



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Mustard Seed

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 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, July 6th

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

Sunday, July 7th

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Thomas Feely, 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, James Fox, 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 Solís, 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
Sagliocca, 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.**

MARCHING IN THE PRIDE MARCH AS AN ACT OF EVANGELIZATION

The parish of St. Francis Xavier marches in the Pride March as a two-fold action of evangelization to the people who attend the Pride March as well as to the Church. As I have been praying with this call to evangelization, I have been reading a reflection written by Fr. Ned Coughlin SJ around the year 2000 and is entitled “A Reflection on Participation as a Parish in the Gay Pride March.” The quotes below are from his reflection.

We evangelize those who attend the march and who might believe that religion and religious groups have nothing to offer them. “Aware that ministry always belongs to the whole Church and is never a private affair, the... community at Xavier has no desire to rest in hearing the word, but in communion with the universal and the local church, they long to share it with their brothers and sister who have not heard, not heard it recently, or for whom the hearing of it is so quiet that it cannot be believed....”

We assert the foundational elements of Catholic social teaching: that all humans are sacred, created in the image and likeness of God; and that humans are social by nature. As U.S. society becomes more divided and less willing to accept the humanity of the other, we serve as a prophetic voice to invite dialogue and deeper relationship. We aspire to build relationships where fear and animosity exist, to welcome the stranger and outcast.

We also evangelize those in the Church who are held captive by ideologies of fear. “If we would want to know how to do ministry in the name of Christ and for the Kingdom, we have only to heed the exhortation found in the Letter to the Hebrews: ‘Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, the inspirer and perfecter of our faith.’ (Heb 12:2) From the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus preached the good news that God has come near to his people out of love. He urged radical change of mind and heart to believe that God truly intended to bring liberty to all those held captive by fear and self-loathing, shame and isolation, and that those who were oppressed by hatred and bigotry of any kind would go free. (Mark 1:15 and Luke 4:18). Those who heard him responded with love and gathered around him to hear more, and to allow his words to take root in their hearts and shape their lives from that moment on.”

Many of the loudest voices in the discussion of gender and sexuality within Catholic Church are simply ill informed. Good theology cannot happen without good science. If we are attempting to understand the work of God today, then we must draw on the best of human knowledge and wisdom. Our parish marches as a way to inspire greater intellectual investigation in the Church around issues of gender and sexuality.

This two fold evangelization is grounded in the Gospel and compels us into the grandeur of God here and now. We rejoice that we participate in the Pride March as a Roman Catholic parish. We are mindful that this is a prophetic, and for some, uncomfortable balance. We rejoice that the love of God compels us to respond without fear, and invite others to live in the freedom of the children of God.

*Special July series on Mary Magdalene
Sundays in The Mary Chapel*

July 14

July 21

July 28

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1:30-3:30pm

Who was Mary of Magdala and how has her story been told over the centuries? How can we learn from this Apostle to the Apostles to spread the good news? Rita Houlihan, founder of the Reclaim Magdalene Project, will share her extensive research with us; Lizzie Berne DeGear will walk with us through the scriptural accounts of MM; and The Women Who Stayed will celebrate a liturgy on the eve of her Feast Day.

Come to one session or come to all three!

Sunday, July 14th: Who is Mary Magdalene? Key Facts and Powerful Images from the 1st through 21st Centuries. Topics include “How was Mary Magdalene transformed from the 3rd century Apostle of the Apostles to the 6th century penitent prostitute?”

Sunday, July 21st: Mary of Magdala in Scripture and Liturgy. We will look at every place in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John where Mary of Magdala appears. This will prepare us to enter into a liturgy in honor of Mary Magdalene led by the Women Who Stayed.

Sunday, July 28th: Evangelization inspired by the Magdalene. Putting this knowledge of Mary Magdalene to use, we will learn how to spread the good news about the first person commissioned by the resurrected Christ, and let her inspire our own unique witness in the world.

