



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Thus says the LORD: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory. (Isa 66:18-19)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit the Propagation of Faith

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 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

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Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201

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John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Jack Schmitt (Chair);

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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 31st

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

Sunday, September 1st

9:00am Mass: *Rev. James Mulreany, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Kenneth Boller, SJ*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jesus Andaluz, Stephen Appel, Robert L. Beauchemin, 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, Mathew Levy, Clyde Renolds, Tom Rocha III, Carlos Eduardo Rojas, Jim Schwab, Raymond and Terri Sharpe, Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, Albert Waszok, 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.

FROM THE OATH CEREMONY TO LINWOOD

Luz Marina Diaz

I usually take vacations in July, but this year I took them in August. The reason is that on June 14, I passed the US citizenship test and I had to wait for the letter informing me of the date of the Oath Ceremony that was on August 2. Most friends, family, and acquaintances congratulated me, but some asked me how come you want to be a US citizen right now? Many residents in the USA planning to get US citizenship, have strong feelings that make them hesitate. These feelings are the product among many things of the inhumane and unnecessary decrees enacted against immigrants and refugees. When discerning to take the step for naturalization, I experienced those feelings. However, reflecting on my life in the USA since I arrived in 1994, I think of the people I have met, the nurturing experiences I have lived, the opportunities for personal and professional growth I have had, my American friends, Xavier community and all the love I receive from them. I testify that the hatred of few cannot tarnish all the love, integrity, morality, and excellence of all the Americans I have met. So, I got my American nationality, which gives me stability in these uncertain times and some rights as voting. At the moment of the oath, I thought of all the good people of this country!

But, who's Luz Marina after the Oath ceremony? The same person on a spiritual path of transformation into one with others. On the way of more inclusiveness and interconnection so I can gain more understanding, more love for others, more compassion. The spirituality of interconnection allows one to be North American, Central American, South American, European, Asian, and African. One is from all countries. This path of interconnection deepened at Linwood Spiritual Retreat Center. It is the first time I have come to this beautiful center bordered by the Hudson River. I felt connected to the Xavier community, not only because my friend Gerry Moss was also at the retreat, but I learned that through the years this retreat house has served as a spiritual refuge for many parishioners. There have been many Jesuits who have celebrated Mass in the chapel of the center, for example, Father Edward "Ned" Coughlin, S.J. who loved to celebrate Mass there because of the beautiful stained glass windows overlooking the sanctuary.

In this spiritual retreat, the priest in charge of celebrating the Masses was Father Anthony SooHoo, S.J. His homily from the first Mass was an invitation to develop that interconnection further. Father SooHoo linked the gospel of the day, the parable of the lost sheep, with an experience of him in a square in Rome. He described witnessing a little girl learning to ride a bicycle in front of her parents. At first, the girl was unsure about riding the bike, but as she felt safer and gained cycling skills, she dared to move further and further away from her parents. The parents were careful not to let the girl out of sight. They support her confidence to ride the bike and at the same time protected her from getting lost in the crowd. Then Father SooHoo encouraged us to get lost in nature with the certainty that God is always there with us, like those parents with the child. Getting lost in nature is about immersing and interconnecting with it. It is the process that makes us one with creation, and in such unity, one finds God.

While I was getting lost in nature at Linwood, the poem *Please Call Me by My True Names* (full version on the website) by Thich Nhat Hanh came to mind. *"...Look deeply: every second I am arriving to be a bud on a Spring branch, to be a tiny bird... I am a mayfly metamorphosing on the surface of the river... I am a frog swimming happily... I am the child in Uganda, all skin and bones... I am the twelve-year-old girl, refugee on a small boat, who throws herself into the ocean after being raped by a sea pirate. And I am the pirate, my heart not yet capable of seeing and loving... Please call me by my true names, so I can hear all my cries and laughter at once, so I can see that my joy and pain are one...so I can wake up and the door of my heart could be left open, the door of compassion."*

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

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



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

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.

The Popes & The Presidents: Commemorating 35 years of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the U.S. | September 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Featuring: Ambassadors R. James Nicholson, Miguel H. Diaz, Kenneth F. Hackett

Moderator: Matt Malone, S.J., editor in chief, America magazine

Where: The Sheen Center, 18 Bleecker St., New York, N.Y. 10012

Tickets (\$20): www.sheencenter.org

SPECIAL 25% DISCOUNT for parishioners of St. Francis Xavier. Use code **AMBASSADORS** at checkout.

FR. BASIL COLE, O.P., A DOMINICAN FRIAR, will preach an appeal at all Masses August 24-25 on behalf of Society for the Propagation of the Faith and its work in support of religious and missionary organizations. Pope Francis calls each one of us to mission and the Propagation of the Faith relies on the support of the Catholic faithful in its work to bring the Word of God to those in other countries and cultures. Your generosity is appreciated.

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

Next Sunday, the World Day of Prayer for Creation ushers in the Season of Creation, starting Sept. 1 and culminating with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Oct. 4. The theme this year is the Web of Life and the earth’s biodiversity, which is also one of the concerns of the October Synod on the Amazon.

We are at a critical point where the Web of Life is being severely impacted by the crisis of global warming and the proliferation of plastic and pesticides in our environment. We are in what scientists are calling the Sixth Great Extinction of Species, (the first one caused by us) with an average of 200 species disappearing each day. Animals and plants are dying of stress or migrating to cooler habitats as temperatures increase. Plastic has entered our entire ecosystem, even our food stream, posing health risks to marine life and us.

Each thread in the Web of Life is being challenged, disrupted or simply pulled out of the tapestry that we have known for thousands of years. We do have technological solutions to some of these problems, but they are not scaled up to match the degree of the problem. We have lacked the political will to do that. Sounding the moral and spiritual alarm, Pope Francis recently called this a “climate emergency.”

As we join Pope Francis and Christians around the globe for this World Day of Prayer for Creation, let us pray that national and global leaders will take to heart God’s call to us to be co-creators in protecting the sacredness of life. And let us ask ourselves how we can be better stewards caring for this amazing, but delicate Web of Life that reveals the glory of God.

Here at Xavier, we will have a number of activities during the Season of Creation: we’ll rev up the parish recycling, use less plastic at our events; support the powerful challenge from our youth who are asking: “What are you doing to protect our future?”; participate in the Shore Clean-up, offer a mini-retreat on God’s gift of the Web of Life and hold an event on biodiversity and the Amazon. Please join us!

The St. Francis Xavier Environment Ministry

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Isa 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30.

TWENTY-FIRST MONDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 1 Thess 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matt 23:13-22.

7:45AM: ROBERT NAGLE (D)
12:05PM: DOROTHY ROCCO (D)

TUESDAY~FEAST OF ST. MONICA:
1 Thess 2:1-8; Matt 23:23-26.

7:45AM: AVAILABE
12:05PM: LENNARD LITTLE (D)

WEDNESDAY~FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE:
1 Thess 2:9-13; Matt 23:27-32.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: JAMES P. MOORE (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST: 1 Thess 3:7-13; Mark 6:17-29.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05AM: MARIE MICHELLE PAUL (D)

TWENTY-FIRST FRIDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 1 Thess 4:1-8; Matt 25:1-13.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05AM: WILLIAM REILLY (D)

TWENTY-FIRST SATURDAY IN ORDINARY **TIME:** 1 Thess 4:9-11; Matt 25:14-30.

12:05PM: MARGARET THERESA SCIBELLI (D)

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY **TIME:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

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