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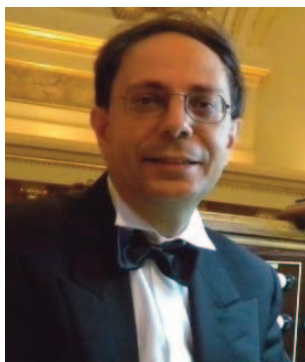
THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Lenten Musical Offerings



FIREWORKS IMPROVISATIONS

Sergio Militello

Organist Titulaire

at the Cathedral in Florence, Italy

*Assisted by the Music Ministry of St. Francis Xavier:
Choir, Bells, Mandolin and the Ignatian Schola*

Monday, March 5th

7:30 PM

Free – will offering



AN AMERICAN IDYLL:

*Celebrating American
Organ literature*

Gail Archer, organist

Friday, March 23rd

7:30PM

Free – will offering

“Archer is college organist at Vassar College, and director of the music program at Barnard College, Columbia University where she conducts the Barnard-Columbia Chorus. She serves as director of the artist and young organ artist recitals at NYC’s historic Central Synagogue.”



STABAT MATER BY PERGOLESI

Nicolás Dosman, conductor; Tom Colao, organist
*The combined choruses of St. Francis Xavier Family Faith,
Casita Sings, and the New York Festival Singers*

Friday, March 30th

7:30 PM

Free – will offering

Eucharist

Main Church

Saturday: 12:05 pm, 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses: 7:45 am, 12:05 pm

(All Masses are Handicapped Accessible)

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 2:00 to 3:00 in the Parlor
or by appointment with one of the priests.

Sacraments

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, just stop by the office
and fill out a registration form.

Staff

Joe Costantino, S.J. (Pastor) — 204

Cassandra L. Agredo

(Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

Patrick Brewis (Dir. of Stewardship) — 205

Stewardship Office — 206

Luz Marina Diaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207

Jacqueline Falco (Parish Manager) — 221

Peter Fink, S.J. (Associate Pastor) — 211

Stephanie Fuentes (Parish Secretary) — 222

Receptionist — 201

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Sandy Mattingly (Chair); Patricia Dahl (Vice-Chair);
Jim Fox; Phil Gutierrez; Bob Lepisko; Adel O'Regan;
David Pais; Ed Poliandro; Peter Ranello; Anne Sheridan



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 7:30 pm

Saturday: 11:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

NOTE: for Bulletin Notices send e-mails to sfuentes@sfxavier.org
and Space Requests send e-mails to jfalco@sfxavier.org

Deadline for bulletin copy—all copy should be in the office
by 4:00 pm on Monday afternoon.

Confessions are Saturdays at 2:00 pm

(Use 15th Street entrance)

**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.**

**Main Church Accessibility from 16th street during regular office
hours. Simply ring the bell on the two furthest entrances on the
West & East sides of the Church.**

The Third Annual Pilgrimage of New York

Saturday, March 24th

Rain Date: March 31st

Pilgrimage stops:

Church of St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

St. Patrick's Cathedral

Church of St. Francis Xavier

World Trade Center Memorial

For more information visit www.pofnyc.org

Catholic Lesbians

Friday, March 9, 2012

7:00 PM—9:00 PM

West Room

The history of the Catholic church is full of many female saints
who received recognition for great deeds or meritorious conduct.
Many lost their lives in defense of their faith, while others were
the mothers of important saints. Many were also honored for
their contributions to the church and their community.

Maria Formoso, Cynthia May and Joan O'Brien will lead this
discussion on official saints and those not recognized as such.

Please bring a beverage and/or snack to share, and contact
SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more
information.

Family Faith

March 2012

4th~ Family Mass at 9:00 am with the participation of the
Family Faith Choir and the 1st graders, parents and
catechists as Lectors, Hospitality Ministers and Eucharist
Ministers.

~Coffee Hour at 10:20 am - 11:20 am Mary Chapel with
Family Faith Parents on "Interfaith Marriage"

Lay Spirituality



**Dorothy Day
Speaker: Paul Elie**

**March 8th
7:00 pm
Main Church**

*Paul Elie, author of **THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN**, will be speaking about*

writer and activist, Dorothy Day. Founder of The Catholic Worker whose cause for sainthood was made by Pope John Paul II in 2000, Day is an icon in the peace and justice movement. Lay Spirits would like to extend a warm invitation to members of the Peace and Justice Committee and all like minded people to attend this evening's presentation.

Suggested donation: \$15

Recommended reading:

THE LIFE YOU SAVE MY BE YOUR OWN by *Paul Elie*

Liturgical Ministers

Holy Week

Saturday, March 31 to Sunday, April 8

Can you serve during Holy Week?

