

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

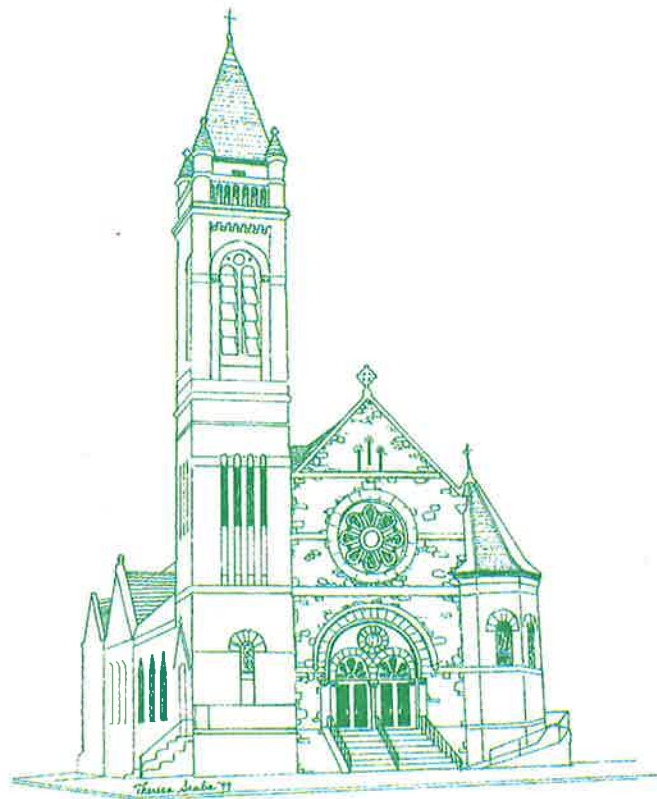
*Please notify the rectory before making
arrangements with funeral homes.*

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.

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REFLECTION

"It is I - have no fear"

Does the Lord Jesus seem distant when trials or adversity come your way? It was at Jesus' initiative that the disciples sailed across the lake, only to find themselves in a life-threatening storm. Although they were experienced fishermen, they feared for their lives. While Jesus was not with them in the boat, he nonetheless watched for them in prayer. When he perceived their trouble he came to them on the sea and startled them with his sudden appearance. Do you look for the Lord's presence when you encounter difficulty or challenges?

Fight fear with faith

This dramatic incident on the sea of Galilee revealed Peter's character more fully than others. Here we see Peter's impulsiveness - his tendency to act without thinking of what he was doing. He often failed and came to grief as a result of his impulsiveness. In contrast, Jesus always bade his disciples to see how difficult it was to follow him before they set out on the way he taught them. A great deal of failure in the Christian life is due to acting on impulse and emotional fervor without counting the cost. Peter, fortunately in the moment of his failure clutched at Jesus and held him firmly. Every time Peter fell, he rose again. His failures only made him love the Lord more deeply and trust him more intently.

The Lord keeps watch over us at all times, and especially in our moments of temptation and difficulty. Do you rely on the Lord for his strength and help? Jesus assures us that we have no need of fear if we trust in Him and in his great love for us. When calamities or trials threaten to overwhelm you, how do you respond? With faith and hope in God's love, care and presence with you?

"Lord Jesus, help me to trust you always and to never doubt your presence and your power to help me. In my moments of doubt and weakness, may I cling to you as Peter did. Strengthen my faith that I may walk straight in the path you set before me, neither veering to the left nor to the right".

Stewardship Reflections

2 Timothy 1:14

Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. Healing mercies and blessings on all the sick in my family and church family, req. by Dottie Mello

Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. (1) In Loving Memory of my grandmother Hattie Brown and Charles L. Cornish, req. by Leonard Brown

(2) God's continued blessings on Antonio Stokes, Happy Birthday, Love your mom

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. All deceased members of the Rutkowski and Martin families, req. by John Rutkowski

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Happy Repose of the Soul of my dad Charlie Lewis on the occasion of his 89th Birthday, req. by Martha Lewis Dorsey

Thursday

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

Friday

8:00 A.M. Happy Birthday to all members of Ladies Auxiliary Court #323 celebrating birthdays this month.

Today's Readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



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.	8/14/2017	Matthew 17:22-27
Tues.	8/15/2017	Luke 1:39-56
Wed.	8/16/2017	Matthew 18:15-20
Thurs.	8/17/2017	Matthew 18:21-19:1
Fri.	8/18/2017	Matthew 19:3-12
Sat.	8/19/2017	Matthew 19:13-15

SFX Circle of Recognition

We have so many unsung heroes that give of both their time and talents. This month we are recognizing those parishioners that keep our house of worship clean and shining. The Altar Guild:

- Michael Allen
- Martha and James Dorsey
- Celestia Drake
- Mary English
- Chris Gaddy
- Carolyn Miles
- Venia Cheatham
- Regina Mello
- Jerome Jenkins



SPECIAL NOTICES

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #32

The Knights of Peter Claver is the oldest Black, Catholic organization in the country. Our goal is to encourage lay apostolic and community action. We support worthwhile causes through volunteerism and charitable contributions. Ladies Auxiliary-Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange Court #323 is seeking new members. If you are interested in joining please contact Carolyn Finney at 443-570-9577

SFX Scholarships 2017-2018

Scholarship Applications for Catholic Elementary/Middle Schools, Catholic High Schools, and University / Colleges are located in folders in the vestibule on the table.

