

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

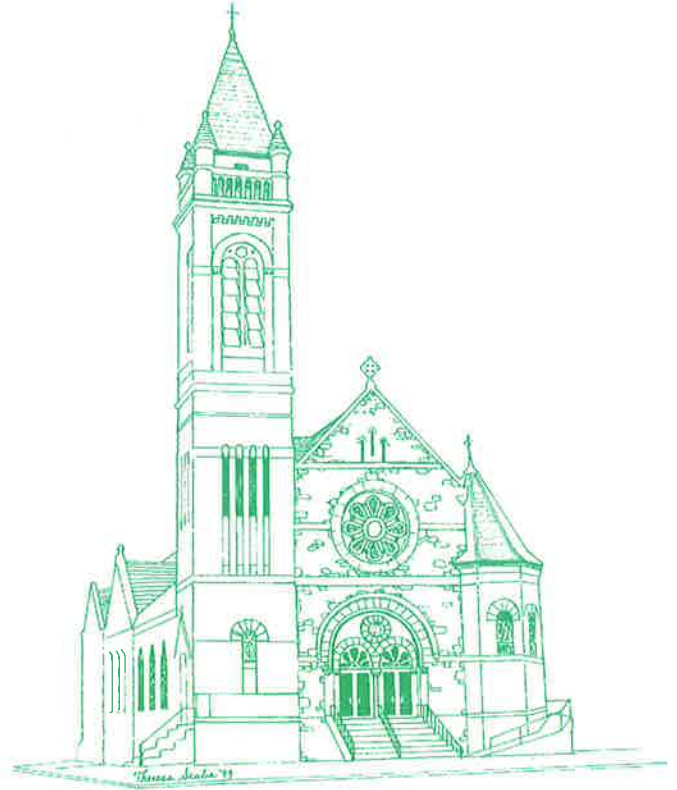
*Please notify the rectory before making
arrangements with funeral homes.*

Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,

Pastor

Religious Education

Joslyn Alexander, Director



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"

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

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.

1501 E. OLIVER STREET • BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21213

Rectory (410) 727-3103

Fax (410) 625-9587

Website - <http://www.HistoricFrancisXavier.org>

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	March 11, 2019	Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday	March 12, 2019	Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday	March 13, 2019	Luke 11:29-32
Thursday	March 14, 2019	Matthew 7:7-12
Friday	March 15, 2019	Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday	March 16, 2019	Matthew 5:43-48

Day of Recollection

The Pastorate Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ministers of Hospitality will be held at St. Francis on Saturday, April 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost of \$12.00 will defray the cost of a light breakfast, lunch and retreat supplies. Please contact:

St. Francis- Celestine Kellam, Janet Wiggins, or Suzonne Vickers

St. Ann- Brian Cousins

St. Wenceslaus- Dorothy Stokes-Wallace and Shrene Burnette

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 March, 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.

Mount Providence Reading and Math Tutorial Ministry:

The Mount Providence Reading and Math Center is dedicated to helping students of all ages improve their reading, comprehension and math skills. Tutorial help is available during the summer months and during the school year. Contact the Center Director, Sister Constance Fenwick, OSP for more information at 420-247-0448

Oliver Food Drop

Next Date for the Oliver Food Drop is March 12, 2019. From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

1 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit 2 for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." 4 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" 5 And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, 6 and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours." 8 And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" 9 And he took him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here; 10 for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you, to guard you,' 11 and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" 12 And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" 13 And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Meditation: Are you ready to follow the Lord Jesus wherever he wishes to lead you? After Jesus' was baptized by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, he withdrew into the wilderness of Judea - a vast and mostly uninhabitable wilderness full of danger. Danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night, danger from wild animals and scorpions, plus the deprivation of food and the scarcity of water

Stewardship Reflections

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."
 This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God?

