



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. (Sir 3:17-18)

**OFFICE CLOSED
LABOR DAY
Monday, September 2nd**

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 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. Kenneth Boller, S.J. (Pastor) - 204

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

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Chair);

Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Belinda Conway

Karen DeMasi; Patrick Egan; Andrea Foley-Murphy

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.

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, September 7th

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

Sunday, September 8th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Kenneth Boller, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. John Mulreany, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, 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, Carl Wassmann

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

Mary Alice Boller, Dagoderto Gomez, Rafael Iglesias, Astrid Lonnberg, Christopher M. Patterson, Luis Poblete, Christopher B. Mills M.D, James Ranello, Toni Spinelli, Albert Waszok, 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 desk of Robert Choiniere

Jesus' primary audience was adults. He engaged people in the midst of their lives, inviting them to reimagine their relationships, allegiances and affiliations. He encouraged grown adults to reorder their lives around a set of principles and beliefs that stood in complete contrast to the social order, both religious and political, that defined the world in which they lived.

Jesus addressed people who experienced complexity and conflict, people who sometimes betrayed their own deepest selves in order to survive or succeed, people who longed for something more real in the midst of powerful forces that sought selfish ends, and people whose ideals had been tested and whose spirits had been broken by injustice and incongruity between proclaimed belief and behaviors.

It is within this fray of adult complexity that Jesus emerged as the Incarnation of the living God, articulating a hopeful vision and a mission unadulterated and uncompromising. His words pierced the din of hypocrisy and callousness and spoke directly to longing hearts trapped in a culture of power, exploitation and exclusion. How do we, as modern-day disciples, hear those same words in our own lives? How do we order our lives according to this enduring vision and open our hearts in the midst of complexity?

For many Catholics, we learned about Jesus and the Christian message as children. We learned the basic principles but often Confirmation became our "graduation" from religious education. But, as our lives change and develop, these early lessons are often not a sufficient framework to evaluate our current experiences and continue along the journey of discipleship. How do we continue to incorporate Jesus and his gospel into our lived experience? How do we continue to choose Christ each day and deepen our understanding of the God who abides with us?

A primary role of a Catholic community is to provide a deeper understanding of Christ's teachings and to help all disciples discover how God is calling each of us into deeper relationship. Here at Xavier, we are committed to providing opportunities for spiritual growth, study and renewal. Through RCIA, spiritual direction, Bible study, social justice education, retreats, small faith sharing groups and more, parish leaders and staff strive to engage adults in their faith. Throughout the year many ministries at Xavier offer opportunities for parish members to dive deeper into the Catholic tradition, to meet and engage others, to renew our commitments and live out our convictions. We invite you to take the next step in your faith journey with us as we strive to live the Gospel in the midst of our complex world.

For more information on adult formation opportunities contact Robert Choiniere (rchoiniere@sfxavier.org) or Luz Marina-Diaz (lm Diaz@sfxavier.org). Also, look for opportunities in the parish bulletin, on the parish website, at the Xavier Facebook page. You can also join our weekly parish email update by sending a request to Stephanie Fuentes (sfuentes@sfxavier.org).

IGNITIAN SOLIDARITY NETWORK NEWARK CATHOLIC ACTION FOR IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

Join this national prayerful direct action in Newark, New Jersey from 10 AM to 12 PM on Wednesday, September 4, 2019. National organizations are partnering with local groups from New York and New Jersey, some of whom have been ministering to the people in detention and advocating on this issue for over 20 years. New Jersey has a Federal ICE office connected to the system of detaining children and the obstruction of reuniting children with their families. New Jersey also has four immigration detention centers, incarcerating as many as 2,500 people. This event is in anticipation of the Feast of the Nativity of Mary (Sept. 8th). To let organizers know that you are planning to attend the prayer service and/or participate in civil disobedience, please register at the following website

<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/event/newark-catholic-action-for-immigrant-children/>

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 lm Diaz@sfxavier.org

Register at RCIA

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

XAVIER YOUTH MINISTRY kicks off Sunday, September 8th at 10 AM in X-Café in Xavier High School and continues with a Carnival in Keenan Commons ending at 12:30 pm. All Xavier Youth Ministry youth and their parents are invited for Intro, Registration and Carnival fun! Questions: Email to youthministry@sfxavier.org or call XYM Coordinator *Philip Waldrop* at 973-214-6589, or *Luz Marina Diaz* in the parish office 212-267-2100.

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/>

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

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

If you're interested in being a part of the Music Ministry at St. Francis Xavier in 2019-20, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Director of Music Ministries: John Uehlein (juehlein@sfxavier.org or 646-573-0099)

THE SUNDAY 5PM SCHOLA CHOIR: This Schola/Choir sings at the Sunday 5PM mass along with our instrumental Xavier Players under the direction of John Uehlein and Jackie Perez. The singers rehearse on Sunday afternoons at 3:45 along with the instrumentalists. This is the newest singing group at St. Francis Xavier. Commitment, the ability to read music and the ability to carry a tune and to hold a harmony part is required.

