

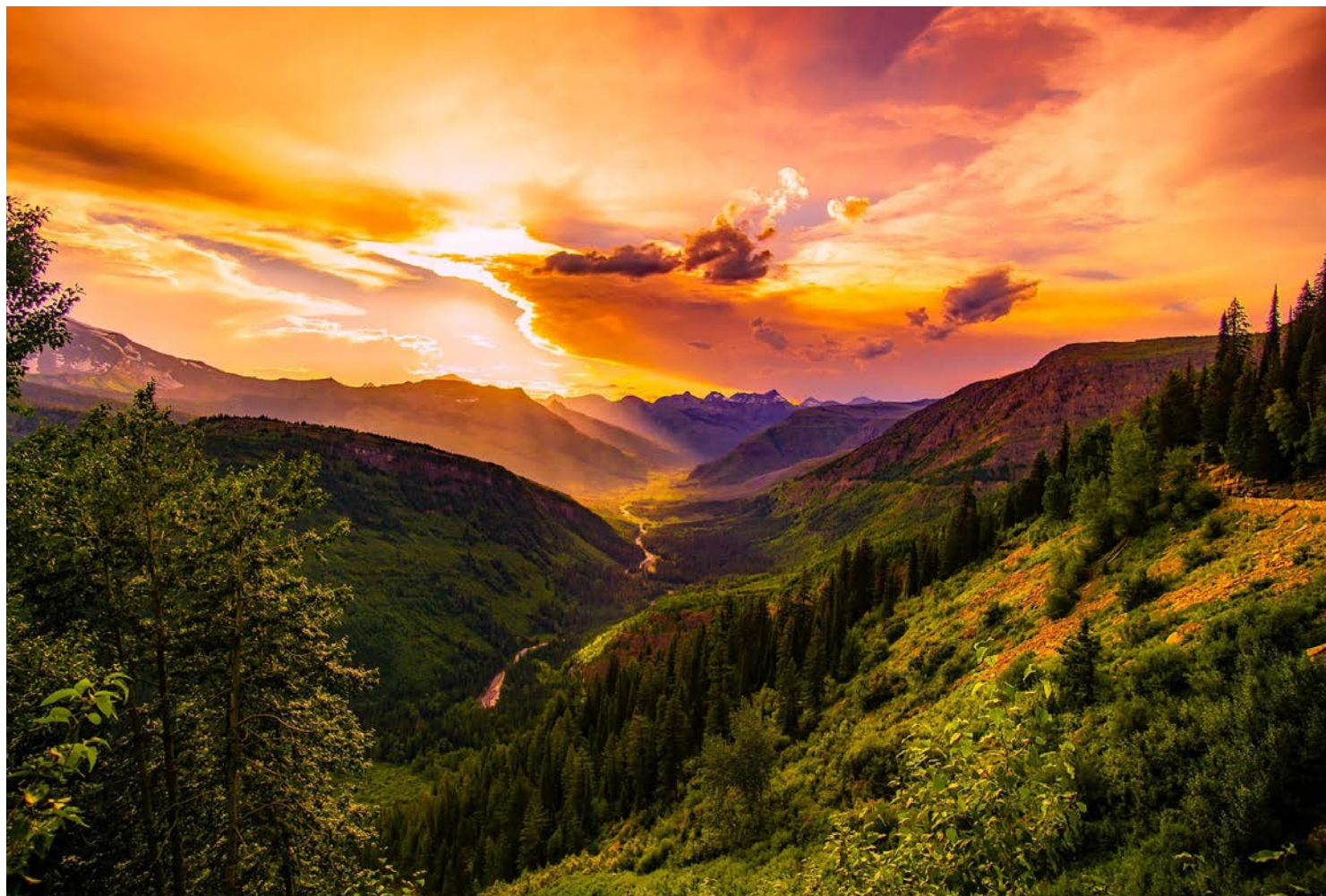


CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

A JESUIT APOSTOLATE

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Let the sea and what fills it resound, the world and those who dwell in it; let the rivers clap their hands, the mountains shout with them for joy. (Ps 98: 7-8)

