



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit the Parish Maintenance

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 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

Rev. John Mulreany, SJ (Associate Pastor) - 206

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

Robert Choiniere (Dir. of Adult Faith Formation)-225

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;

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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.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 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, August 24th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. John Mulreany, SJ*

Sunday, August 25th

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

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

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Jesus Andaluz, Stephen Appel, Diane Blount,
Mary Lou Brewis, Bertha Mercedes Cabrera, Mark Camacho,
Geneva Colin, Jesús Dabu, Fr. Don Doherty, MM,
Annemarie Esposito, Kathleen Friel, James Fox,
Stephanie Rivera-Gamma, Ron Gamma, Juan Garcia,
Karl Gold, Kenneth Harmon Sr., Marilyn Hendrick,
Susan Hines, Luz Helena Nauzán, Jim Pypelink,
Frank Lavin Sr., James Levaggi, Clyde Renolds,
Tom Rocha III, Carlos Eduardo Rojas, Jim Schwab,
Raymond and Terri Sharpe, Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti,
Carl Wassmann*

Pray for the peaceful rest of all our beloved departed parishioners and friends, especially:

*Dagoderto Gomez, Rafael Iglesias, Astrid Lonnberg,
Christopher M. Patterson, Louis Poblete, Christopher B. Mills
M.D., James Ranello, Beluah Williams, John Witmer*

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.

FOUR PURPOSES OF MUSIC IN WOSHIP

As we wake up every morning, as we drive to and from work, as we work out at the gym, and as we go throughout our days, what do we often hear? Each Sunday as we come together to worship the Lord, what frames our services? You guessed it: music. Music serves some distinct purposes in our lives and especially within our Christian tradition. Let's examine a few.

1. MUSIC TEACHES US THE GOSPEL

Hymns and spiritual songs take our faith and compact it. In fact, the melody and phrasing of the music makes our faith memorable. Before we hear a word of scripture read or preached in the service, we've already taken in page after page through our singing. Hymns and other forms of music instruct us in the Good News, touching our hearts as well as our minds.

2. MUSIC CONNECTS US TO GOD IN UNIQUE WAYS

The purpose of music goes beyond mere instruction, however. In many ways, it allows for a direct connection with God in ways sermons can't or don't. Singing allows a part of our hearts to speak to God in a way that doesn't happen as we hear the spoken word. Have you ever noticed? Something incredible happens when we sing. You can feel it when you sing alone, but most especially when you sing as part of a community, a congregation in worship. Something awakens not only in the heart of each person but also in the collective heart of the body of Christ, connecting us to each other and to God in the deepest part of who we are. Singing as a part of Christian worship is so much more than mere mental exercise. God created us to communicate with the very depths of our spirit, and singing is a way we can accomplish this in a profound and meaningful way.

3. MUSIC ALLOWS US TO EXPRESS OUR LOVE TO GOD WITH OUR WHOLE BEING

Scripture commands us to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might" (Deuteronomy 6:5 NRSV). This verse emphasizes the entire body, not through outward actions but devotion and love. In the New Testament, Jesus responds to a lawyer who asked him about the greatest commandment by pointing back to this same passage, saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37 NRSV). Singing is one of the ways in which we express our love towards God with our whole being. We engage every part of our being in worship to God. Worshiping through music changes and transforms us. It inclines our hearts to God in ways other forms can't accomplish. Worship strengthens us, convicts us, builds us up, and even restores us. In other words, when we sing and devote our whole selves to God, something godly happens within us.

4. MUSIC AS WORSHIP FULFILLS GOD'S COMMAND

Throughout scripture, we're commanded to sing. Within the Psalms (prayers set to music, the hymnal of the Old Testament) we read, "I... go around your altar, O GOD, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud," (Psalm 26:6-7 ESV); "Sing praises to GOD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!" (Psalm 98:5 ESV); and "Serve GOD with gladness! Come into GOD'S presence with singing!" (Psalm 100:2 ESV). The New Testament affirms this call. Paul urged the Ephesians (and us) to "be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to GOD with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to GOD in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"(Eph. 5:18-20 ESV).

FROM THE HEART

Singing is an important part of who we are and who God created us to be. We're all wired uniquely. We have different gifts, strengths, and favorite styles of music. Scripture encourages us to find the music that allows our hearts to sing and connect to God. What touches us may be Gregorian chant, music from Kings College Cambridge, Kirk Franklin's gospel prayers, jazz settings of the Eucharist, or any of a wide range of genres. Music that honors God will cause our hearts to sing. And when our hearts sing, worship happens. We're transformed on the inside as we're filled with the Spirit and devote everything we are to worship, praise, and thanksgiving. Has God used music in worship to touch your heart and life in a special way?

(THIS POST IS AN ADAPTATION OF BISHOP BREWER'S SERMON ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2015 AT ST. MARK'S HAINES CITY, COMMEMORATION OF 125TH ANNIVERSARY AND HYMN FESTIVAL.)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

September 15, 2019-May 31, 2020
1:00pm to 3:00pm

X-Café at Xavier High School
(30 W 16th St, New York, NY 10011)

**ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW
SOMEONE WHO...**

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Is over the age of fourteen and unbaptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experiences of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

You are welcome to participate in this process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information please contact Luz Marina Diaz at (212) 627-2100 ext. 207 or [lmdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:lm Diaz@sfxavier.org)

Register at RCIA

<https://form.jotform.com/21146349174150>

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. An information session will be offered for all who might be interested in joining a new CLC forming in Fall 2019.