Fill out an Availability Survey!

Copies are located in the ministers' area by the Music Room. Return the survey by **March 11**. Email it to xavierministers@gmail.com, or put a paper copy in the envelope on the ministers' board by the **East Room**.



Thank you very much!

Peace & Justice Committee

FRACKING UPDATE

Thanks to all who signed the petition to ban fracking in New York State. We collected 375 signatures! The DEC received a record-breaking 60,000 comments in opposition to hydro-fracking and they are required by law to read each comment. That alone will delay any decision for at least a year!

This debate is far from over though, and advocates continue their work, raising awareness, pushing protective legislation, and encouraging the development of sustainable energy sources. Watch for further updates in the bulletin. We will take additional action when the opportunity arises. Thank you again for your support.

2012 Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal

You should have recently received a letter from *Archbishop Dolan*. Your generosity will help strengthen the following areas:

Needy Parishes and Schools	\$7.5 million
Academic and Spiritual Formation	\$5.5 million
Preparing Our Clergy	\$1.25 million
Retired Priests and Religious	\$1.25 million
Our Works of Charity	\$2.5 million
Specialized Services	\$1 million

Goal: \$72,000

Please make your gift online at
www.stewardshipappeal.org.

Our parish number is 70.

If you did not receive a letter, please contact **Stephanie** in the parish office at 212-627-2100 x222 or sfuentes@sfxavier.org.

Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Patrice Adcroft, Angela Coleman, Barb Christie, Pat Cummings, Ann Fenelon, Anna Galli, Carmen Jerome-Parks Hurko, Chere Krist, Sister Marcellus, Amora Ollivierre, Sally Paradysz, Jud Phelan, Eden Cooper Sage, Lucille Salamida, Teri Sheridan, Eleanor Flynn Sundaram, Dianne Weyers, Sr. Teresa Zarnowski

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

Graciela Alarcon, Richard Mack

May all those who have gone before us share the joys of eternal life. We also remember all those who have been killed or wounded through the violence of war.

**All prayer requests are listed for three weeks.
Please contact the parish office for an extension.**



LENTEN FOLDERS FOR MISSION

As we prepare to “give-up” or “give-to” this Lenten season, we encourage you to pick up a Lenten folder at the church entrance to assist you in whatever sacrifice you decide to make. Please consider “giving up” your daily second cup of coffee and, with the proceeds, “giving to” Xavier Mission. Alternatively, grab a folder and use it as a handy-dandy holder for all that loose change you find rolling around the streets of New York. All proceeds from the Lenten folders benefit the five community outreach program of the Mission—the Welcome Table, food pantry, shelter, clothing room, and Life-Skills Training & Empowerment Program. We could not continue this work without your help! We wish you a blessed and inspired Lenten season.

WANT TO DO SOMETHING MEANINGFUL THIS SPRING?

Planning for the next semester of L-STEP is underway! The Life-Skills Training & Empowerment Program is a 13-week, 25-session program that provides a supportive atmosphere, one-on-one mentoring and life-skills workshops for homeless individuals transitioning into independent living.

We are currently seeking the following:

- **MENTORS** willing to commit to seven Thursday evening sessions throughout the course of the semester, plus the Stepping Stones & Graduation Ceremony, to assist individuals with goal-setting, story presentation, and to being a compassionate presence in their lives
- **ADMIN VOLUNTEERS** to assist with administrative tasks including Contact Information Coordination, Communications, Program Research, Advancement/Fundraising

Please contact *Cassandra* at 212-627-2100, x208 for more information. Thanks!

SPONSOR AN L-STEP PARTICIPANT!

Are you interested in L-STEP but don't have the time to volunteer? Consider making a gift of your resources instead! L-STEP acts as a pathfinder, assisting homeless participants with setting goals for their lives and connecting them with the resources necessary to achieve their goals. In recognition of the intensity of the program and the commitment required, participants receive a small stipend and a round-trip MetroCard for each session. They also share a home-cooked meal at the start of each evening. The breakdown per participant is as follows:

Stipends	\$250.00 (\$10 per session, 25 sessions)
MetroCards	\$112.50 (\$4.50 MetroCard per session, 25 sessions)
Food	\$87.50 (\$3.50 per meal, 25 meals)
Supplies	\$ 25.00 (\$1.00 per session, 25 session)
Total	\$475.00

Will you consider sponsoring an L-STEP participant this year?

Our next semester begins on **March 20th**. If you cannot sponsor the full cost of a participant, please consider sponsoring a portion of the cost, as outlined above. Don't hesitate to contact *Cassandra* at 212-627-2100, x208 to discuss L-STEP volunteer and sponsorship opportunities!

