



# CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

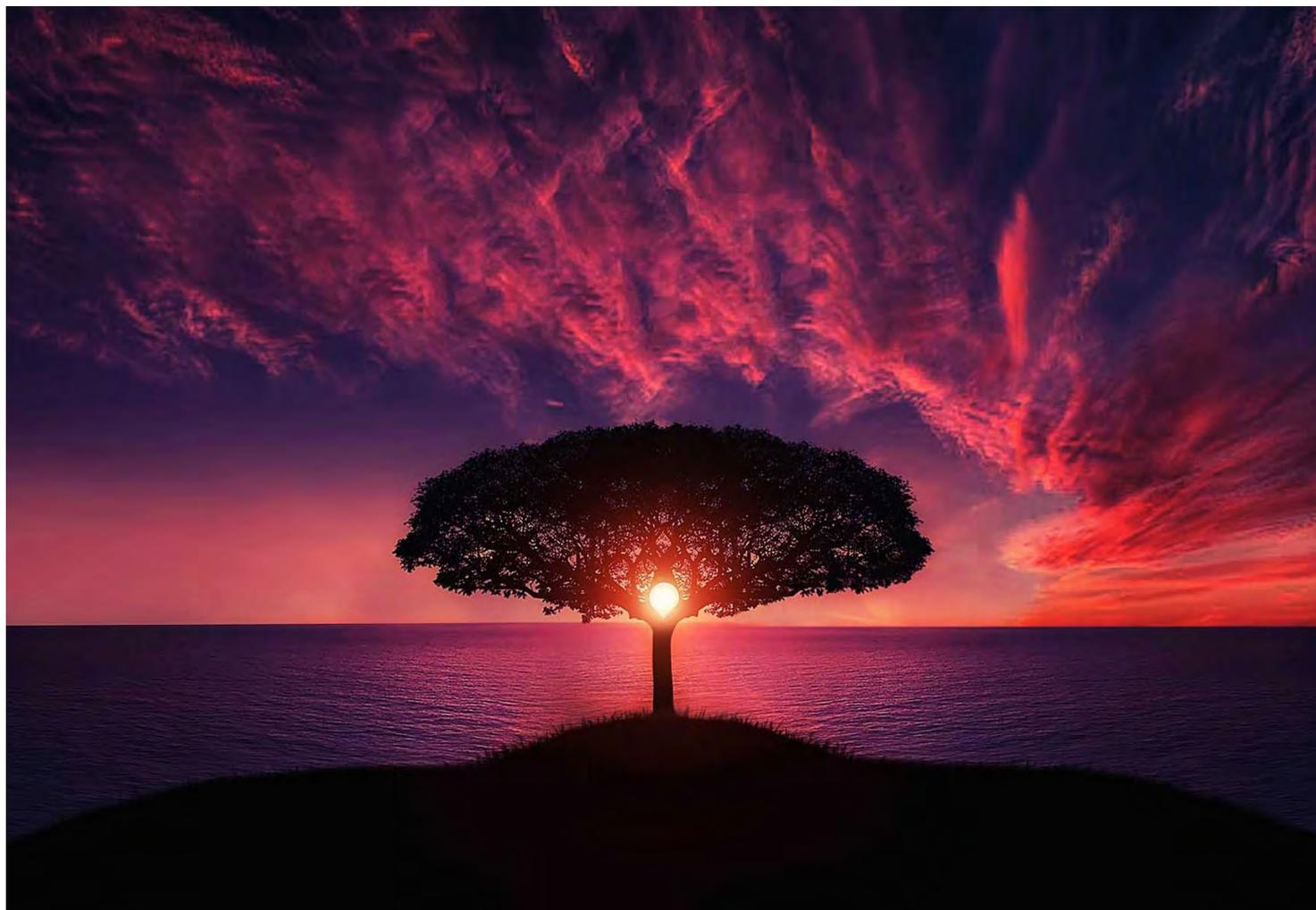
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Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
(PS 90:14)

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
to benefit the Xavier Mission

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 8, 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, 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. 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

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Receptionist — 201

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

## ***Pastoral Council***

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Chair);

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Karen DeMasi; Patrick Egan; Andrea Foley-Murphy

Michelle Jung; John Karle; Ron Oberdick;

[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 7:00 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](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, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Kenneth Boller, 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 Fr. Dan*

We are delighted to welcome Fr. Ken Boller as pastor of the parish of St Francis Xavier. Fr. Ken knows the Xavier community well, having worked at Xavier High School as a teacher, as principal, and as president. During those years he helped at the parish and knows the particular gifts of our community. Fr. Ken also served as pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Harlem, so he is very familiar with the role of pastor. So it is appropriate for us to say to Ken: “Welcome Home.”