SECOND COLLECTION
to benefit Parish Maintenance

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 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

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

Damely Tineo (Dir. of Business) - 221

Receptionist — 201

John Uehlein (Dir. of Music Ministries) — 202

Pastoral Council

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

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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 7:00 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

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, November 23rd

5:00pm Vigil Mass: Rev. Kenneth Boller, SJ

Sunday, November 24th

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

11:30am Mass: Rev. John Mulreany, SJ

5:00pm Mass: Rev. Samuel Sawyer, SJ

Online Giving: Download the FaithDirect App and use code NY406 or text-to-give (646)681-7010.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jesus Andaluz, Jessica Appel, Stephen Appel,
Robert L. Beauchemin, Fr. Don Doherty, MM,
Kathleen Friel, James Fox, Juan Garcia,
Mary Korba, Luz Helena Nauzán, Jim Pypelink,
Mathew Levy, Manny Lopez, Joe Mauer, Ron Miller,
Fr Adolfo Nicolás S.I., Sue Rosansky, Tom Rocha III,
Jim Schwab, Elizabeth Ann Seymour, Raymond and
Terri Sharpe, Ava Sellitti, Anthony Sellitti, Tom Uzzo,
Carl Wassmann

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

Dave Edgerley, Stefania Hurko, William Kawka, Amor
Panlasigui, Altagracia Quezada, Thomas Morris,
Nelson Navarro and Felicitas Tolentino

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

We live in an era when there are many voices shouting for our attention. This week the public sessions of the impeachment inquiry started with both sides claiming to represent the true values of our country. There are divided governments and protests throughout the world.

For three weeks in October, the Synod of the Amazon took place in Rome in relative obscurity and quiet. The whole premise of this synod and any synod is to prayerfully and thoughtfully discuss issues of importance about which people feel deeply and passionately in a respectful and civil process which prizes listening even above speaking. Taking place in a context of faith, these synods invoke the Holy Spirit as a partner in their dialog.

The headlines focus on the two recommendations to change the discipline and practice of the Western Church by ordaining married deacons as priests and ordaining women as deacons. They are certainly worth discussing and Pope Francis has taken the recommendations seriously. These recommendations come out of a process which focused on the needs of the indigenous peoples of the Amazon region. In two years of preparation, about 300 listening sessions engaged over 80,000 people to hear their story. The land and the air are being destroyed and whole tribes are facing extinction because of exploitive land use policies. Many of the local governments are either helpless or complicit in the exploitation and so the people turn to the Church to hear their needs and advocate for them.

Their spiritual needs require an incorporation of indigenous culture, music and art into prayer forms and raising up local leaders to guide and direct them, hence the call for expanded ordained leaders.

The original documents were issued in Spanish and will soon be translated and made more widely available. The Vatican has promised to respond to the recommendations in a timely fashion. Meanwhile, the synodal process is being presented as a paradigm for decision making, not only on the level of the bishops and the Pope but even on the parish level. It's not our natural instinct as a way of proceeding. As Americans we tend to look to efficient, problem-solving approaches or political posturing and vote counting as the only ways to address issues of importance. The synodal approach is more gradual and requires patient, open-minded listening to the heart. In the end, it leads to a more grace-filled solution. We will be trying this approach on some issues soon.

On a different topic:

Next Sunday, November 24, the second collection will be for Catholic Charities Campaign For Charity and Justice. Formerly called the Catholic charities Campaign, this fund not only supports the tremendous work of Catholic Charities throughout our area, but also includes grants to parish-based outreach for the poor. The Xavier Mission has received grants from this campaign in the last two years. Today is the WORLD DAY FOR THE POOR so it appropriate that we plan to support the work of Catholic Charities New York in their extraordinary service to the poor.



PREVENT AN EVICTION – GIVE TO THE HOLIDAY HOPE & HEALING CAMPAIGN!

Keep families in their homes this holiday season!

One of the biggest beneficiaries of the holiday campaign is our Financial Assistance Program, which assists families in danger of eviction to pay their rental arrears and stay in their homes. Last year our program kept 78 families in their homes, safe and secure. The majority of the money that enabled us to help so many people came from our Holiday Campaign.