LAST WEEK AT THE WELCOME TABLE

On Sunday, February 19th, the Welcome Table served 1,033 meals, 50 guests received clothing, 52 visited the chiropractor, and 22 received legal assistance from NYU Reach. As always, we thank all of you whose continued financial support and dedication make our work possible!
We couldn't do it without you!



Oxfam America International Women's Day

**Thursday, March 8th
6:30 pm
St. Francis College
180 Remsen Street
Brooklyn Heights, NY 11201**

Celebrate International Women's Day and recognize the contributions of women in fighting hunger and poverty, locally and globally.

Please RSVP at <http://iwdnyc2012.eventbrite.com>.

For more information:

newyorkcity@oxfamactioncorps.org



OFFICE OF STEWARDSHIP



THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO SWITCH!

For All Parishioners Still Using PARISHPAY

ACTION NEEDED: Our Parish Pay Account will close on **2/28/12**. For those who have not switched, you must enroll in **FAITH DIRECT** right away.

After February 28, no gift to the Church of St. Francis Xavier or Xavier Mission will be processed by ParishPay after that date as our **account will be closed**.

According to the many parishioners who have already made the switch to **Faith Direct**, it's a quick and simple process – and you'll be helping us streamline our finances into one secure, full-service system. Simply log on to www.faithdirect.net and make the switch like so many have already done. Our Church Code is **NY406** – you'll need that for your transition.

For All Parishioners Who Would Like To Begin Giving Online

ACTION NEEDED: For those who would like to start giving online you can enroll in **FAITH DIRECT** anytime.

Log on to www.faithdirect.net
Our Church Code is **NY406** –
you'll need that for your enrollment.

Faith Direct, the leading full-service E-giving program for the Catholic community, will provide much better service to you and save our parish money. If you use a credit card you will be eligible for frequent flier miles and other credit card benefits.

IMPORTANT END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENT INFORMATION

ParishPay will be emailing or mailing your end of year tax statements to you.

Faith Direct will be mailing to you as well. You may also log into your account at www.faithdirect.net and access your 2011 contributions, by clicking on the "View Giving History & Tax Statements" link. If you have any questions regarding statements you have received for all *other types of contributions*, please contact **Jacqui Falco** with any questions at 212.627.2100 x 221.

If you have any questions about the **Faith Direct** program, please do not hesitate to contact **Faith Direct** directly at their toll-free number: 866-507-8757. You may also contact them at info@faithdirect.net. Do not forget to delete your ParishPay account after registering with **Faith Direct**.

During Lent we are reminded of our call to be stewards with gifts of our time, talent, and treasure. At the Church of St. Francis Xavier we appreciate your gifts, regardless of how they come. Many of our parishioners have been using our electronic giving program, **Faith Direct**, to give their gifts of treasure. **Faith Direct** is an excellent way to support the parish while reducing the administrative costs of envelopes and saving precious time. It is simple and convenient for you too. To enroll in the **Faith Direct** program you may pick up an enrollment form in the parish office or enroll online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: **NY406**. You may also call them directly at
1-866-507.8757

I hope you will consider participating in this great program as it has been a wonderful means of support for our parish family. Again, thank you for your generosity.

Patrick Brewis, Director of Stewardship
212.627.2100 x 205

patrick.brewis@sfxavier.org
www.sfxavier.org

A Closer Walk with Jesus

*Prophetic Voices from the Pew Talk
about Their Faith™ presents*

**MARY ELLEN O'BOYLE: "Sexual Slavery.
Not in My Country!"**

Thursday, March 15, 2012

7:00 PM—9:00 PM

Mary Chapel

*How and can we end slavery in the United States?
Come and learn about this injustice.*

Mary Ellen O'Boyle, a Sister of Charity of New York and parishioner at St. Francis Xavier, is the anti-trafficking contact person for her congregation and a member of NY-CRC-STOP, a group of thirty-two religious congregations who have established a safe house for women rescued from sexual trafficking. This group works to eliminate trafficking by means of educational projects, speaking engagements and more. They are sponsoring a workshop at Fordham University in the Bronx on **Saturday, March 24**, on "*The True Cost of the Low Price: Labor Trafficking and Consumerism.*"

For more information, contact

ACloserWalkJesus@aol.com or (917) 297-6804. The speaker series is free and open to the public, though freewill donations will be accepted.

Lenten Carbon Fast 2012

Change our hearts this time, your word says it can be...

The Peace & Justice Committee and the **Office of Stewardship** invite you to spend some time during these weeks of Lent reflecting on your Carbon Footprint – the impact your life has on the earth and on all of humanity. Lent is a time to change our hearts and change our lives in ways that benefit all of God's creation.

In the weeks to come, we will offer examples of how our parish is working to reduce our carbon footprint and we will provide suggestions for changes you can make at home – some simple, some more challenging.

