

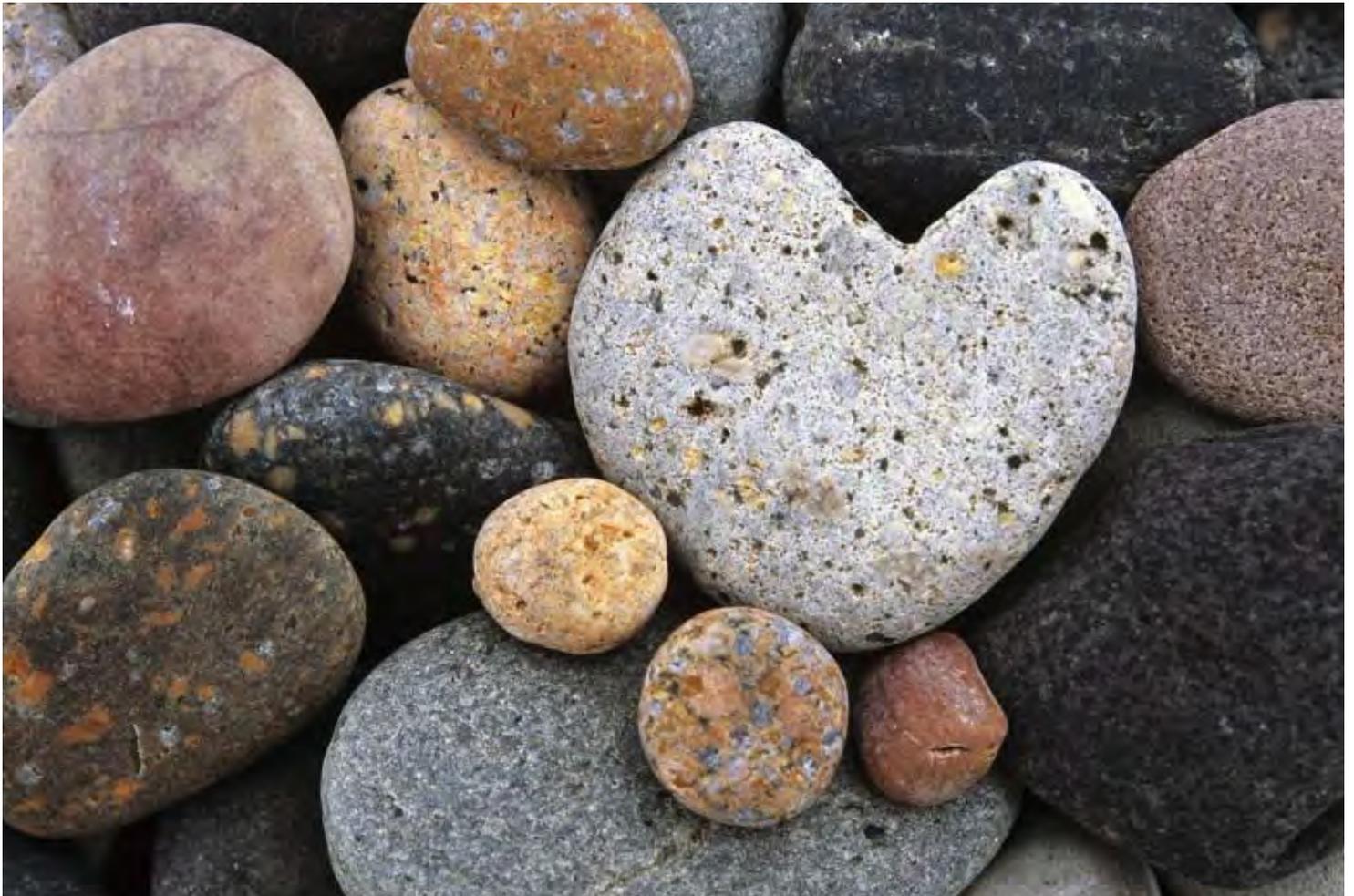


CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. (John 15:10-11)

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. Robert VerEecke, S.J. (Pastor) — 204

Email: RVerееcke@sfxavier.org

Cassandra Agredo (Executive Dir. Xavier Mission) — 208

Rev. Daniel Corrou, S.J. (Associate Pastor) - 206

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

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

Receptionist — 201

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

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Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe (Vice-Chair);

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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: 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

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

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

**Confessions are offered
Saturdays from 1:00pm-2:00pm**

**To make an appointment for
confession please call Parish Office.**

Note: You must be a registered parishioner for a minimum of six months before qualifying for a sponsor letter to be verified as a parishioner.