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There are several important activities happening in the next few months that deserve your attention.

- First, we are celebrating the “Season of Creation” along with the Church throughout the world. Pope Francis has invited all the Church to remember our integral call to live responsibly in this amazing universe. There are many events offered at Xavier and at other parishes to remember and deepen our commitment to this essential task of the Gospel.
  - Second, we are continuing our work as a parish to address systemic racism in our parish, and nation. On Sept 29 at 1pm we will welcome Fr. Bryan Massingale, Professor at Fordham University to speak about “Racial Justice and the Catholic Church.” Then on Nov 10 we will welcome Dr. Craig Ford, a professor at Norbert College in Minnesota to run a racial justice workshop.
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Finally, on a personal note, I am overwhelmed with gratitude to all of you in the Xavier parish community. Two years ago I arrived here as a recently ordained priest and you have taught me about how to live the Gospel, and my vocation with authenticity and vigor. Your commitment to living your faith in the difficult circumstances of our world is an inspiration.

I am aware that the sins and sinful structures of the Church make it difficult to identify as Catholic, or as a person who takes their faith seriously. However, our community offers a safe haven from the loud and angry voices that often define religious discourse. We are not perfect, but we aspire to be a haven of love and welcome, a place where the Gospel is lived, and from which the love of God and neighbor is preached. We do the very real work of making a home.

I give thanks to you, “so great a cloud of witnesses,” for having taught and inspired me these years. Allow the Spirit to keep singing through you, for She is beautiful and filled with life. Let us keep each other in prayer as we continue our journey together into the peace and love of the embrace of God.

### **PAY IT FORWARD 9/11 AND DOCUMENTARY SCREENING WED. SEPT 11**

On the upcoming anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, you’re invited to join the 18th annual Pay it Forward 9/11, by performing three good deeds for strangers that day. Learn more at <http://payitforward911.org>. The initiative was founded by Xavier parishioner Kevin Tuerff. You’re also invited to a related, one-time documentary screening at 7pm Wed. Sept 11 at Regal Union Square movie theater, 850 Broadway. “You Are Here - A Come From Away Story” is a documentary which goes deep into the community of Gander, Newfoundland where 38 airliners carrying over 6,500 passengers were forced to land after the terrorist attacks on 9/11. The film pulls back the emotional layers surrounding the five days during which the community housed, fed and cared for the dislocated passengers from 90 countries.

While their stories inspired the Broadway musical *Come From Away*, the documentary, *You Are Here*, offers first-hand accounts (including Tuerff’s) of the great kindnesses and energetic resourcefulness the community showed their unexpected guests. Their emotional and sometimes humorous stories of compassion and generosity, resonate with a legacy of healing and reconciliation for the world. Tickets are \$12.50 each.

To purchase tickets or find alternate locations, visit <http://youareheredoc.com>

# Why We Need Your Support

Thank you for your generous support this past fiscal year that ended on August 31<sup>st</sup>. You might ask, “Does the parish really need my gift? Does my weekly financial contribution make any difference? What are the parish’s expenses? ” Without your support we simply would not be the vibrant parish community that we are today. Our operating expense budget for the fiscal year that started on September 1<sup>st</sup> is \$2.49 million. Below is a breakdown of our budgeted expenses and the ways your support is needed and does make a difference. We need your increased financial support in the coming year through your Sunday offertory, maintenance 2<sup>nd</sup> collection, and Christmas and Easter gifts to ensure we cover these expenses.



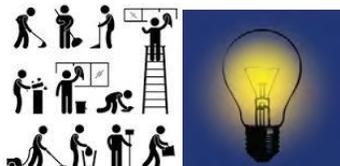
**Clergy and Lay Administrative/Maintenance Salary & Benefits:** The budget of \$680,746 includes the salary and benefits costs of our two priests, four full time and seven part-time lay administrative and maintenance employees, and stipends for visiting priests. Benefits include healthcare and retirement costs and payroll related taxes. Living expenses plus travel and retreat allowances are also included for our priests.

**Restoration Loan:** The parish borrowed \$6 million in 2009 to fund part of the restoration expenses for the interior portion of the church. We will make principal and interest payments of \$556,000 annually until the loan is paid off in March 2021.