Our **Xavier Mission** has replaced paper towels in the Hurtado Hall bathrooms with energy-efficient hand dryers.

Try reducing your use of paper products at home by cleaning up spills with sponges or rags instead of paper towels, using cloth napkins instead of paper and minimizing the use of disposable paper cups or plates.

If you're interested, you can take a quiz to assess your carbon footprint at: <http://www.earthday.org/footprint-calculator>.



RCIA



Congratulations to this year's **Confirmation Class** who followed Jesus' commandment to "*Clothe the naked*" by organizing a coat drive last week. They collected 300 winter coats that will be keeping needy New Yorkers a bit warmer during these cold days. The class donated about 35 of the men's coats to our own Xavier Men's Shelter, and the remaining coats (men's, women's and children's) are being distributed through Catholic Charities. Many thanks to these students, **Paul Barnes, Hanley Donofrio, Viviana Laines, Russell Lofters, Collette O'Brien, Nicholas Rosado, Morgan Shahi**, for being such good examples of faith in actions!

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Scripture Readings For the Week

First Sunday of Lent : Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15. *God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood. The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now. Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.*

First Monday of Lent : Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Matt 25:31-46. *Judge your fellow man justly. Whatever you have done to the very least of my brothers, you have done to me.*

First Tuesday of Lent : Isa 55:10-11; Matt 6:7-15. *My word will do whatever I will. This is how you are to pray.*

First Wednesday of Lent : Jon 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32. *The Ninevites turned from their evil way. No sign will be given to this generation except the sign of Jonah.*

First Thursday of Lent : Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matt 7:7-12. *I have no protector other than you. Everyone who asks, receives.*

First Friday of Lent : Ezek 18:21-28; Matt 5:20-26. *Do I derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked, and not rejoice when he turns from his evil way that he may live. Go first and be reconciled with your brother.*

First Saturday of Lent : Deut 26:16-19; Matt 5:43-48. *You will be a people sacred to the LORD God. Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

Second Sunday of Lent : Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Luke 6:36-38. *We have sinned, been wicked and done evil. Forgive and you will be forgiven.*



AIDS Walk New York Sunday, May 20, 2012 Central Park

Once again Xavier will have a team involved with the GMHC AIDS Walk. AIDS Walk New York, the world's largest AIDS fundraising event, benefits Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) and over 30 other tri-state area AIDS service organizations. Last year we raised in excess of \$10,000.00.

As a parish we are organizing this project and would like to encourage as many individuals as possible to walk and/or contribute.

There are three convenient ways to register/donate for the walk: Visit the parish Facebook page and follow the link, on-line at www.aidswalk.net/newyork or call 212-807-9255.

**Be sure to use the Church of Saint Francis Xavier
Team's Number, #1250**

Ongoing Parish Happenings

ABILITY XAVIER: Celebrating persons with disabilities. Contact abilityxaviernewyork@gmail.com

ADULT ACTIVITIES: Meets 4th Wednesday of the month, 1pm. Contact **Paddy, 212-243- 8186**

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Second Friday of each month, 7 pm, West Room. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com, 917-297-6804

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**

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Contact **Katherine Cleary, krcoff5th@netzero.com**

FOOD PANTRY: distributes groceries to needy families 2nd Saturday of the month. Contact **Christine Raglan, 917-502-4759, sfxwelcometable@gmail.com**

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 **Luz, 212-627-2100 x 207, LMDiaz@sfxavier.org**

IT WAS THE WOMEN WHO STAYED: This brand-new ministry for women welcomes you! Contact TheWomenStayed@aol.com

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: Volunteers are available for at home/ hospital/ rehab parishoners. To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact **Beverly Musgrave, Bmusgrave@fordham.edu**

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE: Seeking to examine root causes of in justice and work towards a more just and sustainable world. All are welcome. For information, contact **John or Sylvia at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com.**

SHELTER: Volunteers needed every evening for primetime or overnight shifts. Please Contact **Jim English, sfxshelter@gmail.com**

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Our parish offers a number of spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. For further information contact **Rose Alloca, rallocca@hotmail.com** or **Marie Bannister, mariebannister1@gmail.com.**

WELCOME TABLE: Serves meals each Sunday. Volunteers prepare food between 8:45 AM & 11:30 AM or serve from noon to 3:30 PM. Contact **Christine sfxwelcometable@gmail.com, 917-502-4759**

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:
Contact www.sfxavier.org/youngadults

ZEN MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays at 7pm. Newcomers welcome. Contact **Peggy & Paul 212-260-2486, schubertnyc@gmail.com**

***See our WELCOME brochure for further details or Contact our Director of Stewardship Patrick.Brewis@sfxavier.org, 212.627.2100 x205**