Registration is encouraged, but drop-ins welcome. To register email XavierBibleStudy@gmail.com
For reading material see www.ReclaimMagdalene.org

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THE WOMEN WHO STAYED



OUR IMPACT

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

- The Financial Assistance Program provided \$2,559 to 4 families to prevent their evictions, as well as \$234 to 13 individuals and families for MetroCards!
[NOTE: The Financial Assistance Program is currently frozen due to lack of funding.]
- The Welcome Table served 5,504 hot, nutritious meals!
- The Food Pantry provided groceries for 2,619 meals to 291 people, including 60 children and 45 seniors!
- The Clothing Room provided clothing and toiletries to 105 individuals!
- The shelter provided a safe space and 403 beds for homeless men!
- 6 participants graduated from the L-STEP Program and 5 participants from Homecoming!

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

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 7th**, the West Room **July 14th** and **July 28th** and back in Mary Chapel on August 4th to plan an action agenda. Contact jepredergast@gmail.com for more info.

CELEBRATE MARY OF MAGDALA IN JULY!
JULY 13, 2019

A lecture, liturgy, procession and party in support of Benincasa Community, honoring The Women Who Stayed at SFX, sponsored by Fordham University's Department of Theology

We'll gather at Fordham's Lincoln Center Campus at 10:30am for breakfast; hear Rita Houlihan explain who Mary of Magdala truly was; and participate in a liturgy uplifting Mary Magdalene and honoring WWS (led by Judith Kubicki, CSSF and many talented musicians). Finally, we'll hit the streets and process with images of Mary Magdalene up Columbus Ave to Benincasa Community for fellowship and a light lunch. For disability access accommodations, please contact karen@benincasanyc.org by July 3, 2019.

Suggested donation, supporting Benincasa Community: \$20-\$30. No one will be turned away. To RSVP and donate: www.benincasacommunity.org.

AUGUST 2-4, 2019
Sophia House 1782 Yanceyville Road,
Louisa County, VA 23093

An Invitation Come join in the birthing of a new contemplative community similar to the Taize Community in France.

- rooted in a daily practice of beautiful sung prayer.
- nurturing friendship with the most vulnerable in society.
- learning to listen more deeply.
- creating bridges of respect.
- engaging peacefully in social justice action.

Who invites you? Br. Stefan Andre Waligur (Macushla), a friend of the Taize Community in France and an oblate member of the Benedictine Community, Shantivanam, in India.

Friday night supper through Sunday lunch Information and directions at www.Sophiahouse.org Sophia House is a welcoming retreat nestled on 262 wooded acres including the peaceful Serenity Pond

To Register Call - 707-513-8514 or Email -swaligur@yahoo.com. Please mention you are an Xavier parishioner. There is no set fee to attend. Please give as you are able. Christine Santisteban will look into arranging a chartered bus if enough folks are interested. Email Christine at santistc@tcd.ie

**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.**

SFX ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

Our Summer Film Series returns!!

SAVE THE DATES: Tuesdays, July 9, July 23, and August 6 at 7pm in the Keenan Commons.

Join us for our first films on Tuesday, July 9, that will focus on our consumption patterns and the stuff of our lives...with three short videos:

We will show a short section of Understanding Laudato SI' with *Franciscan Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM*

Followed by a discussion.

**OFFICE & CHURCH
HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

Wednesday, July 3rd closed after 1pm.

Thursday, July 4th & Friday, July 5th closed.
One Mass only on both dates at 9am in the Mary Chapel. Please use 15th Street entrance.

