



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Jesus said: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. (John 10: 27-30)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit the Xavier Mission

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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
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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);

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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, May 18th

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

Sunday, May 19th

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

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

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us especially, remember those
who have asked for our prayers

*Jesus Andaluz, Corinne Anderson, Olga Caltabiano,
Mark Carlos, Dan Clarius, Fr. Don Doherty, MM,
Moira Egan, Isaac Falci, Kathleen Friel, Juan Garcia,
Ray Green & Peter Green Junior, Michelle Nazareno,
James Levaggi, Manny Lopez, Robyn Luisi,
Raymond and Terri Sharpe, Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti,
baby Paloma Solis, Ibis Soto, M. M. Tartaglione,
Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann,*

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,
Sonia Serrata, 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

This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day. It is a time to consider the impact of all of the mother figures in our lives. Above all, it is a time to be grateful for all of those who have been mother figures for us. Thank you all!

On Tuesday evening the Lay Spirits ministry offered a panel discussion on the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our spiritual lives. As a Church we remember Mary in a particular way in the month of May so it was a perfect time to offer this reflection. The wonderful thing about the evening was that it offered a series of reflections from the Orthodox, Episcopalian, Catholic and Muslim traditions. It was beautiful to know how much we all hold in common. It was an important reminder that much more unites us all than divides.

On the feast of the Annunciation of Mary (March 25) every year, the Jesuit High School outside of Beirut, Notre Dame de Jamhour has an inter-faith prayer service celebrating this woman who Muslims and Christians both hold as a prophet and as the virgin mother of Jesus. It was the one time a year when the leaders of all of the major religious groups in Lebanon would gather together in prayer. It was a beautiful evening, with music and recitation from the Christian and Islamic traditions. All of them told the story of Mary. The story of Gabriel visiting the teenage Mary in first century Palestine is told in both the Gospels and the Qur'an. This very strong young woman meets the angel and asks questions, and invites God to be magnified through her. The image is of a person who is completely free, and willing to be an instrument of Love. That freedom and openness takes real courage and work.

Mary is an exemplary prophet in the Islamic tradition and is revered. The Muslim scholar who spoke on Tuesday shared the story that when she was expecting her children she recited the Book of Mary (Sura al Myriam) every day of her pregnancy to help with a safe and easy birth. It is also a wonderful reminder of the way in which we are all called to mother the Word of God into the world. Mary is the only woman mentioned by name in the Qur'an, and she speaks more in the Qur'an than in the Gospels. She is an important person in this prophetic work.

The Orthodox priest who presented spoke about Mary's role as Theotokos, the God Bearer. This early title for Mary highlights this essential element that Mary was special, that there was something about the ordinariness of Mary that made her capable of carrying the One- who - carries- all. St. Athanasius reminds us that "The Son of God became human so that humans might become God." It is in the person of Mary, in her ordinariness that God chose her to be the one through whom we all realize our participation in God. It invites me to pray about how my ordinariness might be a vehicle through which God desires to operate.

In this month of May, perhaps we can use the image of Mary, this strong, prophetic woman as a model of freedom and strength for us. As we attend to the violence and divisiveness of our nation and world, may we be instruments of God's unifying action.

EASTER COLLECTION

Many thanks to all those who contributed to our Easter and Easter Flower collections. We also thank those who contributed \$670 to offset the \$1,475 cost of live streaming our Easter Vigil. Our Easter Collection goal this year was \$53,500.

Easter Collection This Year (2019) - \$52,511	Easter Flowers This Year (2019) - \$4,833
Easter Collection Last Year (2018) - \$51,989	Easter Flowers Last Year (2018) - \$5,727

The Lord is risen. He Lives! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Xavier with our Faith Direct e-giving option. Faith Direct provides a convenient and secure way to support the parish via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card. There is no cost to you for using Faith Direct. You can sign up online by clicking the Donate Now button on the upper-right hand corner of our homepage or mail in an enrollment form available from the parish office.

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

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
WEST ROOM**

Paula on Pride! It's the fiftieth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and the twenty-sixth anniversary of Catholic Lesbians as a ministry at Xavier. Bring photos from the early years, and Mrs. Acuti-Sauerzopf will lead the meeting about our her story of outreach at the marches. BYOCUPS (cup, utensils, plate, serviette) and a snack or beverage to share. SFXWomen@aol.com; (929) 333-5011.

