

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

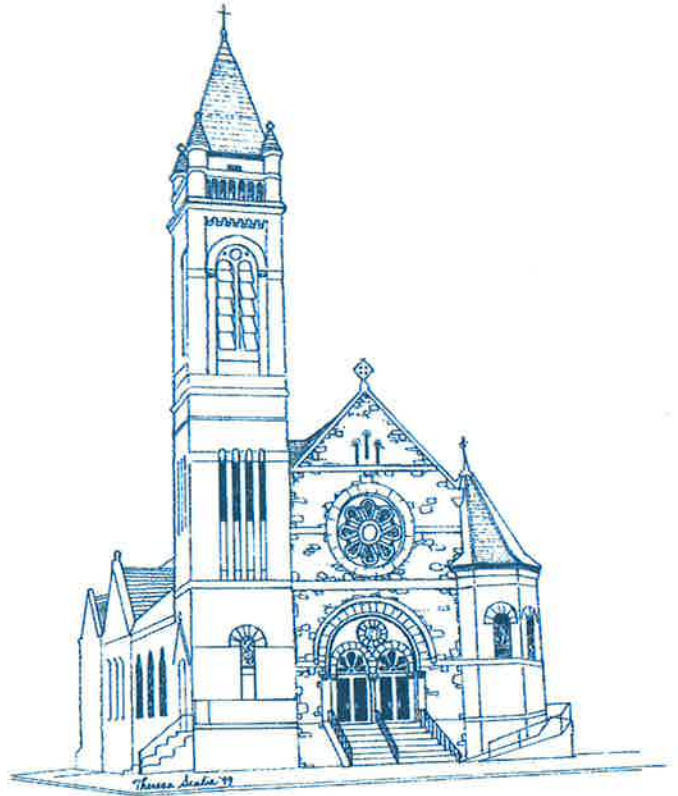
Funerals

*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

"The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven"

Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

The Risen Lord Jesus is with us always to the end of time Jesus' departure and ascension was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan. When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Risen Lord empowers us to carry on his work Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Their task is to proclaim the Gospel - the good news of salvation - not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations as well. God's love and gift of salvation is not reserved for a few or for one nation alone, but it is for the whole world - for all who will accept it. The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of guilt, sin, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel?

We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ

This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task - to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P. M. Happy Repose of the Soul of Hilda Wilson, Francis Hines and Aretta Hines, req. by Sandy Parrish

Sunday

8:00 A.M. (1) In Loving Memory of Napoleon Sykes a phenomenal husband, dad and pop-pop, req. by Brenda and Children

(2) Happy Repose of the souls of Dorothy Butler, and Dorothy Hines, req. by Sandy Parrish

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. For all the poor souls, req. by John Rutkowski

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. God's healing mercy for Jerrelle François, req. by Darleen Thomas

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's grace and healing mercy for all of the sick in our parish, req. by Darleen Thomas

Friday

8:00 A.M. God's continued blessings for all of our priests, req. by the parish

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Next Week's Reading

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:36-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23



SPECIAL NOTICES

Scriptures for Daily Mediation



“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.	May 14, 2018	John 15:9-17
Tues.	May 15, 2018	John 17:1-11a
Wed.	May 16, 2018	John 17:11b-19
Thurs.	May 17, 2018	John 17:20-26
Fri.	May 18, 2018	John 21:15-19
Sat.	May 19, 2018	John 21:20-25

Special Announcements

No impromptu announcements. Please make sure that if you have any announcements they have been approved by Father Xavier first.

Circle Club Winners

Circle Club winners for the April drawings held on May 6, 2018 were as follows:

- President- Janice Brown Hyatt- #106- \$500.00
- Vice President- Lillian Smith- #82- \$100.00
- Treasurer- Mary Parker #83- \$100.00
- Secretary- Bessie Roberts- #27- \$100.00
- 1st Bonus- Alan Wiggins #81- \$50.00
- 2nd Bonus- Julie/Woodrow Scott # 127- \$25.00
- 3rd Bonus- Crystalyn Gaddy- # 61- \$25.00

SPECIAL NOTICES



Annual Fashion Show, Sunday May 20th, 2018 from 3-6 p.m. Theme: Steppin Out. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. We are in need of Models, if you are interested please contact Lorraine Bell (410) 889-9196. Shoes will be on display. If you would like to model yours, call Lorraine.



Dates to Remember

May 20th- “White Gloves” a mystery comedy at the Arena Players 4:00 p.m. on Sunday May 20th, tickets are \$25.00 for tickets, please contact Darleen Thomas if interested..

May 27th- Confirmation at 11:00 a.m. Mass

June 16th- St Wenceslaus Senior Luncheon at St Francis, 12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

June 23rd- Annual Parish Picnic- 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m., additional details on insert in the bulletin.