CATHOLIC LESBIANS
"Picnic with the Saints"

Friday, July 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Mary Magdalene, Martha, Anne, Bridget, Maria Goretti . . . we will celebrate these saints who are part of our herstory at a picnic in Stonefield/Hudson River Park. Bring your picnic basket, blanket, and story about what these womyn mean in your faith journey. Enter at West 24th Street and 12th Avenue. Take the M23 bus all the way to Chelsea Piers or the C, E subway to 23rd Street. There is parking on West 24th and 25th streets. SFXWomen@aol.com; (929) 333-5011

Stewardship News

Thank you to all who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support Xavier throughout the year. It is only through your gifts that we can make a difference in the lives of those we serve. There are many ways to support and participate in our many ministries. Our Bulletin and Welcome Brochure on the parish website contain information on these ministries. Perhaps you might consider sharing your unique skills and talents so that your special strengths will make a difference in this world.

3rd Quarter Financial Results

We're pleased to report that thanks to a \$460,000 bequest, the largest in 10 years, we are currently operating at a \$329,839 surplus compared to a budgeted deficit of \$67,427 for the first nine months of this fiscal year ending May 31, 2019. Without this bequest we would have had an operating deficit of approximately \$130,000. The favorable results are due primarily to the bequest and higher wedding and baptism income offset by higher operating expenses and a decrease in the Sunday offertory of \$32,000 below budget. We are projecting nearly \$1.4 million in capital repairs and improvements for the 17th Street property and our church during the next four years. We ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your donations this year, if you can through your Sunday offertory and maintenance 2nd collection to cover current expenses thereby allowing us to direct more bequest income to the planned capital improvements.

Sunday Offertory Results			
Nine Months Ending May 31, 2019			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
May	\$ 27,114	\$ 70,416	\$ (43,302)
Current YTD	\$ 601,835	\$ 633,750	\$ (31,915)
Previous Year YTD	\$ 638,582	\$ 615,000	\$ 23,582
Var vs Prev Year	\$ (36,747)		

First Nine Months Revenues and Expenses Ending May 31, 2019			
	Actual	Budget	Difference
Support	\$ 2,124,519	\$ 1,675,407	\$ 449,112
Expenses	\$ 1,794,680	\$ 1,742,834	\$ 51,846
Net Support Over (Under) Expenses	\$ 329,839	\$ (67,427)	

Ready for Your Summer Getaway?

Are you starting to plan your summer vacation? What is the best way to ensure that Xavier receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the summer months? Go Green and enroll in Faith Direct so that your gift can reach us even when you cannot. 472 families now use Faith Direct to support Xavier. Enroll today by visiting our parish homepage and clicking the **Donate Now** button or mailing in an enrollment form available in the back of the church or from the parish office. If you are using envelopes we encourage you to make the switch to Faith Direct. If you want to stop receiving envelopes please contact *Stephanie Fuentes* at sfuentes@sfxavier.org or (212) 627-2100 ext. 222.

Remember Xavier in Your Planned Giving

Over the years, it has been the gifts left to the Church of St. Francis Xavier that have helped us to continue to operate as a welcoming community and place of worship where injustice is challenged, where the poor, the alienated and the marginalized find a home, and where people are refreshed, reconciled and renewed. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift. A gift can also help support Xavier for years to come. There are many different ways of contributing a gift. Two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests and IRA/retirement accounts. For more information on how you can help make a difference contact the parish office.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62.

THIRTEENTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Gen 18:16-33; Matt 8:18-22.

7:45AM: TIFFANY MOISAN (D)

12:05PM: JAMES & ELIZABETH VANDERHEYDEN (D)

THIRTEENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Gen 19-15-29; Matt 8:23-27.

7:45AM: IRIS K. SAUNDERS (D)

12:05PM: PATRICIA ALILLIS (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. THOMAS:

Eph 2:19-22; John 20:24-29.

7:45AM: JEAN FRISINO (D)

12:05PM: CARMEL RYAN (L)

THIRTEENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Gen 22:1b-19; Matt 9:1-8.

THIRTEENTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8; Matt 9:9-13.

9:00AM: JOHN ALLOCCA (D)

THIRTEENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Gen 27:1-5, 15-29; Matt 9:14-17.

12:05PM: ENA MALONEY & ROSA GORRA (D)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Isa 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20.

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