



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

West 16th Street, NYC • Phone: 212-627-2100 • Fax: 212-675-6997

Mailing Address: 55 West 15th Street, New York, NY 10011-6801
(Wheelchair Accessible 55 West 15th Street - All Masses are Wheelchair Accessible)
E-Mail Address: StFrancisXavier@sfxavier.org • Website: www.sfxavier.org



My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (John 13:34)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit the Central & Eastern Europe Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 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 25th

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

Sunday, May 26th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Thomas Feely, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Patrick Gilger, 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 Dr. Robert Choiniere

The social justice teachings of the Church have been called the best kept secrets of our tradition. Here at Xavier, we have made a commitment to living out the Gospel call of justice in a myriad of ways through direct service ministries and advocacy for the poor, the marginalized and, more recently, for the wider Earth.

In addition to these actions, the parish has begun to offer more opportunities for parishioners to explore Catholic social teaching in light of the current state of our world as a way to deepen our discipleship and discern how God is calling us to be agents of transformation and hope.

As part of that effort, a small group of parishioners made a commitment to enter into a year-long education program in the Catholic social justice tradition. This program, entitled **Just Faith** was an honest and concerted examination of the structural and systemic issues of sin and evil that pervade our city and world and an exploration of the Gospel call to address these issues.

Beginning last September, 8 parishioners including myself, met each Monday to unpack the teachings and to learn from first-hand accounts, experts and social justice activists about the state of many social issues including the environmental crisis, the American criminal justice system, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, income inequality in the US, immigration, blight and poverty in our own city and many more. In the midst of this exploration, we formed a community of compassion and caring and supported one another in our shared pursuit of hope and our individual search for the way that God was calling us to respond.

Just Faith was much more than an adult education course. We were each challenged to grow, to struggle and to name our deepest values. We began and ended our time together with days of retreat where we shared our convictions and the experiences that led us to embark on this journey. During our time together, we also visited sites where others were engaged in the work of justice and learned about their motivations and hopes. We learned from prison advocates, Catholic Workers, environmental activists, asylum seekers, and recent immigrants who shared their dreams of a better life for their family.

Just Faith was a great opportunity for me personally to look at how I am responding and how I will respond to the injustice I see around me. The time spent with others was a chance to deepen my friendships with other parishioners rooted in shared concerns and shared values. The work of social justice can be daunting, but it is not meant to be done in isolation. **Just Faith** showed me that if I want to work for justice, I must do it with others, in a community that supports one another and then reaches out to those most in need to say you matter. **Just Faith** showed me that together we can be a force of hope, just by showing up and daring to care and in doing so, we are changed forever. I think this might be the point of the whole Gospel call to justice, that we are transformed by offering ourselves to the care of the world.

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

*The Pastoral Council invites
you to join us for a*

PARISH-WIDE COFFEE HOUR



as we welcome parishoners new and old.

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH

in the entrance of the Church
(following the 11:30 Mass)

All are welcome.

**HEARING AID DEVICES ARE
AVAILABLE FOR PARISHIONERS
WITH HEARING LOSS. PLEASE SEE
THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AT THE
PIANO BEFORE MASS STARTS IN
ORDER TO USE ONE FOR THE MASS.**

THE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Parishioner-composer Roman Hurko's choral Liturgy No.3 (The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom) will be offered by the Theoria Chamber Choir (featuring graduates of The Westminster Choir College), in a Byzantine Rite service (in English!), at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church (246 E. 15th at 2nd Ave.), on June 2nd, at 6 p.m.

In 2011, this Liturgy setting had it's Premiere here at The Church of St. Francis Xavier, and at St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church. It was then conducted by Roman Hurko and produced by Carmen (Jerome-Parks) Hurko as part of an ongoing Unity project - inviting awareness and respect of one another's contributions of both Western and Eastern churches. Now, this offering, this time yet still for the same purpose, is produced and conducted by Opera singer Andrew Skitko. Please come share in the service and beauty of Hurko's Liturgy No. 3 sung prayer!

CELEBRATE WORLDPRIDE WITH XAVIER STARTING WITH

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1st • 5:00-7:30pm
MAIN CHURCH/ HURTADO HALL
AN EVENING WITH JAMES ALISON**

Break bread with one of the world's most dynamic and spirited gay Catholic author, teacher and activist.

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.