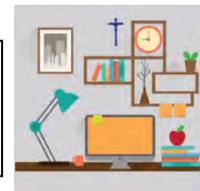
**Archdiocesan Assessments:** The Archdiocese funds its pastoral and administrative functions through an assessment on all Parishes equal to 8% of revenues. Our assessment for this year is \$170,826. We also contribute \$244,000 annually to support elementary schools within the Global Regional School System of the Archdiocese.

**Music Ministry:** Our budget of \$202,234 funds the salaries and benefits of the Director and Assistant Director of Music, stipends for Cantors, musicians for special liturgies, upkeep of our organ, pianos & hand bells, the purchase of music related supplies and equipment, and our Performing Arts at Xavier musical events.



**Maintenance, Repairs, and Utilities:** The budget of \$107,500 covers our maintenance and repair expenses of \$62,000 and our utilities expenses of \$45,500. The utilities include the electricity used for lighting, powering office equipment and air conditioning, the steam used for heating, telephone and internet services.

**Support Expenses (Non-salary):** Our Support Expenses budget of \$130,500 covers a wide range of expenditures in support of the operations of the church and back-office. These expenses include copier, printing, computer, postage, office supplies, flowers & decorations, liturgical & sacristy supplies, and fees paid to our parish accountant and FaithDirect.



**Religious Education:** Our Religious Education budget includes both our Family Faith and RCIA programs. The budget of \$143,569 covers the salary and benefits of our Director of Religious Education, stipends for catechists and guest speakers, books & supplies, and other program costs.

**Insurance:** To minimize the financial loss from a property damage or liability claim we purchase a wide variety of insurance policies. Our budget of \$74,000 includes the costs of our property, flood, earthquake, liability, employee dishonesty & crime, and equipment breakdown policies in addition to the retainer paid to our insurance consultant.



**Other Program Expenses:** The budget of \$185,233 includes expenses not covered above such as our Spiritual Direction and Stewardship Programs, special events, food & beverages, stipends for guest speakers and charitable contributions to other organizations.

# 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](mailto:lm Diaz@sfxavier.org)

Register at RCIA

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

## PRAYER SERVICE TO END GUN VIOLENCE

Please join *The Women Who Stayed* on **September 15<sup>th</sup>** in the Mary Chapel from 1:00-2:00 to pray to end gun violence.



After the prayer service, we will have some time to socialize and share hopes and ideas for the coming year. All are welcome!

# THIS SUNDAY

**10:00am**- Join the Xavier Youth Ministry as they celebrate their Carnival kick off in the X-Cafe(Xavier High School).

**1:30pm**- ISEL(Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life) will be hosting an info session in the Church. Can't make it this Sunday? ISEL will host another info session on 9/10 at 6:30pm in the Mary Chapel.

**3:30pm**- Info Session for Christian Life Communities will be held in the West Room.

**5:00pm**-Join us at Fr. Dan Corrou's last Mass followed by a Farewell Reception in Hurtado Hall.

Representatives from the Jesuit Mission in Bachajon located in Chiapas, Mexico will be in the foyer of the Church after the 11:30am mass to explain their work in accompanying the Tseltal-Maya indigenous community through development of the native Church, education, re-construction of the social fabric, and a unique solidarity economy based on group cooperatives for coffee producers and their families.

## SAVE THE DATE

**September 21<sup>st</sup>**- Fr. Ken Boller's Installation Mass(5:00pm Mass) and reception. Please RSVP to [sfuentes@sfxavier.org](mailto:sfuentes@sfxavier.org).

**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](mailto: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.**

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## JESUIT FRIENDS AND ALUMNI SUNDAY

**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
5:00pm Mass**

Join Jesuit educated grads and friends of the Jesuits for the fifth annual Jesuit Friends and Alumni Sunday! The event will be an opportunity for alumni and friends of Jesuit schools to share our common bonds through the celebration of liturgy, followed by a reception highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community.

Jesuit Alumni Sunday was started five years ago as a way of bringing together alumni of Jesuit schools and friends of the Jesuits across the generations to rekindle their connection with the Society and each other. Liturgies are followed by receptions where participants can learn about the Ignatian programming in their area and meet program representatives.

**REGISTER:**

<https://www.jesuitseast.org/alumnisunday>

## TENANT'S RIGHTS MEETING

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>  
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.

**IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC) – EXPERIENCE MAKING A DIFFERENCE.** Join IVC and become a contemplative in action in the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits! IVC volunteers are adults over 50 years of age who offer their life skills and experience one to two days a week to directly serve those in need. Volunteers gather monthly to prayerfully reflect on their service and to deepen their spirituality in the Ignatian tradition. There is also the opportunity for spiritual guidance.

Interested? Contact *Maureen Fullam*, Regional Director at 917-859-0928 or email [mfullam@ivcusa.org](mailto:mfullam@ivcusa.org) and visit our website: [www.ivcusa.org](http://www.ivcusa.org)



## SEASON OF CREATION

Have you noticed the new recycling and trash bins in the church or the compostable serving ware at the Petite Soiree? These are initiatives that are part of the Greening of the Parish Project for this Season of Creation.

New signage should make clear what trash goes in what bin. If you have questions, ask one of the Environment Ministry members. When disposing of your trash, think “clean” as in clean sorting - mixing contaminates the whole bag for recycling – and cleaner garbage – it’s helpful if food containers can be rinsed and soiled paper goes in the trash. It’s also helpful if we don’t throw liquids or ice in the trash. Use the sinks! Our current recycling problem with trash backed up in mounds at recycling centers came from Asian countries refusing to take our recyclables that were not sorted properly and were dirty. Let’s clean up our act! Let’s be intentional about it.

Three and sometimes four separations:

**BLUE** is for metal i.e. soda cans; and plastics that hold their form i.e. plastic bottles, plastic cups\*, coffee cup lids, plastic utensils\*, rinsed food take-out containers. Yes to aluminum foil. No to plastic bags and 6-pack plastic rings. \* NO biodegradable/compostable cups, plates or utensils made of alternative materials like corn bamboo, or sugar cane should go in this bin. (They are not plastic!)

**GREEN** is for (clean) paper, newspaper, paper cups. (Pizza boxes or other cardboard can be left behind or to the side of the bin).

**BLACK** is for everything else, but it’s really helpful to cleaning staff if no liquids or ice.

**BROWN** is for compost. Compost bins will be available at the socials. Care needs to be taken to ONLY put compostable serving products and food in them. Composting helps regenerate plant life!

**CAUTION:** If in doubt, put it in the trash. Mixing non-recyclables with recyclables results in the whole bag being put in the trash for landfills. Same is true for putting non-compostable material in the compost bin. It contaminates the composting system. Compostable plastic-looking cups, glasses and serving ware go in the trash if there is no compost bin available. They are not recyclable plastic.

**Remember: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Refuse (straws, plastic bags etc.). Contribute to a flourishing Web of Life! And a towards a trash-free planet. Visit the Environment Ministry table for more information.**

*The St. Francis Xavier Environment Ministry & Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement invites you to*

### A SEASON OF CREATION RETREAT: THE WEB OF LIFE

**WITH CHRISTINA LEANO,**

*Associate Director of the Global Catholic Climate Movement*

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 14, 9 AM – 1 PM MARY CHAPEL**

*Need to lift your spirits and deepen your spiritual grounding in the face of devastating environmental news? This retreat is for you. It will focus on the theme of this year’s Season of Creation: protecting the Web of Life.*

We feel special gratitude that Christina can be with us for this retreat. All are welcome. Free will offering.

RSVP required. [SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:SFXEnvironmentMinistry@gmail.com). More info: [n.lorence2013@gmail.com](mailto:n.lorence2013@gmail.com)

## Scriptures & Announced Masses

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

**MONDAY~FEAST OF ST. PETER CLAVER:**  
Col 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11.

7:45AM: JOAN PATRICIA DEAN (D)  
12:05PM: JAMES RANELLO (D)

**TWENTY-THIRD TUESDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Col 2:6-5; Luke 6:12-19.

7:45AM: ROBERT L. BEAUCHEMIN (D)  
12:05PM: MOHINI P. CHHATTANI (D)

**TWENTY-THIRD WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Col 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)  
12:05PM: CHRISTOPHER MILLS, M.D. (D)

**TWENTY-THIRD THURSDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Col 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38.

7:45AM: AYNELSA DE LEON (D)  
12:05AM: JASON VERMONTY (D)

**FRIDAY~FEAST OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM:** 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42.

7:45AM: MARY & GEORGE DEAN (D)  
12:05AM: STANLEY LEPISKO (D)

**SATURDAY~FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS:** Num 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; John 3:13-17.

12:05PM: ELIZABETH FERRARI (D)

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME:** Exod 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32.

**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

**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)