



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

## A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit Xavier Mission

**Pentecost Sunday**

**June 9, 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;  
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[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, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. James Miracky, SJ*

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

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

*Jesus Andaluz, Corinne Anderson, Mary Lou Brewis,  
Olga Caltabiano, Mark Carlos, Dan Clarius,  
Fr. Don Doherty, MM, Moira Egan, Isaac Falci,  
Kathleen Friel, Joshua Fuentes, Kimberly Fuentes,  
Juan Garcia, Karl Gold, Ray Green & Peter Green Junior,  
Susan Hines, Michelle Nazareno, Jim Pypelink, 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, Deacon Dhoel Canals, Yi-Hsien Chiu,  
Phibeon Cobb-Small, Magda Martinez, Lorraine Bernadette  
Saglioocca, Sonia Serrata, and Vincent Vella, Matthew  
Ward (Son of Michael Ward) and Carlos Zubiaurr*

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.**

# OUR HISTORY: FROM DIGNITY TO TODAY

Decades before Pope Francis inquired “Who am I to judge?” there was the Church of St. Francis Xavier, where lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Catholics found a spiritual oasis. To this day, LGBT parishioners serve as pastoral council members, Eucharistic and hospitality ministers, lectors, spiritual directors, and Xavier Mission volunteers. They bring spiritual care to the sick and homebound, and advocate for human rights, including those of women and refugees. They are Jesus’s disciples.

## **XAVIER & DIGNITY**

The evolving AIDS crisis dramatically impacted LGBT people. Xavier, under the leadership of Rev. Joseph Dirr, SJ, offered Dignity space in Xavier Elementary School, and the 269 members began meeting there on November 4, 1978. In 1979, they were invited to celebrate Eucharist weekly in the church. Dignity found a loving home for nine years, until they were expelled in 1987 by the Archdiocese of New York.

## **XAVIER & THE AIDS CRISIS**

In the 1980s, Redden’s Funeral Home on West 14th Street was the first mortuary that accepted persons who had died of AIDS. Xavier was the first Catholic church willing to minister to those suffering with the fatal disease. Parishioners visited AIDS patients in hospitals and in their homes.

In 1986, Xavier distinguished itself as the first Catholic church to hold a memorial service for a gay man who had died of AIDS. Diego J. Lopez, parishioner Manny Lopez’s brother, was a social worker, psychotherapist, and Vietnam War veteran.

In 1996, the first meeting of the Gonzaga HIV Support Group took place in the Mary Chapel. Moderators included Sister Honora Nicholson, RSM, Sister Judy Mertz, SC, Rev. John Mullin, SJ, and Rev. Ned Coughlin, SJ. That same year, Xavier dedicated the altar with St. Aloysius Gonzaga to people with AIDS.

## **XAVIER & THE LESBIAN AND GAY MINISTRIES**

On January 4, 1993, with initiatives from Irma Levesque, Sister Ann Citarella, the Jesuit provincial, and Xavier’s staff (including Rev. Michael E. Donahue, SJ and the parish council), Gay Catholics, which included men and women, was born. In 1995, Catholic Lesbians created its own ministry for gay women, by gay women, with gay women. Xavier first participated in the New York City Pride March in June 1994. It was the only parish to take such a bold step, marching under its name and letting the thousands of people on the sidelines know there is a Roman Catholic church that truly welcomes LGBTQ+ people. Other parishes, aware of Xavier’s loving example, started their own LGBT ministries and asked for our guidance. They now participate in the march, though Xavier is still unique in that it participates under its name.

Every November, Catholic Lesbians and Gay Catholics hold a retreat at Linwood Spiritual Center in Rhinebeck, New York, for faith and fun!

The Church of St. Francis Xavier is a home for every seeker, regardless of sexual orientation, gender, marital or citizenship status, race, ethnicity, economic status. . . .

As we sing at Mass, “All are welcome in this place!”

*The Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement  
and the St. Francis Xavier Environment Ministry  
Are excited to have with us from Ireland !*



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

**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 – 2:30 pm Mary Chapel**

Lorna is vice-chair of the Global Catholic Climate Movement, is a PhD in Economic Geography, works at Trocaire, the Irish Catholic Church Development Agency, teaches at Maynooth University and is on the Irish Government's Advisory Group for the National Climate Dialogue.

**CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITIES (CLCs)** are small groups of people who join together regularly in prayer, support and service rooted in the Ignatian tradition of mission and discernment. Two information sessions will be offered for all who might be interested in joining a new CLC forming in Fall 2019.

Information Sessions will be held in the **Mary Chapel on Sunday, June 16 from 3:00 – 4:30pm** and on **Thursday, June 20 from 6:30- 8:00pm**. Please contact *Bob Choiniere* for information – [rchoiniere@sfxavier.org](mailto:rchoiniere@sfxavier.org)

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](mailto:dcorrou@sfxavier.org) . Thank you.



**TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE**

**Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm  
Mary Chapel**

## RAINBOW CRAWL



**JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:00PM - 4:00PM  
MEET IN THE MARY CHAPEL**

A walking tour of local LGBTQ Historical sites, Catholic memorial's and gay bars making it part pilgrimage, part bar crawl. We will reflect on Xavier's unique history through our own stories and people. It will be through the lens of faith, in a fun and joyful way to remember, socialize and learn together! Put on by Xavier Outings ([xoutings@gmail.com](mailto:xoutings@gmail.com))

### 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](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com); (929) 333-5011.