Please join us this year to ensure that we can continue to help families avoid the traumas of eviction and homelessness by keeping them in their homes for the holidays, and all year long!

GOAL: \$200,000

RAISED (as of 11/06): \$54,571 – 27% of our goal!

Join us Now! xaviermission.org/donate

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21: Gorjana Styling Party! Join us at the Gorjana jewelry boutique at 266 Elizabeth St. between 5pm and 7pm for a private styling event and reception! 19% of all merchandise sales that evening will be donated to Xavier Mission. It's the perfect time to pick up some beautiful holiday gifts. Champagne and refreshments will be served. You do not need to buy anything to attend! Join us for the company and lovely atmosphere. Please RSVP to Cassandra at cagredo@xaviermission.org.



The choir is looking for a few new members in the Adult Choir for the Advent/Christmas season and beyond. If interested, please contact **John Uehlein** by email: juehlein@sfxavier.org



TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE PRAYER SERVICE

**Wednesday, November 20th
7:00pm Mary Chapel**

Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual observance that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. Join us for a candlelight vigil, poetry reading, and prayer. For more information call or text **Tess** (929) 333-5011.

Could you give a gift of a sturdy nighty to those women left behind during the holidays? Your present will be wrapped for one of the 80 homeless, mentally ill women, sheltered on the 4th floor of the Park Avenue Armory. This year, on **December 14th**, we hope to bring them song, joy and a few gifts, especially what the ladies need most, sturdy nighties. All sizes are welcome from XXL – M.

You can drop off your gift for the homeless women at the 55 W 15 St entrance. **LEAVE YOUR DONATION WITH THE FRONT DESK.** We'll wrap them for you. Thank you again for your great generosity. If you have a question, contact jeprendergast@gmail.com

Registration is now open for the **IGNATIAN YOGA RETREAT** the weekend of March 20-22, 2020 at the Mariandale Retreat Center in Ossining, NY. Visit ignatianyoga.com to register.

The Pastoral Council invites
you to join us for a

PARISH-WIDE COFFEE HOUR

as we welcome
parishoners new and old.

THIS SUNDAY
in the entrance
of the Church
(following the 11:30 Mass)

All are welcome



Remember Xavier When Considering a Year-end Gift

First we want to thank all of you who have given so much of your time, talent, and treasure to support our parish throughout the year. As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to Xavier. Over the years, it has been the gifts left to Xavier that have helped us to continue to operate as a welcoming community and place of worship where injustice is challenged, where the poor, the alienated and the marginalized find a home, and where people are refreshed, reconciled and renewed. Your year-end gift can help us continue to celebrate vibrant liturgies and support our many ministries

The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support Xavier for years to come. There are many different ways of contributing a gift. Two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. For more information on how you can help make a difference contact the parish office.

A WINTER RETREAT

There will be a weekend retreat at Mariandale Center from December 13 – 15, “A Writer’s Winter Retreat”.

Mariandale Center is run by The Dominican Sisters of Hope and is located near Ossining, NY. The retreat is open to everyone. A private room, all meals and all workshops are included. For information: 914-941-4455

To register: <https://mariandale.org/event/a-writers-winter-retreat/>

We will resume using mustum for the consecration of the Precious Blood during all the Masses. Please note mustum does contain trace amounts of alcohol (0.01% to 0.049%). If you cannot consume alcohol please receive only the consecrated host. Thank you.

Catholic Lesbians & Friends—All Are Welcome!



17TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PARTY

**Friday, December 13th
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Hurtado Hall**

200 kids, 33 days--you have the opportunity to bring Christmas cheer to children from Picture the Homeless, Community Voices Heard, Life Experience & Faith Sharing, and STEPS to End Family Violence. Contact SFXWrap@gmail.com or (929) 333-5011 for one, two or three names, and bring your brand-new unwrapped gifts to the wrapping party.

Mark your calendar for the
PEACE AND JUSTICE FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY SALE
Saturday, December 7th & Sunday, December 8th

*After all Masses
In the back of the church*

*Coffees, Teas and Chocolates from Equal Exchange and
gifts from fair trade women's groups.*

Please support us as we work to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound while empowering workers with every purchase!

