



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb. (Rev 21:22-23)

OFFICE CLOSED

**MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY, MAY 27TH**

*One Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am. Please use
15th Street entrance.*

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 26, 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, June 1st

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

Sunday, June 2nd

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

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

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

Thanks be to God, spring has arrived! I know the vernal equinox happened months ago, but there is something about the last few days that have made me grateful for the felt arrival of spring.

In the northern hemisphere we can enjoy the connection between the springtime and the Easter season. In Easter we are invited to shed our fears in order to be our true selves, to savor the freedom of the children of God. We do that at the same time that the trees and flowers bloom and as we begin to walk outside without requiring heavy jackets.

In these weeks since Easter we have been reading from the Acts of the Apostles. We hear of how the early Christian community formed itself. This was a community drawn together by joy, committed to caring for one another, grounded in servant leadership, ensuring that there was no one in need. It is a beautiful reminder of how we are called to be Church. No one joined the community because they preached rules or restrictions, the community lived in the joy of knowing Jesus the Christ. It is our intimate relationship with Christ that holds us together through fears and struggles.

I have always hoped we could begin some ritual practice of Easter joy. Many people try to “give something up” for Lent. This can be a good spiritual practice, and we could all use with a time of self- reflection. However, we stop there. Our prayer, fasting, and alms-giving of Lent are means to participate fully in the joy of the resurrection; Jesus reminds us, “I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and that your joy might be complete” (John 15:11). What practices can we begin this Easter season, this springtime to nurture in us a sense of greater joy?

In our second reading from Revelations this weekend, we read that the New Jerusalem is illuminated by the Lamb of God. This wounded Jesus is the same Jesus who embraces us in our wounded-ness. We participate in life eternal, the fullness of life in knowing ourselves loved in our wounded-ness, in knowing God’s radical solidarity with us. It is in realizing that solidarity, in being illuminated by that embrace that we can know the joy of Easter.

Our task, and our Easter practice is to remind ourselves of that wounded embrace. How can our wounded arms embrace the wounded-ness of our neighbor? How can we demonstrate the love and the joy of Christ? How can we realize the New Jerusalem, the fullness of life, here and now?

As Wendell Berry writes: “Practice Resurrection!”

Some notes of note:

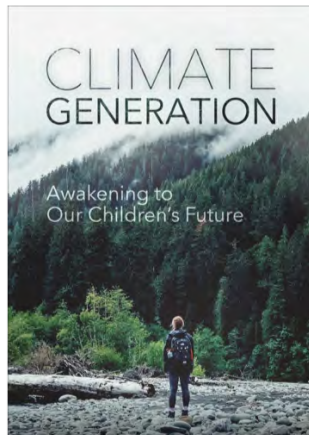
- Please join your fellow parishioners for “Guac for Good” on Monday, June 3 for lunch at Rosa Mexicana on 18th st. When you mention Xavier Mission then 10% of your bill is donated directly to Xavier Mission. Enjoy lunch while helping the work of Xavier Mission.
- Please also mark your calendars for the installation of our new pastor, Ken Boller SJ, on Sept 21 at the 5pm mass followed by a reception.

The SFX Environment Ministry invites you to hear

**LORNA GOLD, AUTHOR OF CLIMATE
GENERATION: AWAKENING TO OUR
CHILDREN'S FUTURE**

**Sunday, June 9th
1:00 pm, Mary Chapel**

Pentacost in May is a perfect time to welcome Lorna Gold, author of recently-published book, *Climate Generation: Awakening to Our Children's Future*. With her book, Lorna traces her coming to a new Spirit-filled awareness from a faith perspective and as a mother of the implications of climate change for the future of her two sons. It is a highly personal account that has implications for all of us thinking about the world our children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and the "climate generation" will inherit.



Lorna's story is an account of her journey into deeper awareness that is straight from the heart.

Lorna works for Trocaire, the Irish Catholic Development Agency. She has worked across academic and non-governmental agencies for almost two decades. She holds a PhD in Economic Geography from Glasgow University and teaches Applied Social Studies in Maynooth University. She is a regular commentator on climate justice in Ireland and internationally, and helped cofound 'Stop Climate Chaos' Ireland in 2006. She is vicechair of the Global Catholic Climate Movement and a member of the Irish Government's Advisory Group on the National Climate Dialogue. She is originally from Scotland and is married with two children.

Join us in welcoming Dr. Gold to St. Francis Xavier and New York City. Books will be available for sale. This event is co-sponsored by the SFX Environment Ministry and the Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement.

**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

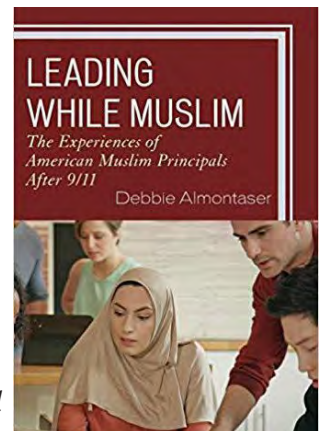
by Debbie Almontaser

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*



Last day 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)

**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.**

**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.**

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.

ORCHESTRA AMADEUS MUSIC FOR PRIDE

*A concert to benefit LGBTQ causes
and communities.*

Saturday, June 1st

7:00 p.m.

Main Church

OrchestraAmadeus.org



ASCENSION THURSDAY

May 30th

**Masses: 7:45am,
12:05pm, 7:30pm**

ROSA MEXICANO “GUAC FOR GOOD”: MONDAY, JUNE 3, ALL DAY!

Have lunch or dinner at Rosa Mexicano on 18th St. and 15% of your total bill will be donated to Xavier Mission! Mention “Xavier Mission” when you make your reservation or ask for your bill. Order chips for charity! Enjoy drinks for do-gooding! Call it whatever you’d like, we hope to see you there!



CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTINA!!

We are so happy to announce that Christina Bowman, our wonderful Director of Outreach, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Robert C. Bowman IV - “Bo” - on Monday, May 20. Mama and baby are both healthy and doing well! We wish Christina all the best (and lots of rest!) as she spend the next few months at home with Bo and her husband.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

SIXTH MONDAY OF EASTER: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a.

SIXTH TUESDAY OF EASTER: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11.

7:45AM: FRANCIS SCHULTZ (D)
12:05PM: HAROLD GORDON (D)

SIXTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER:
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM: SR. PEGGY WALSH, CSJ(D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Eph 1:17-23; Luke 24:46-53.

FRIDAY~THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED MARY: Zeph 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-56.

7:45AM: THOMAS ALOISI, SR. (D)
12:05PM: RUTH BANKS (D)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST. JUSTIN:
Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28.

12:05PM: MICHAEL GAFTHEN (D)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Acts 7:55-60; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26.

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@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