

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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REFLECTION

God's incredible gift of love for the world

What does Scripture tell us about God and how he relates to us? When God met with Moses on Mount Sinai and made a covenant with the people of Israel, he revealed the nature of his character and his personal love for them:

"The LORD passed before him, and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy and faithfulness" (Exodus 34:6). God is all-loving, faithful, merciful, and forgiving by nature. God's love is supreme because it directs, orders, and shapes everything he does.

Love and judgment

Scripture tells us that God is all just and all loving. How does his love and justice go together? God opposes sin and evil with his just wrath (his righteous anger) and right judgment - and he approaches sinful people and evil doers with mercy ("slow to anger" and "ready to forgive") and discipline ("fatherly correction" and "training in righteousness"). John the Evangelist tells us that the Father sent his Son into the world - not to condemn but to redeem - not to destroy but to heal and restore. Paul the Apostle tells us that "the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). God does not desire the death of anyone (Ezekiel 18:23,32, Ezekiel 33:11, Wisdom of Solomon 1:13). Instead he gives us the freedom to choose between life and death - good and evil.

When we choose to sin and to go our own way apart from God, we bring condemnation upon ourselves. Sin draws us away from God and leads to a spiritual death - a death that is worse than physical loss of life because it results in a hopeless life of misery and separation from God's peace and joy. Jesus was sent on a rescue mission to free us from slavery to sin and death and to bring us the abundant life which will never end. His death brought us true freedom and abundant new life in his Spirit - as well as pardon, reconciliation and adoption as sons and daughters of God.

Jesus took upon himself all of our sins and nailed them to the cross (Colossians 2:14). His death was an atoning sacrifice for our sins and a perfect offering to the Father on our behalf. We can find no greater proof of God's love for fallen sinful humanity than the cross of Jesus Christ. "To ransom a slave God gave away his Son" (from an early Christian hymn for the Easter vigil liturgy). Jesus' mission was motivated by love and obedience.

Stewardship Reflections

Ephesians 6:7

Rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to men

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. God be with SFX parishioners who have recently suffered loss of family members, req. by Darleen Thomas

Sunday

8:00 A.M. 1. Happy repose for the soul of Carmella Brown, req. by the Pastoral Council

2. Happy repose for the souls of Henry and Grace Mello, req. by Sandra Davis

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Peace to end the violence in our City, State and Country, req. by John Rutkowski and Jeff Martin

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. In loving memory of my husband Joseph Mello, req. by Dorothy Mello

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Happy repose on the soul of Carmella Brown and all of our departed members, req. by Dottie Mello

Friday

8:00 A.M. More vocations in the priesthood and Religious life, req. by John Rutkowski and Jeff Martin

Today's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 34:46-6, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58



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
Mon.	6/12/2017	Matthew 5:1-12
Tues.	6/13/2017	Matthew 5:13-16
Wed.	6/14/2017	Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs.	6/15/2017	Matthew 5:20-26
Fri.	6/16/2017	Matthew 5:27-32
Sat.	6/17/2017	Matthew 5:33-37

A Special Thank You

To everyone involved in making the liturgy of the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion a very special day for our Confirmandi, First Communion and their families.

In a special way, we thank Bishop Ricard for his presence. We also thank the visiting priests and deacon. Thank you to the catechists who helped to plan and prepare for this important day. We also thank the many teachers who taught these young people over the years about Christ and his Church, they along with their family, godparents and sponsors, who guided them in the ways of the faith, are to be commended. Thank you to the choir and musicians for adding such beauty to the celebration, and the ushers who did a great job helping our many visitors. We thank the Ladies' Sodality members for the beautiful reception. To all those involved in the preparation for this First Communion and Confirmation, thank you for your time and hard work, your input is invaluable for having children prepared for this day. Please pray that these children will continue to grow in their faith.

Joslyn Alexander, Director of Religious Education

SPECIAL NOTICES

Religious Education

Sacramental Preparation: The policy of the Archdiocese of Baltimore is that children undergo two years of faith formation to prepare for the sacraments. This means: year (1) the year immediately before the year of reception; and year (2) The year of reception. The usual year to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is the second grade. This means that our children begin preparation during the first grade. The usual year to receive Confirmation is the ninth grade. This means that our youth begin preparation during the eight grade. If your children satisfied their requirements in Religious Education classes as a first or eighth grader last year then they should be on track to receive the respective sacraments next year 2018.

If your children were not able to receive these sacraments during the usual years, it is not too late. We will help you and your children to prepare and receive the sacraments. Please contact Joslyn Alexander, Director of Religious Education if you have any questions.

Dawson Safe Haven Center

The Director of the Dawson Safe Haven Center which is located at 1401 E. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21213 is hosting a Free Summer Camp for the Oliver Community.