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. For God's mercies and healing for Jonathan Thomas Johnson, req. by His Family

Sunday

8:00 A.M. Happy repose of the souls of Nina Harper and Barbara Johnson, req. by Dottie Mello

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Happy repose of the soul of my friend Bernice Hardy, req. by Darleen Thomas

Wednesday

10:00 A. M. God's continued blessings for John Rutkowski and Jeffrey Martin, req. by John Rutkowski

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercies for all the sick in the family, req. by Dottie Mello

Friday

8:00 A.M.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading: Psalm 91:1-2,10-15

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Psalm 27: 1, 7-9,13-14

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Special Notices

Religious Education 2019 Faith

Formation Calendar

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

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.

April

7th Class

14th Class- Psalm Sunday

18th Holy Thursday

21st No Class- Easter

28th Class

Sunday March 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. we will have our annual Lent Retreat for the Sunday School students. Parents and guardians please support our Retreat Day by allowing your child to experience the extended day, we have an exciting day planned. Please pray for the success for our Retreat.

Children's Envelopes- -Envelopes have been distributed to all Sunday School children. Start your child on a lifetime path to stewardship practice by using their envelopes weekly.

Church Happenings

Sodality of Blessed Virgin Mary Retreat April 5-7, 2019

Theme: "God's Dream"- This retreat will invite us to seek God: in creation; in Scripture; in our living relationship with Jesus and the generosity it inspires; and in the future God opens before us. This retreat is open to any adult who wants to seek God in his or her own human experience.

Location: Loyola on the Potomac, Faulkner, MD in Charles County

leave from: 1501 E. Oliver Street; Friday, April 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

First Time Retreatants: \$195.00

Previous Retreatants: \$245.00

Deposit of \$115.00 is due now

Leave the Potomac at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday April 7, 2019.

If you need registration forms, contact Martha Lewis Dorsey (410) 668-1258 or Lorraine Bell (410) 889-9196

CRS Rice Bowls were distributed to all Sunday School Children. The children's Lenten sacrifices to CRS will honor Jesus' call to serve our neighbors who have less than we do. Please have the children return their Rice Bowls on Sunday April 14th.



Prayer Walk

St. Francis will host Bishop Madden's Prayer Walk on Thursday, March 28, 2019. Light refreshments at 5:30. The walk will begin at 6:15 p.m.

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.

Stations of the Cross Devotions



Will be celebrated each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during the Lenten Season. Parishioners are encouraged to make the Stations of the Cross as part of their Lenten Devotions. Many graces are given for those who walk the final hours of Jesus' life on earth. Confessions during Lent will be held on Friday evening from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. and after Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross will be led by the different organizations in the Church.

Schedule for the Stations of the Cross

- *Friday, March 8, 2019- Holy Name & Sodality of BVM*
- *Friday, March 15, 2019-KPC Ladies Auxiliary and Knights of Peter Claver*
- *Friday, March 22, 2019-New Horizon of Men and Women*
- *Friday, March 29, 2019-CDA #2257 of SFX*
- *Friday, April 5, 2019-Mass Choir*
- *Friday, April 12, 2019-Lectors, Eucharistic and Hospitality Ministers*
- *Good Friday - April 19, 2019 Youth Ministry*

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*
-

Please cut out and drop in the Collection Basket or mail to the Rectory.

St. Francis Xavier Church

Community Faith Formation

Welcomes You to: A Lenten Journey of Faith

“Monday Nite Catechism”

with

Dr. Kirk Gaddy

Topics will include: **Understanding the Liturgical Calendar**

God's Gift of the Liturgy (Mass)

God's Gift of the Sacraments (Sacramental Life of the Church)

God's Gift of the Bible (Reading Cycles of the Church)

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the undercroft

Monday, March 18th

Monday, March 25th

Monday, April 1st

Monday, April 8th

Monday, April 15th

Being a Catholic is a life long journey that begins with our baptism and continues throughout our life.

We invite you to come walk with us.

ALL ARE WELCOME

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court St. Francis Xavier, #2257
Annual Lenten Prayer Luncheon**

**Saturday, April 13, 2019
11:00 am to 2:00 p.m.**



**“HOPE in TIME of DARKNESS”
Speaker: Fr. Sam Lupico**



**Historic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
1501 E. Oliver Street
Baltimore, MD 21213**

**Tickets can be obtained from any CDA member or Gracie Ferguson 443-
977-0796
Cost \$15**