Special Notices

Religious Education

May

13th No Class Mother's Day

20th Class

26th First Communion/Confirmation

rehearsal @ 10:00 a.m. – Noon

27th Class - First Communion /

Confirmation



Mark Your Calendars!

St. Francis Xavier, St. Ann and St. Wenceslaus will be hosting a joint parish picnic on Saturday June 23rd at O'Dwyer Retreat House 11:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.. All parish members, their families and friends are invited to join us on this day of fellowship. The picnic is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a parish community prior to summer vacation and travel.

Rain date: Saturday, June 30th 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Parish picnic pricing including food/games

- All adults age 15 years and older- \$10.00
- Children age 14 years and younger- \$7.00
- Children 5 years and younger- free

Please read bulletin insert for all other details



Special Notices

Important Note: Envelope Users

When submitting one check for multiple envelopes, please include the amount on each envelope. In addition, please make sure that the amount you are recording on the outside of the envelope is the same as the funds that you are placing inside of the envelope. Both things are very important to ensure that your offering is accurately recorded. Please write or print legibly. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We are still receiving envelopes being returned because of change of address. Please call the office if you have moved or if you no longer want to receive your envelopes.

June to Mary

This month we will honor Mary, the Mother of God (and ours, to). Trust her for her guidance and protection. "Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided."



SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

Employment Opportunity

Needed! Choir Director! St. Ann's Church is seeking an experienced Director of Music for their Gospel Choir. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office @410-235-8169 or email St. Ann's Church @STANN528@comcast.net.



SIGHT AND SOUND

SFX Circle Club is hosting a day trip to Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre to see the production of "Jesus" on Saturday, June 30th, 2018. All final payments are due now. No exceptions, the trip must be paid 45 days before departure. The cost of the total trip is \$165.00. For ticket information, please call Darleen Thomas 410-727-3103. Please encourage family and friends to join us. Seats are still available. Please plan to join your church members for this holy experience.



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 Rectory.

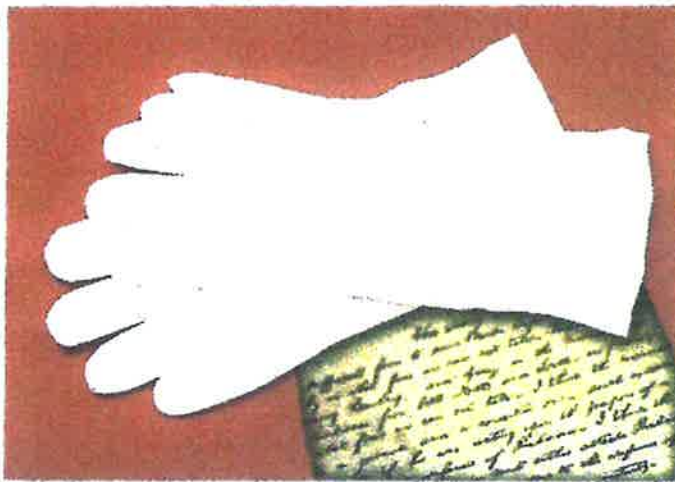


arena players, inc. presents

WHITE GLOVES

A MYSTERY COMEDY

WRITTEN BY ROBERT RUSSELL



Directed by

D. RUSSELL OWENS

*Join The
National Association Of Negro Business
& Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.
The Baltimore City Club
On Sunday, May 20, 2018
At 4:00 P.M.
Tickets - \$25.00*

TO BENEFIT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**THE ARENA PLAYHOUSE
801 McCULLOH STREET
BALTIMORE, MD 21201**

FOR TICKETS

CONTACT: ROCHELLE PURNELL 410.365.9662

DARLENE THOMAS 410.435.7631 OR FLORINE ROBINSON 443.765.5142



YOU ARE INVITED TO
ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sponsored by: St. Francis Xavier, St. Ann's, and St. Wenceslaus

SATURDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2018 | 11AM - 7PM

POOL TIME | 12NOON - 6PM

FOOD TIME | 12NOON - 4PM

Please note: Attendees are encouraged to bring additional food as desired.

Also, transportation is limited

O'DOYER RETREAT HOUSE

15523 York Road, Sparks, MD 21152

Parish members, their family and friends are invited to join us on this day of fellowship. The picnic is a wonderful opportunity to gather together as a parish community prior to summer vacation and travel.

For more information, please contact
Wyona Chambers @ 410-961-6198 or wchambers1@verizon.net.

Parish Picnic Pricing including food/games:

All Adults age 18 years and plus- \$10.00

Children age 6 years through 17 years- \$8.00

Children age 5 years and younger- Free

RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, JULY 14TH | 11AM - 7PM

DON'T MISS IT!