### LGBTQ+ CATHOLIC ACTIVISM: A GLOBAL CONVERSATION

**Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm-9:00pm**

**Fordham University(Lincoln Center Campus)**

A unique and urgent conversation among global LGBTQ+ Catholic activists from 4 countries including Mexico, Uganda, the Philippines and the US sharing witness and building solidarity. Listen, learn and celebrate faith during #WorldPrideNYC. Reception to Follow | FREE and Open to the public at Fordham University-Lincoln Center. Registration Suggested

*Also featuring work by LGBT artists: Gary Speziale, Janet Mckenzie, Carmen Paulino, Michael Paulino*

**Register:**

[https://www.fordham.edu/info/28632/theology\\_events](https://www.fordham.edu/info/28632/theology_events)



## CONGRATULATIONS LSEP GRADUATES!!

Our heartfelt congratulations to the six graduates of our Forty-Seventh session of L-STEP, who shared their stories of struggle and triumph with our community on May 21. We welcome them into the L-STEP Alumni and the Xavier families!

Congrats also to the five graduates of the Homecoming program at our partner organization, RMM, who shared their stories on May 22. We are so proud of all of you!



## SHELTER ORIENTATIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE VOLUNTEERS

Xavier Mission hosts 1-2 trainings each month for people interested in learning more about volunteering at the Coughlin Shelter. If you are interested in becoming a shelter volunteer, please contact Jim, or Shelter Coordinator, at [jinglish56@hotmail.com](mailto:jinglish56@hotmail.com) to set up a training!

## WELCOME MARIA AND RAY!

We would like to belatedly introduce our two newest staff members, Ray Perez and Maria Cecilia Royo!

Ray is our Maintenance & Inventory Manager. He has a long history at Xavier Mission, first as a guest of our shelter, then as a graduate of L-STEP, and then he was hired as a custodian in the Welcome Table before leaving for a full-time job as an EMT. Ray is now back with us part-time and taking care of all of the deliveries, cleaning, and storage areas.

Maria is our new part-time administrative assistant. She is a former advertising and entertainment producer who recently moved to New York from the Philippines. She produced television commercials, documentaries, films, and did pioneering work on branded content in her country. With her move to the U.S., she now wants to focus on her family and on meaningful work in her community. Maria will be with us through August.

## OUR IMPACT

With your support, this is the impact Xavier Mission had in our community from January through April 2019!

- The Financial Assistance Program provided \$49,747 to 40 families to prevent their evictions, as well as \$988 to 247 individuals and families for MetroCards! *[NOTE: The Financial Assistance Program is currently frozen due to lack of funding.]*
- The Welcome Table served 22,765 hot, nutritious meals!
- The Food Pantry provided groceries for 12,051 meals to 1,339 people, including 178 children and 325 seniors!
- The Clothing Room provided clothing and toiletries to 418 individuals!
- The shelter provided a safe space and 1,560 beds for homeless men!
- 6 participants graduated from the L-STEP Program and 5 participants from Homecoming!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

# BOOK PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND SIGNING

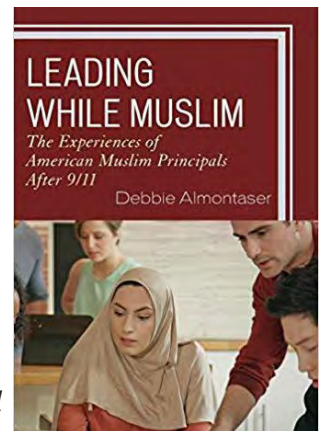
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>

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](http://LeadingWhileMuslim.com)

Come join us as Fr. Dan guides parishioners through one more book on racism: **White Fragility** by Robin DiAngelo. We'll be meeting from 3:30 to 4:30, on Sunday afternoons: in Mary Chapel July 7<sup>th</sup>, the West Room July 14<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> and back in Mary Chapel on August 4<sup>th</sup> to plan an action agenda. Contact [jeprendergast@gmail.com](mailto:jeprendergast@gmail.com) for more info.

**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.**

## NEW AA MEETING AT CHURCH OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER! THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:00-7:00pm

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 6:00-7:00pm.

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!!



## Scriptures & Announced Masses

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Acts 2:1-11; Rom 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23b-26.

**MONDAY~FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Gen 3:9-15, 20; John 19:25-34.

7:45AM: WILLIAM DiPIPPo (D)

12:05PM: JOHN DiVITO (D)

**TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. BARNABAS:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matt 5:13-16

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

12:05PM: SONDRa KEDZIORA (L)

**TENTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19.

7:45AM: EDWARD DONNELLY (D)

12:05PM: SONDRa KEDZIORA (L)

**THURSDAY~ FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA:** 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Matt 5:20-26.

7:45AM: SUSANNE CHOE (D)

12:05PM: ANTHONY YANNELLO (D)

**TENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Matt 5:27-32.

7:45AM: FRANK PORCO (D)

12:05PM: DENISE BAEZ (D)

**TENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** 2 Cor 5:14-21; Matt 5:33-37.

12:05PM: EUGENE FREIN (D)

**SUNDAY~FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY:** Prov 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

**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\\_ko@nyyogalife.com](mailto: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](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

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