



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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**ENLIGHTEN THE EYES OF OUR HEARTS, THAT WE MAY
KNOW WHAT IS THE HOPE THAT BELONGS TO OUR CALL.
(EPH 1:17-18)**



*SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Propagation of the Faith*

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

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

Staff

Rev. Kenneth Boller, S.J. (Pastor) - 204

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

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) —
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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);

Patrick Egan (Vice Chair);John Karle (Secretary)

Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Belinda Conway;

Karen DeMasi; Andrea Foley-Murphy Michelle Jung;

Ron Oberdick;

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

Mon-Thur: 10:00am to 4:00pm Fri: 10:00am-1:00pm

Saturday: 11:30am to 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am to 6:00pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices and Space Requests send
e-mails to sfxbulletin@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's Presider Schedule

NEXT SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass: John Mulreany, SJ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 am Mass: Kenneth Boller, SJ

11:30 am Mass: Thomas Feely, SJ

5:00 pm Mass: John Mulreany, SJ

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Sari Bartling, Judy Cole, Sr. Joan Curtin,
Dorothy Danzi, Ellen Diurova, Kathleen Friel,
Juan Garcia, Jeanne Grimaldi, The Kamus Family,
Richard Kielar, Mary Korba, Marco Leal Sr.,
Manny Lopez, Joyce Maresea, Hector Moran,
Michael Orza, Anne Sheridan and
Patricia Stella-Rivera

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

Richard Baldelli, David Bays, Paul Begley,
Josephine Cavallaro, Fr. James J. Fedigan S.J.,
Catherine Garbowski, Joseph Gatto, Gloria Landorno,
Hugh Rohrer, Stanley Simon, Elizabeth Walton
Simpson, and William Vericker

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 Pastor's Desk

In the past week we have had another political convention, another police shooting followed by riots and violence, more fires in the West and severe hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico.

Reading the signs of the times and hearing the call of the Gospel as our scriptures call us to do is as urgent now as it was in the time of Jerimiah and Jesus. Our bulletin today offers a variety of opportunities to work for racial healing and environmental justice. We're reminded to register for the census and to vote so that our voices may be heard.

As we resume our various ministries after Labor Day, some in person, some virtually and some, like Family Faith, blended, let us respond generously, like Jerimiah, to the call to prophecy.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Help Envision Church Art that Embraces Our Multi-Racial and Multi-Cultural Community

Among its many blessings, the community of The Church of St. Francis Xavier enjoys coming together in a beautiful sacred space. The church we gather in today was completed in 1878. It was built by the immigrants who, having mostly arrived from Europe, settled in the neighborhood around 14th St. Not surprisingly, the church architecture and art reflect their European roots.

The vibrancy and richness of the original artists' work - the bricks and mortar, and the art - has been handed down to us, the current stewards of the parish community.

As our community has grown to include what Mayor David Dinkins called the "gorgeous mosaic" of peoples that is New York City, it is time that our church art and iconography reflect who we are as a community and who we hope to become. We desire that our art and architecture reflect the diversity of the communion of saints and so provide a more welcoming, inclusive space to people of every racial and ethnic background.

The process of identifying the saints to honor and the art forms that depict them must be communal. A first step is for members of the community who have expertise in areas pertinent to these twin tasks, and other skilled contributors from beyond SFX, to develop a series of options for the broader community to consider.

Might you be called to join this communal effort? If so, consider offering your gifts in these areas of expertise as part of a committee of Xavier parishioners and others who will develop a series of options for the broader community to consider. If you are interested - or if you have questions - please email the Pastoral Council expressing interest and letting us know the expertise you bring to the effort. PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org. We are hoping the group will convene shortly after Labor Day.



VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



FAMILY FAITH PROGRAM

Registration for the Family Faith Program is open to all children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. For information about the program and to register, visit the website <https://www.xavierfamilyfaith.org/>

Due to the pandemic, we have adopted a family faith model that combines some in-person classes, some home classes, and some events for everyone via zoom on special occasions. Each month, catechists will send parents the lesson plan and activities for the home lessons. In-person classes are limited to three grades at a time each Sunday. This year we will also offer special religious education classes for children in Autism Spectrum. To learn more about special religious education classes, contact *Lori Legano* at lorilegano@gmail.com

CATECHISTS

The program needs catechists. If you are interested in sharing your faith with children and/or adolescents, contact the director of religious education *Luz Marina Diaz* at [lmdiaz@sfxavier.org](mailto:lm Diaz@sfxavier.org)

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, September 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
“Mary Oliver’s ‘The Other Kingdoms’” via Zoom

“Consider the other kingdoms. The trees, for example, with their mellow-sounding titles: oak, aspen, willow. . .” We will dive into the inspiring life and poetry of Mary Oliver. This Pulitzer-Prize winner has touched countless readers with her brilliant verse. With her love for the physical world and her deeply spiritual understanding of nature, her work is timeless.