Next Weekend Presider Schedule

Saturday, May 12th

5:00pm Vigil Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

Sunday, May 13th

9:00am Mass: *Rev. Robert VerEecke, SJ*

11:30am Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

5:00pm Mass: *Rev. Daniel Corrou, SJ*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Jesus Andaluz, Joseph Cali, Patricia Cunningham,
Amor Domingo, Isaac Falci, Maria Formoso, Juan Garcia,
Robyn Luisi, Keith Martin, Mark Martinez, John McLoughlin,
Amelia Mullings, Kathy Mulvaney, Eileen O'Keeffe,
Mary Ann Rose, Anthony Sellitti, Michael Termini,
Dr. Daniel Tynan, Carl Wassmann, Diane Weyers,
David Woolwine*

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

*Barbara Bisch, Oddie De Blois, Lisa Heine, Brian Hodgman,
Delia Hechanova, Jane Jones, Marian Lizzio,
John Marshall, Jeanne Murphy,
Sr Doris Pagano, SC, Martino Pietanza, Rocco Scura,
Bobby Tinio and Rafael Tinio*

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

Dear Parishioners,

“Love one another as I have loved you”. The scripture this Sunday speaks so beautifully about this guiding principle of our Christian lives. It’s one thing, however, to “feel the love” and another to make that love for each other a reality. As St Ignatius says in his Spiritual Exercises, “Love shows itself more in deeds than in words”. I’m reminded of the song that was popular many years ago, “And they will know we are Christians by our love, by our love and they’ll know we are Christians by our love”. In deed, then, let us love one another!

There are, of course, so many ways to make love real in our world. With family, with friends, in our work, in our parish, in our neighborhoods, on the streets, on the subways, the invitations to “love as we are loved” are endless. And then there are the ways we choose to love in supporting “works of mercy”, whether it be the Mercy Center, the Xavier Mission, or wherever the need is great. Most recently I received a request from Fr. Ken Gavin, the Chair of the Board at Brooklyn Jesuit Prep for support from Xavier parishioners for the summer program that is offered at Fairfield University.

“Brooklyn Jesuit Prep is a middle school for low-income children located in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. The school provides an excellent Jesuit education coupled with an extended school day, small classes, a robust extracurricular program and a summer leadership program during the month of July.

The academically rich summer ensures that BJP’s students do not suffer from the traditional summer slump that occurs when low-income students do not participate in meaningful activities over the summer. In addition, the summer program provides our students with time away from the city and the opportunity to broaden their horizons. Without Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, our low-income families would be hard pressed to provide a similar summer experience for their children.

It costs approximately \$1,200 per student for the Summer Leadership Program. Our main costs are salaries for teachers and camp counselors, food and transportation. We welcome donations of any amount to support this important program.”

One of our parishioners shows her love for two children in her care by driving them from the Bronx to Brooklyn Jesuit Prep every day! She told me how one of them participated in the summer leadership program last year and how she was transformed by the time there. She can hardly wait until the time comes for this summer’s program. As our parishioner said to me, “Who would not want to invest in such a great ministry?”

As Fr. Gavin told me, there is a critical need for funding the summer program as well as the BJP academic program during the year. If you would like to show your love “In Deed”, please feel free to check out the website brooklynjesuit.org.

Sincerely,

Fr. Bob VerEecke S.J.

THE SFX ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY: CARING FOR CREATION THE FOCUS OF EARTH DAY THIS YEAR WAS PLASTIC.

Unfortunately, only about 10% of plastic is recycled and reused. The rest ends up as waste in landfills or as litter in our natural environment, where it leaches dangerous chemicals into the nearby soil and water, endangering humans and wildlife alike. It is part of what Pope Francis calls “the throwaway culture.”

Here are some practical suggestions for integrating the five R’s to reduce plastic use into your lifestyle:

- Refuse the plastic bag at the store before the cashier starts putting your products in it. Refuse the plastic straw at the restaurant. Buy fewer goods packaged in plastic. Carry a reusable bag with you all the time. Avoid clothes made with fabric with plastic microfibers. Avoid personal care products containing microbeads (ingredients that start with poly). Avoid Styrofoam, especially coffee cups and plates and take-out containers at restaurants; it ends up in landfills.

- Reduce the use of single-use plastic products and products that are packaged in plastic. Ask yourself if there is an alternative that is not plastic. For groceries, shop the green markets; shop the perimeter of the supermarkets where items have less packaging (and are generally healthier); shop in bulk to have less plastic packaging; avoid single serving wrappings and “tub” containers. Consider cloth diapers instead of disposable ones.

Look for more suggestions to Reuse, Recycle and Remove plastic from our environment next week. Try one new practice this week to show Mercy2Earth.

