

St. Francis Xavier Church

The First African American Catholic Community in the Country
Founded 1793

Served by the Josephites since 1871

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Holy Days: 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM

except when the Holy Day falls on a Monday

Holiday, Mass and Novena will be at 8:00 AM only

Weekdays

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM followed by Bible Study

OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS

Confessions

Before Masses or by appointments

Marriages

Notify the rectory at least 6 months in advance

Baptisms

*The Sacrament of Baptism is conferred
on the Fourth Sunday, at 2 PM.*

Notify the rectory at least 1 month in advance

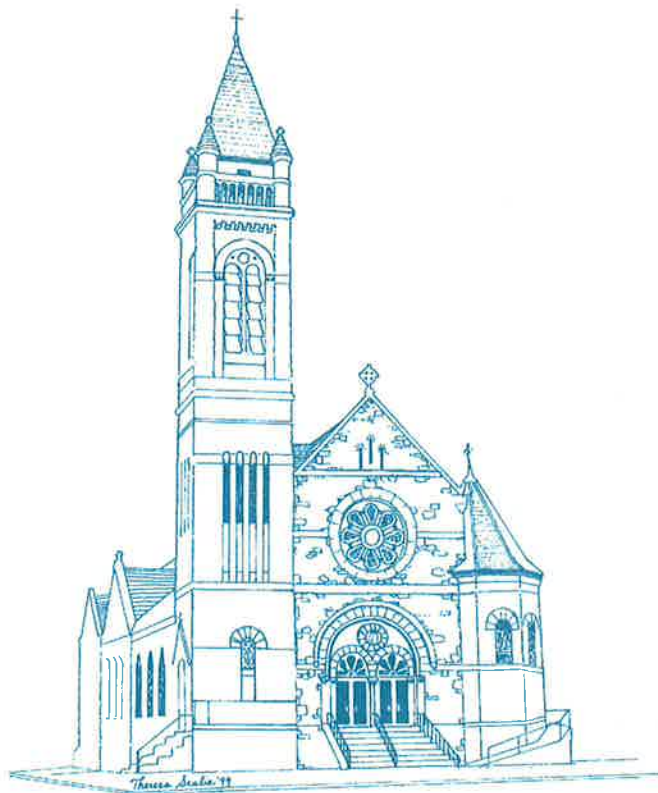
Funerals

*Please notify the rectory before making
arrangements with funeral homes.*

*Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,
Pastor*

Religious Education
Joslyn Alexander, Director

SVD-SFX Head Start Center (410) 685-7288



THE JOSEPHITES

"Glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercessions in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special favor we now implore of men and means for our seminary, college and novitiate. Guardian of the Word Incarnate, we feel animated with confidence that your prayers in our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

Amen"

Mission Statement for St. Francis Xavier Church

In the tradition of the oldest African-American Catholic Church in the United States, St. Francis Xavier is committed to meeting the spiritual, educational and social needs of our parishioners and our surrounding community.

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You will catch people for the kingdom of God"

Scripture: *Luke 5:1-11*

1 While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. 2 And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, 7 they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Meditation: Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? No doubt the great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for God and were eager to hear his word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach his disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless did what the Lord Jesus told him to do: *At your word I will let down the nets.* When you meet disappointment and failure, do you press upon the Lord, like Simon, to hear his word and to receive his command?

God expects greater things than we can do by ourselves

Stewardship Reflections

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. *Happy repose of the souls of all our beloved dead.*

Sunday

8:00 A.M. *Happy repose of the soul of Andrew Tackett, req. by the family*

11:00 A.M. *People of the parish*

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. *Happy repose of the soul of Nadine Pulliam, req. by Aunt Dottie*

Wednesday

10:00 A. M. *In memory of Theresa Roxie Baker on the 1st anniversary of her death, req. by her children*

Thursday

8:00 A.M. *Happy repose of the soul of Harry Butler, req. by the family*

Friday

8:00 A.M. *Happy repose of the soul of Charles Russell, req. by his son*

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 (75c)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11

Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8 (78C)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26

SPECIAL NOTICES

Scriptures for Daily Meditation



“And the Scripture gives us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God’s promises to be fulfilled” Rom. 15:4

Day	Date	Gospel
Monday	February 11, 2019	Mark 6:53-65
Tuesday	February 12, 2019	Mark 7:1-13
Wednesday	February 13, 2019	Mark 7:14-23
Thursday	February 14, 2019	Mark 7:24-30
Friday	February 15, 2019	Mark 7:31-37
Saturday	February 16, 2019	Mark 8:1-10

January Expenses

Offertory Envelopes: \$28,567.00

Expenses: \$32,623.08

Shortage: \$492.68

Utility Expense-\$5,200.00 (was one of the largest ones)

Administrative Costs- Costs related to worship, books, musicians, and another clergy.