Join us for this discussion. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (929) 333-5011 for the Zoom link.

**RCIA 2020-2021 WILL START ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 FROM
1 PM TO 3 PM IN THE X-CAFE.**

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
(RCIA) is for:**

1. Anyone who has never been baptized.
2. Anyone who has been baptized into another Christian faith and would like to convert to the Roman Catholic faith.
3. Anyone who was baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.
4. Any Catholic who has received all the sacraments but would like to deepen his or her faith by attending the RCIA sessions.

If you want to be part of the RCIA 2020-2021 process please fill out the below form. Due to the pandemic, we are following some policies and practices for social distancing for in-person gatherings at Xavier that will be shared with all RCIA participants.

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

The Archdiocese of New York takes stewardship of your donations seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct, please report your concerns via a toll-free hotline at 877-820-0541 or on the internet at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day.



SEASON OF CREATION

We begin this year's Season of Creation in the midst of a global pandemic, massive unemployment, and racial tensions, and with climate change already impacting many communities in the U.S. and around the world. We're awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with one another and with creation.

This year's theme for the Season of Creation is "**Jubilee for Earth**", a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our relationship/commitments to God, to one another and to the earth and all of creation. We celebrate this Jubilee for Earth during the 5th Anniversary Year of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' encyclical that calls us to care for the earth and care for the poor and marginalized. During this anniversary year, Pope Francis has invited us to accelerate our actions over the next seven years to mitigate the crisis of global warming.

The Season starts with the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** on Tuesday, Sept. 1, and lasts through the **Feast of St. Francis of Assisi** on Oct. 4. It brings together thousands of Christians from around the world united with one purpose: to pray and care for creation, and commit to action.

Here at St. Francis Xavier, we will start the Season with special attention to caring for creation during the Masses on Sept. 5 and 6. Then, on Sept. 19, we look forward to participating - with proper social distancing - in the shore clean-up along the Hudson River. We hope you will join us later in September for a special webinar on environmental justice which will focus on the environmental impacts on low income communities and communities of color. To close the season, we invite you to participate in a prayer service for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 4.

During this period, we will inform you of webinars offered by the Global Catholic Climate Movement, the Catholic Climate Covenant, Climate Week NYC and other organizations. Please look for notices about these events in the coming weeks' bulletins.

Join us as we enter a time of repairing, restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that seeks radically new ways of living with creation and relating to one another.

***Note: For a guide for this year's theme, <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ARDojjURVRIYzj8EHlx4tlo9eaDo-bfh/view> . For a list of resources by denomination and a list of events, see www.seasonofcreation.com

Registrations are now open for Mass this weekend, August 29th and 30th. Reserve a seat by visiting our website at:

<https://sfxavier.org/news/weekend-mass-sign-up>

DEADLINE ON FRIDAYS AT NOON

OTHER WAYS TO MAKE A RESERVATION:

By email: massreservations@sfxavier.org Send an email with your name, the day and time of the mass, and the number of people who will be coming with you. You can reserve six seats (yourself and five family members.)

By phone: *Front Desk* at 212-627-2100 ext. 201

MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL MASSES. CHILDREN ABOVE THE AGE OF 2 YEARS OLD ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS.

THIS WEEKEND'S MUSIC



VIRTUAL MASS COMMUNITY

You are invited to join fellow parishioners in virtual community each Sunday for the live stream mass!

Each Sunday, a Zoom conference will be available for those who wish to join with others for the live stream mass at 11:30 am. The Zoom will open at 11:15 am for some socializing time before the mass. During the mass, the screen will be focused on the live stream. Participants will be able to see one another and share a sign of peace during the mass.

The Zoom link is:
<https://sfxavierparish.zoom.us/j/92250692524>



*"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.*

*Give me the clarity of understanding that you gave
Ignatius. "*

-- Pedro Arrupe, SJ

*Have you been trying to read the signs of the times?
Are you looking for clarity?
Have you felt challenged to see everything in our world
with "new eyes?"*

Developing your relationship with God can help to answer those questions. Speaking with a spiritual director can assist you in exploring those life areas which may need some clarity.

Come to an information session about

- Spiritual Direction
- The Spiritual Exercises (19th Annotation)
- The 18th Annotation Retreat (Advent, Lent and Easter)
- and more!

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH - 1:30PM
ON ZOOM**

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH - 6:30PM
IN ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH**

For more information contact :
Marie Bannister, 917-301-2426,
mariebannister1@gmail.com
Gerry Moss,gerrymoss@gmail.com

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
HAS ITS OWN SECTION OF
NICHERS AT THE OLD ST PATRICKS
CATHEDRAL. ON MULBERRY ST
IN MANHATTAN. IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED THERE ARE ONLY 11
NICHERS LEFT.**

Did you know that Cremation is an acceptable form of Christian burial?