HEALING MASS

**Friday, May 24th
7:30pm Main Church**

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

A healing mass offers an invitation to join with the community in a Eucharistic liturgy and pray for our own needs and the needs of our loved ones. Whatever your burdens might be, please come and place them in the hands of our loving God. Each person will have the opportunity for an individual healing prayer that includes anointing with blessed oil and laying-on of hands. It is a time of peaceful prayer, a time of resting in God's presence and a time of spiritual renewal. Please come and join in our prayer for healing. All are welcome! Father George Drance, SJ, will preside.

Sponsored by the Xavier Company

If you are a current or retired law enforcement professional interested in helping us keep our parish safe please contact *Fr. Dan Corrou* at dcorrou@sfxavier.org . Thank you.

**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

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

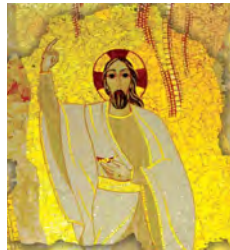
*The Ignatian Way of Praying
the Post-Resurrection Life of Christ on Earth*

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)



“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.whoismyneighborovie.com

AIDS WALK NEW YORK

Thank you for your most generous support last weekend toward our goal. We are the only Catholic Parish to raise money for AWNY and because of you we are ALWAYS in the top 20 contributors.

You can still donate before May 19th
by contributing online:

<https://ny.aidswalk.net/sfx>
(team #1250)

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING
OF CONVERSATION WITH
FR. JAMES MARTIN, SJ.**

Fr. Martin is the America magazine editor at large, bestselling author (Seven Last Words, The Abbey, Jesus: A Pilgrimage, My Life With the Saints) and consultor to the Vatican’s Secretariat for Communications.

Thurs. May 16th, 7:30 PM
Church of the Ascension 221 W. 107th Street
FREE OFFER

Contact: *George Voorhis* at GeorgeV10025@yahoo.com
or Phone: 212-749-7860

This event is sponsored by: Ascension Gay Fellowship

After the presentation, there will be an opportunity for questions and sharing with Fr. Martin about his ministry.

**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!!

**JOIN THE XAVIER ADULT GROUP
FOR A GUIDED TOUR OF THE
BASILICA OF ST. PATRICK'S OLD
CATHEDRAL**

**THURSDAY, MAY 16TH
1:00PM**

Our tour of this historic national and New York city landmark will include the cathedral, the treasured Henry Erben organ, historic outdoor cemetery and catacombs which includes the newly constructed St. Francis Xavier columbarium. The special per person tour price is \$15 which represents nearly a 60% discount.

We will meet at 12:00am at the 15th street entrance to Xavier and travel by subway. The tour starts at 1:00pm.

Please email or call if you are planning to join us.
Nancy and Tom Collins 212-929-3157

xaversharingandlearninggroup@gmail.com

Encuentro LATINO



SÁBADO 18 DE MAYO

Capilla del Colegio San Francisco Javier
(30 W 16th St. entre las avenidas 5 y 6)

Por favor, pregunten en la oficina en la entrada como llegar a la capilla.

5:30 pm tiempo de oración

6:30 pm misa

Convite después de la misa

**URGENT DONATIONS NEEDED
TO HOUSE REFUGEE FAMILY
ARRIVING TUESDAY**



Last year, many of you met Sam at our Light In the Darkness Pilgrimage to Elizabeth Detention Center. Sam shared his story of the terrible conditions he suffered inside for seven months as a detainee seeking asylum, and led our group praying for the 300 detainees inside. He was granted asylum for religious persecution in June 2018, and his family was given legal permission to join him from West Africa in December. His wife and four children finally arrive at JFK airport Tuesday night, after separation of more than 500 days. He will hold his 11-month old newborn son for the first time.

The family needs financial help to move into a waiting apartment in New Jersey. Please consider a small donation.

<https://www.gofundme.com/sam039s-freedom-fund>

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30.

FOURTH MONDAY OF EASTER: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10.

7:45AM: SONDR A KEDZIORA (L)

12:05PM: LYDIA GOMEZ & RACHEL DIPOLA(D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17.

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

12:05PM: WILLIAM REILLY (D)

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50.

7:45AM: FEOUNG PARK & DEBRA DYCKMAN (L)

12:05PM: GEORGE SPLAIN(D)

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20.

7:45AM: SONDR A KEDZIORA (L)

12:05PM: FREIDA UNGER (D)

FOURTH FRIDAY OF EASTER: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6.

7:45AM: SONDR A KEDZIORA (L)

12:05PM: LENORA LOMBARDO (D)

FOURTH SATURDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14.

12:05PM: ROBERT JOEDICKE (D)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35.

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, [suniko120@nyc.rr.com](mailto:sunik120@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