Facilities Expense also covers insurance for building and leased equipment

Other Misc. Costs

Tim

SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



Oblate Spirituality

To date, we have read about the many facts related to the Oblates Sisters of Providence and Mother Lange’s years with the struggling early community. During the month of February, we will begin to read about ministries of the Oblate Sisters of Providence and the impact on Mother Lange cause. This month’s highlight is St. Frances Academy.

February 10, 2019

For 191 years, St Frances Academy the first school operated by Oblate Sisters of Providence has maintained a strong and consistent tradition of serving disenfranchised young people. - the enslaved, the orphaned, the segregated, the immigrant, the poor.

Historic Dates of Interest:

April 22, 1828: planning began for St. Francis Academy

June 13, 1828: St Frances Academy Opens

July 2, 1829: The Oblate Sisters of Providence were formed

1871: The school building at 501 E. Chase street opens

April 27, 2001: Groundbreaking for new community building with a gym, classrooms, computer lab, and health suite- a 33,000 square foot addition to the school

Did you Know?

- St Francis Academy was founded with a mission to teach girls of color
- The original name was St. Frances School for Colored Girls
- Starting in the 1850’s the school began using the name, St. Frances Academy along with the original name
- In the late 1800’s the school adopted the name: St. Frances Academy
- The school had three previous locations before locating permanently at 501 E. Chase Street
- St. Frances Academy is the oldest historically black educational institution in the United States.

Special Notices

Religious Education

2019 Faith Formation Calendar

Sunday 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

February

10th Class

17th Class-

24th Class

March

3rd Class-African American History Program

10th Class

17th Class

24th Class

31st Class-Student Retreat 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? Are you an adult who has not yet been confirmed? Perhaps you just want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or have questions about it. RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process for preparing adults for full communion with the Catholic Church, and for instructing adults returning to their faith or who simply want to learn more. RCIA is open to anyone interested in exploring Catholicism.

We meet every Thursday 6:30 pm-8:30 p.m. in the undercroft. Contact the parish office if you or someone you know may be interested.

Church Happenings

Funeral Arrangements

Charles Russell the husband of the late Doris Russell

Viewing- Vaughn Green York Road 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2019

Wake- Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier

Service- 10:30 a.m.at St. Francis Xavier

Harry Butler

Viewing- Calvin Scruggs Wednesday, February 13, 2019 from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Wake – Thursday, February 14, 2019 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier

Funeral Mass- 11:00 a.m.

Important Notice:

ALL VOLUNTEERS- ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE VIRTUS TRAINING. If you are computer literate, call the office and I will walk you through the process, otherwise you will need to schedule a time with Darleen to complete the training, it takes approx. 45 min. This training must be completed for you to work with the youth and volunteer in the church. I will make it as easy as possible.

The Swingers of St. Francis Xavier Church presents its Annual Bull and Oyster Roast on Sunday, March 3, 2019 from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. See flier for additional details.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please Keep in Your Prayers All sick and shut- in SFX Parishioners

Please inform the parish office if you know that one of our parishioners is ill or in need of assistance.

*Dorothy Addison-
GBMC Rehab, 5th fl. (elevator B) Room 5422*

Eleanor Cawthorne, currently in Future Care

Mr. Dandridge in Asst. Living at 7311 Beverley Ave.

Mr. James Gray



Urgent Message

All ministries and organizations using the freezer and the refrigerator, the condition of each is unsanitary. Please assign a member of each group to clean out and get rid of old food and bread. The freezer is bad, there is no reason for this. If no one steps up, it will be cleaned and then locked. Please do not leave dirty dish cloths after use.

Ash Wednesday Services Within our Pastorate

Wednesday March 6, 2019

St. Wenceslaus 9:00 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier....10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

St. Ann.....10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

For Your Information

Please Note:

If you are sick at home or in the hospital, or if you know of someone who is, Please Contact the Parish office, 410-727-3103. Please also remember to contact the office to advise us when to remove your name from the Sick and/or Shut-in Listing.

Mass Intentions

The normal donation for a Mass Request is \$5.00 and must be paid at the time of request. We will no longer take Mass requests over the telephone. Mass requests envelopes are located on the table in the rear of the church.

Address changed?

Please notify the office if you have moved for address changes.

Proper Church Etiquette

No cell phones or other electronic devices should be left on while in Church, especially during Mass. Also, please do not chew gum, eat or drink at anytime while you are in Church, especially when receiving Holy Communion our mouths should be free from all food items. Parents please do not bring potato chips or other foods to give your children during Mass. Food is being found in the Pews. Please give them snacks before Mass. If you cannot hear the Lector or other Ministers from the Altar, please raise your hand and do not yell out in Church, this is very disrespectful. We ask your full cooperation in adhering to these rules of etiquette.

Parish Membership/Census Update:

The use of Church envelopes is the responsible way to support your Parish. Parishioners are requested to register at the church office, Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or complete the following form:

Name _____

Street _____

Phone _____ Zip _____

- Moving out of Parish
- Want Envelopes
- Change of telephone number/address
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Please cut out and drop in the Collection Basket or mail to the Rector.