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Sisters of Charity, the Peace and Justice Venezuela relief efforts and LifeWay Network, one of only two organizations in the NY Metro area providing safe housing for women survivors of human trafficking.

**NOTE: ALL SALES
WILL BE CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

SAVE THE DATE

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Sunday, November 24th 6:00 PM
Keenan Commons - 39 West 15th Street

The Parish Council and the Church of St. Francis Xavier invite you to Celebrate You!

For all those who serve in any capacity and belong to any of our various ministries ...this is our way of saying Thank You for all that you do.

Food and drinks...music.....we hope you can make it. RSVP: PastoralCouncil@sfxavier.org



Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

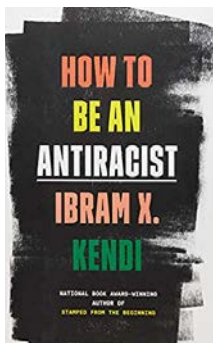
TOPIC: "What the recent 'Synod on the Amazon' tells us about Pope Francis"

SPEAKER: Rev. Tom Massaro, S.J.
Fordham University

Local and national Ignatian partners invite those connected to the Jesuits and the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola to join us for a simple gathering for socializing and social justice.

More information: bit.ly/solidaritytap

Join us to discuss Ibram Kendi's "*How To Be An Antiracist*." Fr John Mulreany will lead our Racial Justice group on **THIS SUNDAY**. We'll meet at 3:30 in Mary Chapel. We're planning to make a difference in the racism of our country and be active in Voter Registration.



The pre-reading of "How To Be An Antiracist" for this session is pp. 122 – 165 and also the Pastoral Letter to the People of God in El Paso.

A XAVIER ADVENT RETREAT



LIGHT AN ADVENT CANDLE

Join an Advent retreat at Xavier with daily reflections for Advent and Christmas created by Ron Rolheiser, OMI. Read, reflect and share your prayer experience at 3 Sunday gatherings.

December 1, 8, 15 2019 at 1:30pm
in the Mary Chapel.

For more information and to register, please contact Gerry Moss at gerrymoss@gmail.com or Marie Bannister at mariebannister1@gmail.com or call 917 301 2426.

Sponsored by ISEL
(Ignatian Spirituality in Everyday Life)

U.S. v. Nixon at 45: An Evening with Philip Allen Lacovara, Esq.

December 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Presented by America magazine
and Fordham University School of Law

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America magazine

FIRST RESPONDENT: Jed Shugerman, J.D., professor
of law, Fordham University

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SFX GROUP AA MEETING

Every Thursday 5:45 PM

There is an AA meeting, newly formed, here at Xavier. The group meet's at the Church Thursday evening's 5:45-6:45.

Please join us and enter through 15th St. entrance.

Scriptures & Announced Masses

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: Mal 3: 19-20a; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19.

THIRTY-THIRD MONDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 1 MC 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18: 35-43.

7:45AM ARVIN SALUDO (L)
12:05PM ALAN RICHARD DAVEY (D)

THIRTY-THIRD TUESDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 2 MC 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10.

7:45AM LEO & ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNO (D)
12:05PM MARIA SALUDO (L)

THIRTY-THIRD WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 2 MC 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28.

7:45AM GENEVIEVE SHEVCHUK (D)
12:05PM THOMAS RIZZO (D)

THURSDAY~FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: 1 MC 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44.

7:45AM JACQUELINE SCHWARTZMAN (D)
12:05PM ANTHONY RIVERA (D)

FRIDAY~ FEAST OF ST. CECILIA: 1 MC 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45--48.

7:45AM JIM O'NEILL (D)
12:05PM DEBRA & LORRAINE OCCIMIO (D)

THIRTY-THIRD SATURDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME: 1 MC 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40.

12:05PM MARGARET BYRNE (D)

SUNDAY~ THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: 2 SM 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43.

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

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

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 Xavierinterfaith@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 Nick Grimaldi, nlgny@gmail.com

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

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

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