



CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart —that is, the word of faith that we preach— for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10: 8-9)

OFFICE CLOSED

PRESIDENT'S DAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

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

SECOND COLLECTION
for the benefit of Xavier Mission

First Sunday in Lent

February 14, 2016

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 Handicapped 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. Joseph Marina, S.J. (Pastor) — 204
Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208
Luz Marina Díaz (Dir. of Religious Education) — 207
Rev. Peter Fink, S.J. (Associate Pastor) — 211
Stephanie Fuentes (Assistant to the Pastor) — 222
Moraima Hernandez (Plant Manager) - 201
James Martinez (Dir. of Stewardship and
Assistant for Financial Planning) - 205
Gregory Timmes (Assistant Dir. of Business) - 201
Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221
Rev. Sean Toole, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206
Receptionist — 201
John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

Jack Schmitt (Chair); Adel O'Regan (Vice-Chair);
Stephen Alfieri; Kathleen Cagnina; Patricia Dahl;
Phil Gutierrez; Bob Lepisko;
Deborah Olley Murphy (secretary); David Pais
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 7:30 pm

Saturday: 11:30 am to 6:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 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, February 20th

5:00pm Vigil: *Rev. Peter Fink, SJ*

Sunday, February 21st

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Sean Toole, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Joseph Marina, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Paula Acuti, Australia Baez, Jim Calimano, Alex Campbell, Kyle Chepic, Sheila Creasy, Louis DeFazio, Minnie Depalo, Carol Ferrone, David Fuentes, Joaquin Gager, Gary Gatza, Johnathan Gotay-Coban, Monsignor Neil Graham, Terri Harrington, Elizabeth Jones, Robyn Luisi, Dee Kelly, Robert Labissiere, John Marshall, Betty & Ron Miller, Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keeffe, Jake Ratcliffe, Riederman Family, Denyse Robinson, Cynthia Ruiz, Rocco Scura, Mary and Gabino Torres, Janet Townsend, Dr. John Sony Valentino, Molly Wolfe

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

Emelise Aleandri, Michael Allocca, Eugene Curtis, Joan Florio, John Guiliano, Judith S. Kaye, Patrick Loughlin, Sr. Jan McNabb, R.S.C.J., Thomas McManus, Barbara Mohr, Rachel Monteleone, Jim Murphy, Anthony Muto, Catherine O'Regan, Nelda Salas, Maxell Shief, Aidan Frank Stephens, Dr. Alex Wong

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.

EXAMEN: THE HEART OF IGNATIAN PRAYER

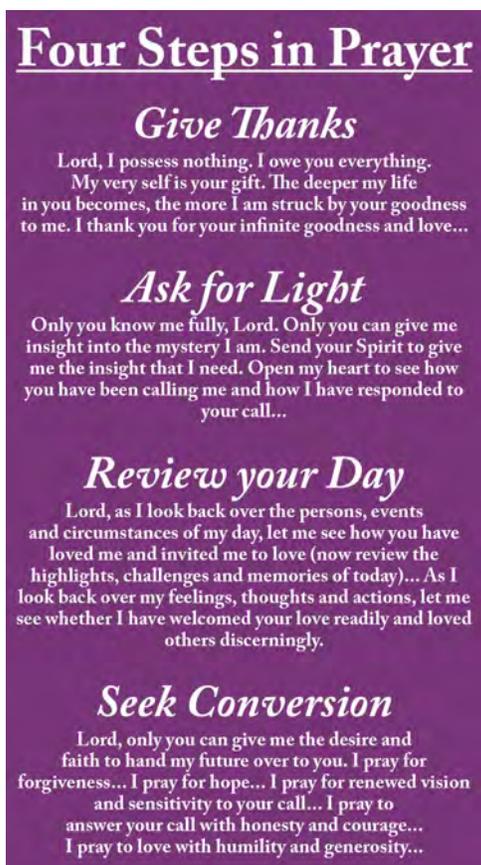
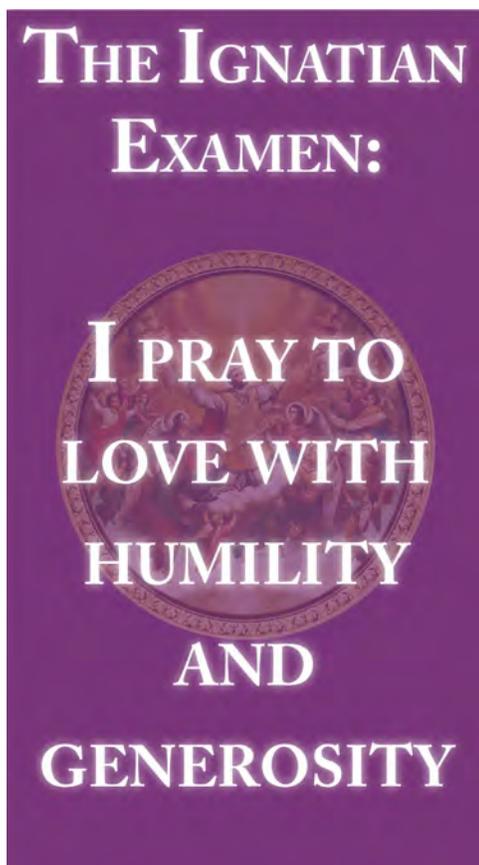
The “Examen” is a prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to discover God’s presence and discern the Spirit’s direction for us. It is an ancient practice in the Church that can help us see God’s hand at work throughout our daily experiences.