Catholic Lesbians

**Friday, May 11th
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
West Room**

Gabriela Montequin and the Reverend Virginia VerEecke plan to surprise us with their presentation! So please come prepared to be delighted, and bring a snack or beverage to share with friends, familiar and new. For more information, contact SFXWomen@aol.com or (917) 297-6804.



Thank you to everyone who donated to Ignacio House after Zach Presutti, SJ, spoke at Mass during Lent!

Ignacio House is a house of studies for 24 formerly incarcerated individuals who are pursuing degrees and job workforce training.

As we make final preparations for move-in, we’re asking our community for essential items:

New mattresses and box springs, desks and dressers in good condition

Items are also available on our online registries through Bed Bath & Beyond and Wayfair

For more info, go to: thriveforlife.org/donate

Contact us at:

info@thriveforlife.org

www.thriveforlife.org

XAVIER OUTINGS - Xoutings is a relatively new parish group for gay parishioners and friends who are interested in gathering informally for social events, lectures, performances. If you are interested in knowing about events please contact xoutings@gmail.com

Whether you are expecting your first child or a veteran mom - please, join us for a casual, open, light-hearted conversation on Being a Mom. ALL ARE WELCOME.



WHERE: Mary Chapel

WHEN: Tuesday, May 15
@ 8:30am

**THERE WILL
BE COFFEE!**

Questions, contact Michelle Jung
lee.moonhyung.michelle@gmail.com



The Immigration Initiative
Invites you to Help
STAMP OUT DESPAIR

This weekend you will see a table at the back of the church where we will be collecting writing supplies for asylum seekers held in detention in Elizabeth, NJ. We are working with First Friends of NJ/NY to provide detainees with materials to communicate with friends and family, one of their few sources of comfort.

The materials that detainees can receive are strictly controlled. We can only send what is listed below. However, we can also accept direct donations to First Friends to support the work they do with asylum seekers.

- Solid color 2-pocket folders (no logos)
- #10 business size envelopes stamped **with forever stamps**
- Loose leaf paper
- Blank colored paper (not construction paper)
- Note pads
- Greeting cards
- Stick pens – No metal inserts are allowed.
- Soft cover books in Spanish, French, Urdu or Chinese
- Soft cover English-Spanish or English-French dictionaries

Please help us Stamp Out Despair!!

For more information on supporting immigrant rights, contact sanxnyc@gmail.com

Para celebrar la fiesta de Pentecostés, habrá una Misa en Español el sábado, 19 de mayo. Por favor, acompañenos y disfrutemos de esta experiencia de la venida del Espíritu Santo. La Misa tendrá lugar a las 6 y media de la tarde en la capilla Mariana.

AIDS WALK NEW YORK 2018

Thank you for your most generous support last weekend, we raised \$3,470 toward our goal.

You can still donate before May 20th by contributing online: <https://ny.aidswalk.net/sfx> (team #1250)



**Share some Joy
For Mother's Day!**

On Saturday, May 12, the day before Mother's Day, a group of volunteers will be bringing a bit of joy to the 80 women at the Park Avenue Armory Women's Shelter. Plans include a luncheon and a sing-along.

For many of these women Mother's Day is especially sad, because they miss their children. This event helps lift their spirits.

Set-up begins at 9:30 and the event will run from 10:00 to 11:00. All are welcome to join us!

To RSVP or for more information, email us at:
xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND
JORDAN WITH FR. JOE COSTANTINO, S.J.**

DATE: October 2-12 COST:\$3,695 (guaranteed till June 1st or for the first 20)

Please contact *Angie Cruz* at
angiecruzphd@gmail.com or 917-607-0937.



Mary: #metoo

The Lay Spirituality Program
invites you to
an evening with

Fr. Francis Gargani

Lay Spirits invites everyone to an evening of reflection on this preeminent figure in our faith tradition, Mary, the mother of the Christ. We will consider Mary's historical background, scriptural evidence and the theological evolution in our relationship with her from suffering woman and maternal icon to a woman of liberation and justice.

Date: Wednesday, May 30

Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm

Place: Mary Chapel

Free Will Donation

Fr. Francis Gargani, a Redemptorist priest and rector of the Redemptorist provincial community in Brooklyn, has been a friend of the Xavier community and Lay Spirits since the early 1990's. Currently, Fr. Gargani gives a variety of programs on social justice and spirituality in the metropolitan area.



MISSION SPRING WEEKEND!

Join Xavier Mission in celebrating
our 35th Anniversary this year!