Red Folder-Catholic Elementary and Middle schools

Pink Folder- Catholic High School, and

Purple Folder- University/College

Applications should be returned by August 19, 2017 to the office. Remember if your child received a scholarship last year, they may not receive one this year based on availability.



Special Notices

Updating your Church records with changes in address, names, etc.

Several of you have experienced changes in your family and have failed to notify the office. **If you have had a birth, wedding, name change, address change etc., please notify the office or use the form on the back of the bulletin.** By not notifying the office, mail is coming back, which is an additional expense to the church because you have not bothered to change your mailing address. Please call the office or submit changed information via email or U.S. mail.

CDA Ct. SFX #2257 Annual Shrimp Feast

Come and join the CDA Ct. SFX#2257 at their Annual Shrimp Feast on Friday, August 18, 2017 from 7:00 pm.- Midnight at the Columbus Gardens, 4301 Kfosterman Ave., Baltimore, MD 21236 (off the 8400 blk. Belair Road). Tickets \$45.00 and can be purchased from any CDA member. Food, Dancing and Games.



You've Got Mail

All ministries and organizations, please clean out your mailboxes.

Mark Your Calendar

Sodality's Annual Christmas Shopping trip, Saturday, December 16, 2017. Tickets will go on sale in September, the cost will be \$50.00.

Notice:

It is with great sadness that we informed you of the death of Laurentia (Candy) Strawder who was funeralized from our church this past Saturday. We express our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

Special Notices

St. Francis Xavier New Website

St. Francis website: www.historicfrancisxavier.org. Please utilize the new website for your bulletin.

Shopping Trip

Join us on Saturday, August 19, 2017 for shopping fun at The Mills at Jersey Garden Outlet Mall in Elizabeth, NJ. We are leaving St. Francis church at 8:00 a.m. and returning to Baltimore at 8:00 p.m.

There are over 200 stores including Coach, Michael Kors, Dress Barn, Sketchers, Burlington, Old Navy and many more for deeply discounted prices. There's a 20-screen AMC theatre and several mouth-watering restaurants. Tickets are only \$55.00 per person.

Contact Lady Rosalind Johnson at 410-979-9461 or any court member for tickets. Tickets are going fast! You don't want to miss it! Thank you!



*The Baltimore Sun, July 31st, 2017 Edition
Waiting for a Miracle with the Oblate Sisters of Providence*

Please check out the following website and read the article about our beloved Oblate Sisters of Providence.

<http://darkroom.baltimore.co/2017/07/waiting-for-a-miracle-with-the-oblate-sisters-of-providence/>

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX

If you are using the church's Tax ID for your bank account. It is imperative that you complete the form that is in your mailbox and return it ASAP.

Congratulations to Our 2017 Graduates

1. Greer Ayres
2. Sienna Regina Hare
3. Candr'e Henry
4. Kendall Hyman
5. Amirah Miles
6. Karlo Nicholas Norwood
7. Quinton D. Powell, Jr.
8. TaMara Samuels
9. Jeryl Singleterry
10. Shaneka Victor
11. Xavier Jerome Vinson
12. Nkenge Wheatland
13. Blake A. Williams
14. Deborah Woods

Holy Day of Obligation Feastday of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Will be celebrated on Tuesday August 15, 2017.
There will be two Masses. At 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 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.

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier:

Because of your generosity during our recent mission appeal for the HIV/AIDS orphan girls in India, there will be a stepping stone on their Path of Prayers with your name on it.

The stone will read:



Each night, before they go to bed, the girls and the Carmelite sisters will take off their sandals, walk and “pray” the stepping stones. Just imagine: a prayer, every day, for you!

It was wonderful to be with you. What a vibrant and welcoming parish you have. Soon, our precious HIV/AIDS orphan girls will have a proper place to sleep and to learn. Some of you are considering larger donations or a stepping stone for their family or loved ones. Please contact us or go to our website if you would like to become a part of this global family that supports our girls.

Many thanks....and *Namaste*.

Lauren Hurley

For Homes of Hope India

910-815-0694

www.homeofhopeindia.org

lauren@homeofhopeindia.org

Dawson Safe Haven Center After School Program

REGISTER NOW!!!

JOIN US!

**2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Monday to Friday**

**SNACKS & DINNER
WILL BE PROVIDED
DURING THE AFTER
SCHOOL PROGRAM!**



**Sign Up
Now!**

Homework
& Reading Club
Computer Skills
Training
Music/Movement
Art
Field Trips

1401 E. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21213

LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

Gail Hemphill Danik, Director

Tymira Hughey, Assistant Director

Department of Housing
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