The method presented below was designed by St. Ignatius Loyola in his Spiritual Exercises. He was convinced that the Examen was a gift that came directly from God, and that God wanted it to be shared as widely as possible. One of the few rules of prayer that Ignatius made for the Society of Jesus was the requirement that Jesuits practice the Examen twice daily—at noon and at the end of the day. It’s a habit that Jesuits, and many other Christians, keep to this day.

Prayer cards like the one below outline the steps of the Examen and are now available in the church. I encourage you to begin practicing this wonderful Ignatian prayer and try to make it a daily habit. After Easter, the parish will offer opportunities to come together to share our experiences of using the Examen. In the meantime, please don’t hesitate to ask any of the Jesuits or members of our Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life (ISEL) ministry for more details.

I wish you much grace and peace as we move through Lent together.

Your servant,
Fr. Marina



From the Desk of Fr. Sean

The start of Lent. An opportunity to step back from the hectic bustle of “ordinary” time. Valentine’s Day notwithstanding, things appear stark in Lent. Ashes decorate our foreheads, bare branches our sanctuary. The season is designed to remind us of human immortality and divine immortality. Christ will rise, but only after we kill him.

Last week, my program director from the Graduate Theological Union passed away. This time last year, I was in his classroom. Rev. Dr. James Noel was a historian and scripture scholar who specialized in the African diaspora. Born in nearby Queens, he was revered throughout California’s Bay Area and known around the world.

Dr. Noel had another claim to fame: He was the first pastor of contemporary mystic Anne Lamott. From her celebrated memoir *Travelling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith*, here is Lamott’s account of returning to God:

If I were to give a slide show of the next ten years, it would begin on the day I was baptized, one year after I got sober. I called Reverend Noel at eight that morning and told him that I really didn’t think I was ready because I wasn’t good enough yet. Also, I was insane. My heart was good, but my insides had gone bad. And he said, “You’re putting the cart before the horse. So—honey? Come on down.” My family and all my closest friends came to church that day to watch as James dipped his hand into the font, bathed my forehead with cool water, and spoke the words of Langston Hughes:

*Gather out of star-dust
Earth-dust,
Cloud-dust,
Storm-dust,
And splinters of hail,
One handful of dream-dust
Not for sale.*

Indeed, the dust of our faith is not for sale; God offers it freely to all. At the Easter Vigil, our parish will joyfully witness that faith when we baptize and confirm the greatest number of new members in recent history. But during Black History Month, I am mindful of my black history professor’s caution: “You’re putting the cart before the horse.”

We don’t get to celebrate the star-dust of Easter and baptism until we first accept the earth-dust of Ash Wednesday and Lent. How appropriate that Dr. Noel would be buried on Ash Wednesday. As the old refrain goes, “Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.”

Lamott describes Noel’s parish as a loving, welcoming place:

“Our funky little church is filled with people who are working for peace and freedom, who are out there on the streets and inside praying, and they are home writing letters, and they are at the shelters with giant platters of food. When I was at the end of my rope, the people at St. Andrew tied a knot in it for me and helped me hold on. The church became my *home* in the old meaning of home—that it’s where, when you show up, they have to let you in. They let me in.”

Paul paints a similar picture in today’s second reading: “*No one who believes in him will be put to shame.* For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

That’s our Church of St. Francis Xavier: When you show up, we let you in. And when *we* show up, you let us in. For your salvation and ours, because everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved, with dust not for sale. Welcome to Lent.



AND THE WINNER IS...YOU!!



A Night at the Oscars
Saturday, February 20th
7:00pm—11:00pm Hurtado Hall

Join us for an “A Night at the Oscars”-themed **Dinner Dance** fundraiser to celebrate and support the work of Xavier Mission! Throw off those post-holiday winter blues and enjoy appetizers and cocktails, a buffet dinner, bar, dancing, and the added bonus of supporting your favorite community organization!

By supporting this event, you will help the Mission to feed, clothe and give hope to thousands of men and women in our community. Please purchase your tickets today!

