



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained. (John 20:19-31)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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, May 4th

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

Sunday, May 5th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ*

1:30pm 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,
Moira Egan, Isaac Falci, Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia,
Ann Grant, Ray Green & Peter Green Junior, Kevin Hurson,
Kathleen Kretchmer, Michelle 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:

*Norman Bilodeau, Yi-Hsien Chiu, Phibeon Cobb-Small,
Magda Martinez, Lorraine Bernadette Sagliocca,
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

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to all who made our Easter celebrations so prayerful and beautiful. Thank you to Paul and Doug and our art and environment team! Thank you to our lectors and Eucharist ministers and altar servers and hospitality ministers and coordinators who made it all run so smoothly! Thank you to our amazing music ministry who offered their gifts tirelessly throughout the triduum!

I encourage you all to watch parts of our Easter vigil mass on our YouTube channel - especially check out the Exultet which was the most beautiful I have ever heard.

Easter is a time to remember God's accompaniment with us. Therefore I share a reflection from a few years ago about the call to accompaniment.

Our Jesuit Refugee Services Team in Beirut had several different components and each group faced particular difficulties while working with the Syrian refugees. At the school or the outreach center the refugees came to us with their problems or looking for resources or community. However, our home visit team visited the refugees in their residences and brought nothing with them.

We were deliberate about separating the visits to the residences from the food distribution program, which meant that the focus of the home visits was simply a visit without the protection of largesse. If one of the children had TB then we could tell them the dispensary to visit. If they needed food or clothing then we could direct them to one of our "stores." However, we brought nothing and entered the residences with no agenda, simply companionship in conversation. There was no answer to the suffering these families were enduring, but there was a value to the conversation. This was very difficult for many of our staff who were generally educated Syrian refugees who had been very wealthy in Syria and were accustomed to distributing to the poor, rather than conversing with them. One of the great gifts was to see these educated Syrians begin to feel comfortable simply being with the poor farmers and workers, sharing memories of their devastated homeland.

The work of the home visits team was also far from systematic. Almost nothing is systematic in the life of a refugee so it comes as no surprise that planning visits or determining directions was never easy. Often families would be kicked out from their location and we needed to search for them. The home visits team would laugh when they would hear of the organizational struggles of the community center (i.e. people not arriving on time, mothers not giving medicines regularly), because every visit was its own experience. One month there may be 25 new people living in the garage where only ten had been living, the next month only the original ten remain; there was never a system.

Above all, the work of the home visits team was never finished, and is un-finalizable. The struggles faced by the refugees will not end soon. Even if the war ends, they will return to a devastated nation. Our hope with the regularity of the home visits was that the conversations continued, just as True accompaniment avoids the scandal of clarity in the face of human suffering. In a pastoral setting we can direct people to physical and mental resources that will help, but our task is to maintain the dialogue, and to be present amid the messy reality of problems that will not be resolved by formulaic responses.



ROSES ... CHOCOLATES ... AND MOTHERING

FOLLOWING THE MASSES ON MAY 11TH & 12TH

*THE WOMEN WHO STAYED, CATHOLIC LESBIANS
AND PEACE & JUSTICE*

*Celebrate all women and men who nurture and
care for others...children and adults in maternal
and life affirming ways*

AND

Support through its sale of roses and chocolates

Women who are incarcerated and part of the Thrive for Life Prison Project.

Women who are homeless and marginalized and cared for by Maryhouse at the Catholic Worker.

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

**PILGRIMAGE: 10 FULL DAYS: HOLY LAND
and JORDAN from November 15 to 26 with Fr. Joe
Costantino, S.J. Cost: \$3,990. Early Bird Special:
\$3,890 for the first 20. Space is very limited. For more
information: email angiecruzphd@gmail.com or call
1-917-607-0937.**

PHILANTHROPY OFFICER POSITION POSTING FOR JESUIT PROVINCE

The Philanthropy Officer will implement the current comprehensive Advancement Program in both Provinces in close association with the Provincial Assistant for Advancement and Communications and will assist in the planning of fundraising strategies as the Northeast USA and Maryland Jesuit Provinces unify.

For details please see the link on our Church website
www.sfxavier.org.



“Who is My Neighbor?” is a documentary feature film that explores the subject of immigration on a global scale. While US news headlines zero in on illegal immigration, border control and a White House administration’s “zero tolerance” policy within this country, the issue is one that goes beyond America’s borders. According to the United Nations, in 2015, there were 244 million migrants and refugees worldwide.

For more information regarding the film visit
www.whoismyneighbor.com

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. A \$20 donation is suggested to cover lunch and refreshments.

**THE DISPUTED TEACHINGS OF VATICAN II:
CONTINUITY AND REVERSAL
IN CATHOLIC DOCTRINE**



FR. THOMAS GUARINO
*Professor of Systematic Theology,
Immaculate Conception
Seminary School of Theology,
Seton Hall University*

**THURSDAY, MAY 16TH
3:45 p.m.
Reception to follow**

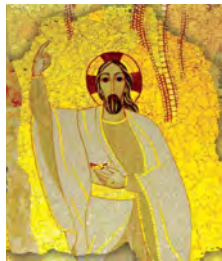
Xavier High School
30 West 16th Street

AFTER THE SUNDAY 5PM MASS ON APRIL 28TH, 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 5th and 6th avenues**

Please RSVP to Imdiaz@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 4th and 5th, 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 11th
The Lion Theatre 410 W 42nd 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.

SOCIALIZING MEETS SOCIAL JUSTICE



WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH
7:00PM - 8:30PM
AMERICA MEDIA
1212 SIXTH AVE, 11TH FLOOR

Dan Dougherty, President of Cristo Rey New York, will be in conversation with current and former students about the Cristo Rey educational model.

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 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 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 Phone number 917-482-6382

Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE

12:05PM: ROSEMARIE ESPOSITO (D)

SECOND TUESDAY OF EASTER: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

12:05PM: WILLIAM BENSON (D)

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EASTER: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21.

7:45AM: GILBERTO PEROZO (D)

12:05PM: NICHOLAS PALAZZO (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. ATHANASIUS: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36.

7:45AM: TOM KEVIN

12:05PM: GERRI GENDER (D)

FRIDAY~FEAST OF STS. PHILIP AND JAMES: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14.

7:45AM: EILEEN COLLIGAN (D)

12:05PM: CHRISTOPHER SONNER (D)

SECOND SATURDAY OF EASTER: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21.

12:05PM: CATHERINE O'HAGAN (D)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

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