Did you know that Cremated remains must be cared for reverently and properly interned in a sacred place?

Did you know that there is only one Catholic Cemetery in Manhattan? It is "The Basilica of Saint Patrick's "Old Cathedral at 263 Mulberry St New York N.Y. . Over a century ago due to lack of space the practice of interring on Basilica grounds was suspended and limited to the interment of former Catholic Pastors. The Basilica revised the tradition with the introduction of a Columbarium. Due to the overwhelming demand for the niches in the first outdoor Columbarium, more will be added to the Basilica's historical cemetery, as well as adding many more in the indoor catacombs. Each Columbarium will be hand built by stone artisans and contain niches for the internment of cremated remains. They will fit impeccably into the historic design of the Basilica creating a solemn refuge for the faithful departed and a sanctuary for the bereaved. The urns will be reverently placed inside a secured niche and memorialized with a granite stone face plate on which the names will be meticulously engraved.

THE COST FOR SFX IS \$9,995 FOR THE NICHE WHICH WILL HOLD 2 URNS. THE PRICE IS NOW SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER BUT WILL BE HONORED FOR OUR PARISHIONERS.

Want more information? Contact Peter Ranello who is a Trustee for St Francis Xavier at Peterranello@hotmail.com directly with your name and phone number to discuss. Peter will help coordinate a meeting at the Old St. Patricks Cathedral.

DISMANTLING RACISM PARTS I AND II

PART I DISMANTLING RACISM

Tuesday, September 1st 6:00pm via Zoom

Learn how to meditate and contemplate racism on a deeper level.

Develop the inner strength to confront race with compassion.

The instruction will end with a conversation surrounding the topic of race.

This workshop will be led by attorney Kara Dansky, founder of One Thousand Arms. She earned her J.D. from Penn Law School and her B.A. from John Hopkins. Dansky is also a certified meditation instructor.

Co-presented by the Xavier Interfaith and Yoga Ministries

Please rsvp to **Ko ko@Nyyogalife.com**

PART II DISMANTLING RACISM

Tuesday, September 8th 6:00pm via Zoom

Learn how to meditate and reflect on racism on a deeper level. Please bring your open mind and a piece of paper for journaling.

The instruction will end with some community sharing.

This workshop will be led by Ko Im, who leads the Yoga Ministry. She went to Columbia Journalism and has her meditation certification from the Nalanda Institute for Contemplative Science. She is a wellness and mental health advocate.

Co-presented by the Xavier Interfaith and Yoga Ministries

Please rsvp to **Ko ko@Nyyogalife.com**

Scriptures & Announced Masses

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Matt 16:21-27.

TWENTY SECOND MONDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: MARY DESANTIS (D)

TWENTY SECOND TUESDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37.

7:45AM: LEO & ANTOINETTE
BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM: JAMES MARSHALL COLLINS III
(D)

**TWENTY SECOND WEDNESDAY IN
ORDINARY** TIME: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44.

7:45AM:
12:05PM: FR. JOHN BUCKI, S.J. (D)

**THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST. GREGORY THE
GREAT:** 1 Cor 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: BARBARA ROBIDOUX-SHIENER
(D)

TWENTY SECOND FRIDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME:
1 Cor 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39.

7:45AM: AVAILABLE
12:05PM: REGINALD & MARGARET
OSBORNE (D)

TWENTY SECOND SATURDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5.
12:05PM: AVAILABLE

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Matt 18:15-20.

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](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

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTRY FOR THE SICK AND
HOMEBOUND: Eucharistic Ministers bring Communion
to parishioners who are sick, homebound, hospitalized, or
in care facilities in local proximity to Xavier. To arrange
visits or to become a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and
Homebound, please contact Nick Grimaldi at [nlgny@gmail.
com](mailto:nlgny@gmail.com). To arrange for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and/
or Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office.

INTERFAITH COMMITTEE: works toward ending
religious discrimination and persecution, through prayer,
education and other activities. Contact
Xavierinterfaith@gmail.com

LITURGICAL COMMITTEES: See website or
Contact Luz, LMDiaz@sfxavier.org

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](mailto: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 6:15pm. Open to all levels.
Contact Ko@nyyogalife.com

XAVIER YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: Spiritual, service, and
social activities for parishioners 20s-30s, and the young in
spirit. We meet every 3rd Sunday of the month in the West
Room after the 5pm mass. Contact [sfxavier.youngadults@
gmail.com](mailto:sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com)

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm.
Newcomers welcome. Contact Peggy & Paul
schubertnyc@gmail.com