Visit www.xaviermission.org/dinnerdance for tickets or mail a check made out to Xavier Mission (with Dinner Dance in the memo line) to 55 West 15th St. Tickets and sponsorships are available at the following levels:

TICKETS:

Actor - \$80 (1 event ticket, 2 drink tickets)

Hollywood Couple - \$140 (2 event tickets, 4 drink tickets)

Producer - \$250 (2 event tickets, 4 drink tickets, listing in program & website)

TABLE SPONSORSHIPS:

Best Performance- \$1000 (8 event tickets, 16 drink tickets, ¼ page ad in program, tertiary billing on website)

Best Director- \$2500 (8 event tickets, 16 drink tickets, ½ page ad in program, secondary billing on website)

Best Picture- \$5000 (8 event tickets, 16 drink tickets, full page ad in program, primary billing on website)

Black tie attire welcomed (but not required)!
Come strut your stuff on the red carpet
(seriously, there will be a red carpet)!!

The estimated value of goods and services provided per ticket is \$35.

*A Closer Walk with Jesus,
Peace & Justice, Xavier Women's Ministry
presents . . .*

CATHY BREEN
**CATHOLIC WORKER WRITER/
COMMUNITY ADVOCATE AND
CO-COORDINATOR FOR VOICES FOR
CREATIVE NONVIOLENCE**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

6:30 P.M.

MARY CHAPEL

Cathy Breen recently returned from visiting a refugee camp in Finland and will speak about the refugee crisis and those refugees whom she personally knows, some of whom Xavier parishioners help to support. Ms. Breen has been traveling to Jordan and Iraq since 2002, bearing witness to the influx of Syrian refugees and escalating violence. Her articles appear in America Magazine and National Catholic Reporter and can be found at www.vcnv.org.

For more information, contact
ACloserWalkJesus@aol.com,
xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com,
thewomenwhostayed@gmail.com, or
(917) 297-6804.

Thinking of a last-minute Valentine's Day gift for someone you love? Consider this an opportunity to break away from consumerism by thinking of a meaningful note or trying something creative instead of purchasing something.

To be involved in the parish's
Care for Creation efforts,
email xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com

LENTEN & EASTER BIBLE STUDY: THE EARTH, THE BIBLE AND US

Facilitated by Lizzie Berne DeGear

Last Year on Pentecost, Pope Francis delivered his encyclical “Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home.”

This year, as we make our way through Lent, and then celebrate the mysteries of Eastertime, moving once again toward Pentecost, let us delve deeply into Laudato Si. Let us also revisit what our Scriptures have to say about creation, and connect with our planet on a whole new level.

We will begin Lent together on Ash Wednesday (February 10) – gathering outside by the Hudson River and then walking together to the evening liturgy at Xavier. We will enter into Lent by reading Laudato Si, each of us on our own, for a couple of weeks. And then beginning February 24th, we will gather weekly on Wednesday evenings through the rest of Lent and the Easter season (2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16 in Lent and 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11 during the Easter season) sometimes in the West Room at Xavier, and sometimes outside – marveling together as the Earth takes her annual journey from Winter into Spring.

All are welcome. To register please email XavierBibleStudy@gmail.com or call Luz Marina Diaz 212-627-2100 ext 207

A TASTE OF THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA: May 16th to 25th

A Pilgrimage of Faith, Fitness, and Food! \$3,375
Spiritual Guide: Fr. Joe Costantino, S.J.

For more info and reservations, contact us Angie Cruz at 917-607-0937 or angiecruzphd@gmail.com

Young Adults Group



Are you in your 20's-30's? Then you have a date with the Young Adults Group today, Valentine's Day, right after the 5pm Young Adults Mass in the West Room. We welcome ALL... men, women, single, married, gay or straight! Perfect way to start your Valentine's celebration!
sfxavier.youngadults@gmail.com



**ADULT SESSIONS TAKE PLACE IN THE
XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
FROM 10:20 AM TO 11:25 AM**

FEBRUARY 21ST-*David Greenan*
on Healing Connections

MARCH 6TH-*Roseann Bonadia*
and Luz Marina Diaz On Women Spirituality

APRIL 17TH-*Father Peter Fink, S.J.*
Ritual on The Eucharist

Xavier Women's Ministry

Sunday, February 21st
1-3pm, Mary Chapel

-Dive deeper into our Year of Mercy

-Hear about our new initiative, "I have something to say!"

-Sr. Elizabeth Johnson: from listening to action – reflect on her recent talk at Xavier

Also, hear about the exciting plans for coming months and how you can be involved.

Bring light refreshments to share. All are welcome!