The final Information Session will be held in the West Room on **Sunday, September 8th from 3:30pm – 5:00pm**. Please contact *Bob Choiniere* for information – rchoiniere@sfxavier.org

FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM

FAMILY FAITH SESSIONS START
September 8, 2019

FAMILY FAITH MASS
9:00 am in the Main Church

The families in the program worship together at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. After Mass, they gather at the Xavier High School library or X-Café for a healthy snack, announcements, and prayer. The parents then take their children to their classrooms and return to the library to listen to a guest speaker. At 11:30 a.m., parents pick up their children in the classrooms.

During the catechetical session, while the children and teenagers are in the classrooms with their catechists, the parents meet in the Xavier High School library/X-Café to talk about a topic presented by a guest speaker.

Children can receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist after having completed two consecutive years in the program and are at least in second grade. They receive the Sacrament of Confirmation when they are at least in 7th grade, after having completed two consecutive years in the program.

For more information and registration visit our new webpage at <https://www.xavierfamilyfaith.org/>



SAVE THE DATE

September 8th- Fr. Dan's last Mass at 5:00pm. Farewell Reception will follow. Please RSVP for reception at pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org.

September 21st- Fr. Ken Boller's Installation Mass(5:00pm Mass) and reception. Please RSVP to sfuentes@sfxavier.org.

Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey



How can we welcome the stranger in these times?

This 8-week program will explore some of the central questions related to the reality of global migration, refugees, and immigrants in the United States in a small, supportive faith community. This will help you formulate a personal response to the 21st-century reality of migration. Together with other participants, we will prepare for faithful action for God's people.

8-Week Program – Fall 2019

Session Dates and Time:

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19

Tuesday Evenings 6:30pm – 9:00pm

For more information or to register, contact:

Robert Choiniere 212-627-2100 ext. 225 or rchoiniere@sfxavier.org

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“Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity. They are children, women, and men who leave or are forced to leave their homes for various reasons, who share a legitimate desire for knowing and having, but above all for being more.” - Pope Francis



CATECHIST WANTED!

The Family Faith Program needs fifth and sixth grade catechists. It also needs assistants to help first, third, and fourth grade catechists and substitute catechists.

Catechists' training is provided through classes organized by the Archdiocese of New York, Fordham University and Xavier Catechists' meetings.

To learn more about the family faith program, visit our new website at <https://www.xavierfamilyfaith.org/>

If you are interested, send an email to the director of religious education *Luz Marina Diaz* at Imdiaz@sfxavier.org

Selection interview will take place on August 20, 22 and 23.

CATHOLIC LESBIANS

Friday, September 13, 2019, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
West Room

MYSTICISM TODAY

"There were moments, indeed, when it seemed to me that a sort of universal being was about to take shape suddenly in nature before my very eyes." (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, *The Heart of the Matter*) Jackie Sharkey will introduce us to de Chardin's mysticism, examine how it is similar to and different from classic mysticism, and discuss how his mysticism broke new ground and ushered us on to a mystical path to the future. But, first, John Mulreany, SJ, the new associate pastor, will pay us a visit from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. SFXWomen@aol.com; (929) 333-5011

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.

TENANT'S RIGHTS MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH 1:00PM WEST ROOM

An Overview of what did and did not take place in Albany this Summer. Also, an overview of how to further better address the current housing crisis and the affordable rent crisis for our small businesses.

"Ruth said to Naomi: wherever you go, I will go, wherever you lodge I will lodge, your people shall be my people and your God my God."
(Ruth 1:16)



A healing mass will be celebrated on Friday, August 23rd, at 7:30 pm. Fr. Thomas Scirghi, SJ, professor of theology from Forham University, will preside. A healing mass is a Eucharistic liturgy where we come together to pray for our own needs and the needs of our loved ones. Each person will have an opportunity for individual healing prayer, anointing with blessed oil and laying on of hands. All are welcome to come and pray for healing of mind, body and spirit.

XAVIER ADULT GROUP PLANNING MEETING

Thursday, August 22nd
1:00pm in the West Room

At this meeting we will plan upcoming activities. Bring your ideas about places to visit, speakers you would like to hear and subjects you would like to learn more about. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your ideas.

All are welcome.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53.

TWENTIETH MONDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Judg 2:11-19; Matt 19:16-22.

7:45AM: HEALING OF FRANCIS Y.

12:05PM: FRANK HARTLIN (L)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. BERNARD: Judg 6:11-24a; Matt 19:23-30.

7:45AM: AVAILABE

12:05PM: MICHAEL SCANION (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. PIUS X: Judg 9:6-15; Matt 20:1-16.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE

12:05PM: RAMINTA MERCED (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Judg 11:29-39a; Matt 22:1-14.

7:45AM: JOHN SCIALOIA (D)

12:05AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)

TWENTIETH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matt 22:34-40.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE

12:05AM: ANNE DONNELLY (L)

SATURDAY~FEAST OF ST.

BARTHOLOMEW: Rev 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51.

12:05PM: NORA CRONIN (L)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: Isa 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30.

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