO (D)

**WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:** Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35.

7:45AM: EDWARD LEDERMANN (D)  
12:05PM: KATHY STEIGERWALD (D)

**THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:** Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48.

7:45AM: KAYE O'HAGAN (D)  
12:05PM: JOHN GREENE (D)

**FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:** Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE  
12:05PM: LEONA LEPISKO (D)

**SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER:** Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15.

12:05PM: JAMES HAWKES (D)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER:** Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31.

**YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.**

### XAVIER MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**CLOTHING ROOM:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, contact Ann Mary: [xmClothingRoom@gmail.com](mailto:xmClothingRoom@gmail.com)

**FOOD PROGRAMS:** Every Sunday soup kitchen and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday food pantry, contact Christine: [xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com](mailto:xmFoodPrograms@gmail.com)

**L-STEP:** Spring and Fall semesters, contact J: [xmLSTEP@gmail.com](mailto:xmLSTEP@gmail.com)

**SHELTER:** Every night, contact Jim: [xmShelter@gmail.com](mailto:xmShelter@gmail.com)

## Ongoing Parish Happenings

**ABILITY XAVIER:** Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact [abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com](mailto:abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC LESBIANS:** Ministry since 1993, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month, 6 p.m., West Room (offsite July & August), [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com) (929) 333-5011.

**EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP:**  
Contact Katherine Cleary, [krcoff5th@netzero.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sfxgcgroup@gmail.com)

**INTERFAITH COMMITTEE:** works toward ending religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer, education and other activities. Contact Jose Ramon, [joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com](mailto:joseramonperezlopez@gmail.com)

**LITURGICAL COMMITTEES:** See website or Contact Luz, [LMDiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:LMDiaz@sfxavier.org)

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact James Fox, [sumiko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto: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](mailto:xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com).

**SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES:** Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Marie Bannister, [mariebannister1@gmail.com](mailto:mariebannister1@gmail.com) or Gerry Moss, [gerrymoss@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:TheWomenWhoStayed@gmail.com)

**XAVIER ADULT GROUP:** Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact [xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com](mailto:xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com)

**THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE:** Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact [sanxnyc@gmail.com](mailto:sanxnyc@gmail.com)

**XAVIER YOGA:** Tuesdays at 6pm. Open to all levels. Contact [ko@nyyogalife.com](mailto: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](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

**ZEN MEDITATION GROUP:** Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul [schubertnyc@gmail.com](mailto:schubertnyc@gmail.com)