Special Notices

The Oblate Sisters of Providence will host their annual Homecoming at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD on Sunday, August 5, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All students of all former Oblate schools and programs are invited. DINNER IS \$10.00, lots of Baskets Raffles and Silent Auction items, If you are a SFA graduate of 1967, please contact, Sister Helene Therese, OSP 410-536-5687.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

May Financials

Income: \$23,490.29

Expenses: \$25,674.71

Deficit- \$2,184.42

Expenses include but not limited to:

BGE

Verizon

Dish

Office supplies

Church supplies (Candles, Missals)

General Maintenance

Converting heat to cooling

Expenses incurred for Mother's Day Breakfast

Special Notices

St. Francis Xavier New Website

St. Francis has a new website you can go there to retrieve the weekly bulletin. The website is: www.historicfrancisxavier.org. Please utilize the new website for your bulletin.

St. Vincent De Paul Church

The Resource Exchange is a program of the Social Action Committee at St. Vincent De Paul Church. We place homeless persons in apartments in cooperation with Health Care for the Homeless. We are always looking for gently used small furniture pieces and household items. The complete list is on our website at stvchurch.org.

For more information contact Pat Frascati at 410-663-5542 or 410-917-2214 or Frascati00@comcast.net

Archdiocese of Baltimore Mobile App

The Archdiocese of Baltimore has developed a mobile version of its website and an App for Apple and Android device users, to make it easier for Catholics to stay connected to their local church, including parishes and schools, while on the go. For more information, visit www.archbalkt.org Or download the app from the app store.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX

Summer Camp

Camp St. Vincent, Baltimore's only summer camp dedicated to serving homeless children. In just a few short weeks, Camp St. Vincent will launch its 110th season. We hope you will consider supporting the Camp this summer and help provide campers an unforgettable summer experience.

This summer we anticipate serving more than 250 children ages 5-14 at Camp St. Vincent. Each child is provided transportation to and from camp, breakfast, lunch and snacks, and enrichment activities like dance, music, art, sports and swimming instructions. Most importantly, Camp St. Vincent provides programming to help reduced the negative impact of homelessness on children. Camp St. Vincent runs for 8 full weeks. Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All this is made possible by generous support of Camp sponsors. If you are interested in learning more about supporting this camp and the work of SVD, please contact Jennifer Summers at 410-662-0500 ext 212 or Jennifer.summers@vincentbaltimore4.org



A Special Thank You

Thank you to my SFX parishioners for your prayers, cards and phone calls. Please continue to pray for me. God Bless you all, Doris Russell

Thank You

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 Rectory, 410-727-3103. Please also remember to contact the Rectory 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 Rectory.

Undercroft Use - RENTAL

purpose which, in the judgment of Lessor, is contrary to law or decency or good morals or the moral teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church or is otherwise improper or detrimental to the reputation of the Lessor. The Lessee agrees to abide by conditions for use of the Facility and equipment as established by the Lessor from time to time, including rules pertaining to building access, security, parking, signage, restroom use, food, room changes, weather-related items, etc.

4. ^{Rentor} Lessee shall be responsible to pay the Lessor for any damage to or breakage of the Lessor's property arising from Lessee's use of the premises, negligent or otherwise.

5. ^{Rentor} Lessee will not permit anything to be done in the premises, or bring or keep anything therein, which will violate the insurance policies on the premises, or any governmental laws, regulations or ordinances; and Lessee shall indemnify Lessor and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, a corporation sole, for any loss or expenses incurred by a violation of this covenant. It is specifically agreed that Lessee is solely responsible for obtaining any necessary licenses and/or permits and for compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including those regarding service of alcoholic beverages if applicable.

6. If a caterer is engaged, the choice of caterer must be approved by the Lessor. Lessee shall be responsible for assuring that the caterer complies with all applicable laws and regulations, including those regarding service of alcoholic beverages. Furthermore, if alcoholic beverages are to be served by the caterer, the caterer shall provide evidence of liquor liability insurance satisfactory to the Lessor, and the Lessee also must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Lessor that proper insurance, supervision, permits and security are in place.

7. ^{Rentor} Lessee shall leave the Facility, including the kitchen if applicable, in as good condition as the Lessee found it. The Lessee shall be responsible for the expense of cleaning the premises if left in an untidy condition.

8. ^{SFX} The Lessor is not responsible for articles of clothing or other personal property or equipment lost, stolen, forgotten or damaged during or as a result of the Lessee's use of the premises.

9. ^{SFX} The Lessor makes no guarantees as to the availability, adequacy, or performance of kitchen equipment, if applicable.

10. ^{SFX} The Lessor will not supply paper goods, tablecloths, or any other items. Any use or rearrangement of Lessor's furniture shall be approved in advance by Lessor, and furniture shall be restored to its proper location after the Lessee's use.

11. ^{SFX} The parking lot of the Lessor is available for the Lessee's use in common with others. The Lessor is not responsible for the security, adequacy or condition (in case of inclement weather) of the parking lot.

12. ^{Rentor} Lessee will save, defend, protect, indemnify and hold harmless the Lessor and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, a corporation sole, from any and all liability, claims and suits, by reason of personal injuries occurring to any person or persons on or about the premises, and agrees to assume all risks of loss, injury or damages of any kind or nature from any cause to any goods,