THE 18TH ANNOTATION RETREAT CONTINUES

Join the 18th Annotation Retreat of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises which began in Advent and continues for Lent and Easter - 10 weeks of prayer and sharing beginning in February. Groups meet on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings. Space is limited. Free-will donations are appreciated.

For more information please contact Marie Bannister at mariebannister1@gmail.com.

Honduras Companion Community Project Fundraiser & Auction

Sunday, February 28th
1:00-3:00 pm
Mary Chapel

Last year's auction was a crowd-pleaser! Take part this year by donating sellable goods or services (worth a minimum of \$50). Last year, the most popular items were services (maid service, singing lessons, garden makeover) gift certificates (yoga, restaurants) and a week in a vacation home (Mexico, Adirondacks).

Be a part of the action. Join us for coffee & donuts and peruse prizes! 100% of bids benefit our five communities in Honduras. PLUS Xavier headliners Sean Adcroft and Jim Fox are donating their auctioneer skills for a live auction. You won't want to miss this event!

Please speak to Nancy Fava or Brian Hotaling or email hondurasccp@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY SEMINAR

*ISEL (Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)
will sponsor a Sunday afternoon seminar
on Ignatian Spirituality.*

February 14th: *The Spiritual Exercises
of St. Ignatius*

Presenter: *Joseph Marina, SJ*

February 21st: *Discernment*

Presenter: *Vivienne Joyce, SC*

Sunday afternoons 2:00 PM, Main Church.

No registration required for sessions.

Begin your daily encounter with mercy with Lenten Moments of Mercy. Our daily, Scripture-based series is delivered to you by e-mail. In this series, James Campbell, M.A., D. Min, shares beautiful reflections and the inspiring words of Pope Francis, and provides suggestions for Lenten actions and prayers.

Lenten Moments of Mercy is free from Loyola Press. Sign up now at <http://www.loyolapress.com/lenten-moments-of-mercy>.

THE 2016 CARDINAL'S APPEAL HAS BEGUN!

"You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify our heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:14-16)

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are called to help one another and be merciful, as Jesus is for all of us. It is only with your help that the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters through our ministries and charities.

PLEASE ANSWER THE CALL AND DONATE TODAY!
Envelopes available in your pews.

To make an online gift,
visit www.cardinalsappeal.org

No Greater Love, a vibrant musical drama that celebrates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, will be performed by the Xavier Company in the **Main Church on Saturday, February 27, at 7:30 pm**. Free will donation. Reservations not required.

The Xavier Company is a unique group of Christian performing artists in residence at St. Francis Xavier Church that perform original works focused on themes of faith and social justice. Founded in 1982, The Xavier Company is celebrating its thirty fourth anniversary of performing arts ministry at Xavier and throughout the tri-state area. The Xavier Company is renowned for performances that display both spiritual content and artistic excellence.

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, March 11th
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
West Room**

The Beguines, Christian lay religious orders active in the thirteenth to sixteenth centuries, lived in semimonastic communities, though they did not take religious vows. Join us for the story of a largely forgotten medieval women's movement, presented by *Dr. Jackie Starkey*. Contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804 for more information.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT:

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13.

FIRST MONDAY OF LENT:

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Matt 25:31-46.

FIRST TUESDAY OF LENT:

Isa 55:10-11; Matt 6:7-15.

7:45AM FRANK S. CLEMENTE (D)
12:05PM MICHAEL ALLOCCA (D)

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF LENT:

Jon 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32.

7:45AM NANCY KIERNAN (D)
12:05PM JOHN P. MURPHY (D)

FIRST THURSDAY OF LENT:

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Matt 7:7-12.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM LUCIEN NAZON (D)

FIRST FRIDAY OF LENT:

Ezek 18:21-28; Matt 5:20-26.

7:45AM BARBARA BEHARRY (D)
12:05PM WILLIAM F. UBER, JR. (D)

FIRST SATURDAY OF LENT:

Deut 26:16-19; Matt 5:43-48.

12:05PM PATRICK LOUGHLIN (D)

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT:

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28b-36.

**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

ADULT ACTIVITIES: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact bowcol@hotmail.com

BAGA: A parish youth group (for teens) that meets monthly to promote peace and justice by performing corporal works of mercy. Contact b.a.good.apostle@gmail.com

CATHOLIC LESBIANS: Ministry since 1993, meets 2nd Friday, 6 p.m., West Room, SFXWomen@aol.com, (917) 297-6804.

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

SFX WOMEN: We continue to stay to address the specific concerns of women in the church. Xavier women are invited to join our ministry. Contact thewomenwhostayed@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** or **Peter Locascio** at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact **Rose Alloca**, alloccarose@gmail.com or **Marie Bannister**, mariebannister1@gmail.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** 212-260-2486, 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