THE XAVIER PLAYERS AT THE SUNDAY 5PM INSTRUMENTAL MINISTRY: Do you play an instrument? Would you like to be a part of the Music Ministry at St. Francis Xavier? We are looking for competent (intermediate to advanced) instrumentalists now. Woodwinds, strings, brass and percussion are exciting additions to the musical prayer we present at our liturgies. We are especially seeking a percussionist. The Sunday 5 liturgy is our instrumental mass and we rehearse at 3:45PM before the liturgy. Space is limited.

THE SFX ADULT CHOIR: It's time to join up! Service is our password and having fun while preparing liturgy is our way. Faith is our fuel. The St. Francis Xavier Choir is looking for new members now. A pleasant voice, the ability to sing in harmony, and showing up regularly are the only requirements. Reading music is a plus, but not a necessity. Rehearsals are Thurs. night from 7-9 and we sing at the 11:30 service on Sundays as well as high holidays throughout the year.

THE FAMILY FAITH CHOIR: This choir under the Direction of Jacqueline C. Perez, Assistant Director of Music is an inter-generational choir with members, both children and adults. All voice types are welcome: children, teens, sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. The Family Faith choir sings at the 9AM mass meeting for rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 8AM for breakfast and singing, For more information or to schedule an audition please contact the Assistant Director of Music: Jacqueline C. Perez: jperez@jesuits.org.

THE BELL CHOIR: The bell choir has room for ten ringers and we are presently at capacity. We invite you to enjoy their music making throughout the year.

We're looking for photos for a digital keepsake album we're creating for Fr. Dan! If you have photos of yourself or any other Xavier parishioners with Fr. Dan, please email them to us at pastoralcouncil@sfxavier.org. Feel free to include any notes or messages you'd like to share with Fr. Dan as he continues his ministry in Lebanon.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
AT THE
WELCOME TABLE
TODAY SEPT. 1ST!**

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.

THE GAY CATHOLICS FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW SEASON WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH AT 6:45PM IN THE MARY CHAPEL.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AS WE GREET A NEW SEASON.



Grant me, O Lord, to see everything now with new eyes, to discern and test the spirits that help me read the signs of the times, to relish the things that are yours, and to communicate them to others.

*-Pedro Arrupe, SJ
28th Superior General of
the Society of Jesus*

Please attend our information session to learn more about our ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life) programs

INFORMATION SESSION 2019-20

- Spiritual Direction
- Group Spiritual Direction
- Spiritual Exercises: 19th Annotation
- Advent Retreat
- Lenten Retreat
- Stations of Light
- Applications
- Interviews

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 1:30 PM
IN THE CHURCH**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 6:30 PM
IN THE MARY CHAPEL**

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



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

Mindfulness. Let’s start the Season of Creation this Sunday by being mindful of our footprints of carbon, plastic, and of trash! Yes, mindfulness regarding our trash.

Here at Xavier, we will do that by revving up the recycling and introducing compostable serving ware to replace plastic for social occasions. May this encourage all of us to do the same in our living and work spaces. Being more intentional about what we throw in the trash is the key.

Have you ever wondered where that coffee cup, cereal box or plastic bag ends up? Or what to do with your old VCR or no-longer-used clothes or bedding or other “stuff”?

Or, when there is a recycling system, which bin it goes in? “It’s complicated,” as parishioner Paul commented last Sunday as he paused to figure out where to put his empty coffee cup in the new bins.

Sadly, most of our trash ends up in landfills, dumped into the ocean, or, more recently, piled up and burned in Third World neighborhoods. When we throw our stuff out, let us be mindful of where out is. Let’s try putting as much thought into disposing of our “stuff” as we do when buying it.

Old habits die hard, but we no longer go without seat belts, or leave the dog poop on the sidewalk. Disposing of our stuff intentionally and responsibly requires effort and time. Making it a habit will take less of both. Doing it prayerfully will lighten the load.

Let’s start by being more conscious consumers who REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE and REFUSE. Refuse the plastic straw, bag, deli container or coffee cup lid; refuse to buy into the latest “must-have” items. When discarding items, spend the extra few seconds to rinse the recyclables where possible and to throw them in the correct recycling bin – whether at home, at work, in a fast food restaurant, or here at church. Find out where electronics and other household items can be recycled. New York City has a 0 x 30 goal, which is Zero landfill by 2030. Let’s be part of it and protect the wonderful Web of Life that God has given us.

Check out the Environment Ministry table for information.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

TWENTY-SECOND MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 1 Thess 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30.

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

7:45AM: JOSEPH SHAMMAS (D)
12:05PM: CHRISTOPHER MILLS, M.D. (D)

TWENTY-SECOND WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Col 1:9-14; Luke 4:38-44.

7:45AM: FRANK POMER (D)
12:05PM: MIRIAM HOLMES BIERWIRTH (D)

TWENTY-SECOND THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Col 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05AM: CIGANEK FAMILY (L)

TWENTY-SECOND FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Col 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39.

7:45AM: KEN HOUSE (D)
12:05AM: CHRISTOPHER M. PATTERSON (D)

TWENTY-SECOND SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Col 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5.

12:05PM: FR. GEORGE WITT (L)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Wis 9:13-18b; Philem 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33.

YOU MAY RESERVE AN AVAILABLE MASS FOR YOUR INTENTIONS BY CONTACTING THE PARISH OFFICE AT 212-627-2100.

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

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