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, MAY 12-13

Wine & Cheese Receptions after Sat/Sun 5:00pm
Masses (Mary Chapel)

Coffee & Bagels Receptions after Sunday Morning
Masses (West Room)

Open House of Shelter after all Masses (24 W. 16th St.)

Open House of Welcome Table after Sunday Morning
Masses (Hurtado Hall)

L-STEP GRADUATION:

MONDAY, MAY 21, 6:00PM

Graduation in the Church followed by dinner and
dancing in Hurtado Hall.

RSVP to rjohnson@xaviermission.org.

ROSA MEXICANO “GUAC FOR GOOD”:

TUESDAY, MAY 29, ALL DAY

Have lunch or dinner at Rosa Mexicano on 18th St. and
15% of your total bill will be donated to Xavier Mission!
Pick up a card at the back of the church or just mention
“Xavier Mission”.

BLOCK PARTY:

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 11:00AM—5:00PM

Join us on 16th Street for a BBQ lunch, music, dancing,
fairway games, a photo booth, face painting, a bouncy
house and a dunk tank! Bring the whole family to
celebrate!

XAVIER HIGH
SCHOOL

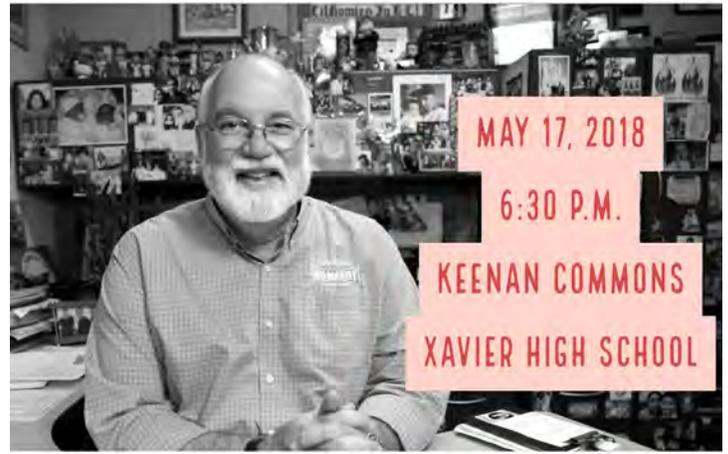
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THE CHURCH OF
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

WELCOME

FR. GREG BOYLE, SJ

WITH HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES MANAGERS
STEVE AVALOS & JOSE ARELLANO



ENTER KEENAN
COMMONS AT
31 W. 15TH ST.



BOOK SIGNING
TO FOLLOW

I would like to thank the many families in our parish who have contributed to the Cardinal’s Appeal thus far. To date, we raised \$22,664 in pledges towards our \$106,000 goal. We are getting closer, but we still have a ways to go! Remember, 60% of any cash raised over goal is returned to our parish. Please take a moment this week to make your contribution. Thank you all for your generosity and support.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17.

SIXTH MONDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16:4a.

7:45AM JONATHAN BARKHOUSE (D)
12:05PM PATRICIA O'GRADY (D)

SIXTH TUESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM MARY ANN BUCKLEY (D)

SIXTH WEDNESDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; John 16:12-15.

7:45AM ROBERT BASALAVAGE (D)
12:05PM RODDY TURNER (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD :

Acts 1:1-11; Mark 16:15-20.

SIXTH FRIDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23.

7:45AM AL KOUNTZ (D)
12:05PM LYDIA GOMEZ & RACHEL BALDELLI (D)

SIXTH SATURDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28.

12:05PM EDWARD MCCARTNEY (D)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16;
John 17:11b-19.

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

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

"It is a time to rest in God, to let the words listened to and sung penetrate one's being."

Brother John, Taizé monk

Come to the quieting, mystical experience of Taizé prayer, a welcome time of "beauty in simplicity." The structure of prayer is a hymn, psalms, a scripture reading, and intercessions. Singing and silence play a significant part.

**FRIDAY, MAY 11TH
6:00PM MARY CHAPEL**

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, 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 sfxggroup@gmail.com

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

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: To become a volunteer or arrange visits, Contact James Fox, sumiko120@nyc.rr.com, (212) 427-5070

PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE: Examines root causes of injustice and works towards a more just and sustainable world. Contact Tracey Tynan at xavierpeaceandjustice@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES: Offers spiritual programs, including spiritual direction. Contact Rose Alloca, allocarose@gmail.com or Marie Bannister, mariebannister1@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

THE XAVIER IMMIGRATION INITIATIVE: Advocacy, support, and education to empower immigrants. For more information contact sanxnyc@gmail.com

XAVIER ADULT GROUP: Once a month we have informative meetings or attend interesting events around the city. Contact xaversharingandlearninggroup@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 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