BOOK PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND SIGNING

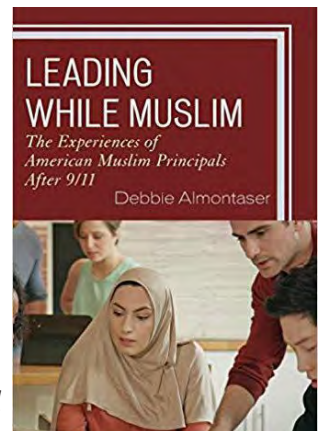
by Debbie Almontaser

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH

6:30PM – 8:30PM

MARY CHAPEL

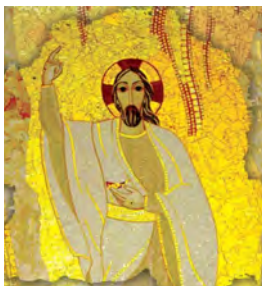
Dr. Debbie Almontaser was the founding and former principal of the Khalil Gibran International Academy in Brooklyn, New York the first Arabic Dual Language public school in the United States. A 25-year veteran of the NYC Public School System, she taught and served as a director in special education and inclusion, trained teachers in literacy, and served as a multicultural specialist and diversity adviser. Currently she is the Founder and CEO of Bridging Cultures Group Inc and a Professor at the College of Staten Island's School of Education in the Post Master's Advanced Certificate Program for Leadership in Education. Dr. Almontaser was a featured speaker at the 2016 National Democratic Convention and has been featured on the front page of the New York Times and profiled in Time Magazine, Newsweek and Daily News.



SUMMARY: Leading While Muslim examines the lived experiences of American Muslim principals to determine whether global events, political discourse, and the media coverage of Islam and Muslims post 9/11 have affected their leadership and spirituality. This book is intended to help readers to gain an understanding of the adversities that American Muslim principals have experienced post-9/11 and how to address these adversities, particularly through decisions about educational policy and district leadership. To learn more go to: LeadingWhileMuslim.com

VIA LUCIS STATIONS OF LIGHT: AN EASTER RETREAT

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



May 19th and June 2nd
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?

“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

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL OPENINGS AND DISCERNMENT

**June 3rd and June 10th
6:30pm Mary Chapel**

Are you interested in serving on the primary leadership body in our parish that serve with the pastor to ensure faithfulness to the mission of our parish community?

If you are an interested candidate for the Pastoral Council, you must attend both of our Discernment sessions on two consecutive Mondays, June 3rd and June 10th, at 6:30 pm in the Mary Chapel.

You must be:

- *A baptized Catholic
 - *A registered member of our parish for at least two years
 - *Be at least 20 years old
 - *Be a participant in the ongoing worship life of our parish, especially Sunday Eucharist
 - *Be available for monthly meetings on Tuesday nights
 - *Be available for an annual weekend long retreat (Sept. 27th-29th in 2019)
- Note that members serve for a three year term and may also serve for a second consecutive term.

All non-candidate registered parishioners are invited to be part of the selection process, including discernment for new members, but must agree to attend both sessions on June 3rd and June 10th.

Please consider serving our parish community by bringing your gifts to the Pastoral Council ministry. We invite all parishioners to join us in our prayerful process of discernment for our two new members.

**We're joining thousands
of communities to
raise awareness about
mental health support.**

**Free, confidential mental health support
is available 24 hours a day.**

**Call 1-888-NYC-Well text "WELL" to 65173
or chat online at nyc.gov/nycwell.**



Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

FIFTH MONDAY OF EASTER: Acts 14:5-18;
John 14:21-26.

7:45AM: JAY LONG (D)

12:05PM: RON ANDERSON(D)

FIFTH TUESDAY OF EASTER: Acts 14:19-28;
John 14:27-31a.

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

12:05PM: NESTO JOSE GARCIA (D)

FIFTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8.

7:45AM: SONDR A KEDZIORA (L)

12:05PM: DANIEL LAWRENCE CATULLO(D)

FIFTH THURSDAY OF EASTER: Acts 15:7-21;
John 15:9-11.

7:45AM: SONDR A KEDZIORA (L)

12:05PM: RAYMOND McPADDEN (D)

FIFTH FRIDAY OF EASTER: Acts 15:22-31;
John 15:12-17.

7:45AM: ELLEN DUFFY (D)

12:05PM: GERALD LEPISKO (D)

FIFTH SATURDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21.

12:05PM: EILEEN CLARKE (D)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29;
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29.

**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