

# 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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## *Meditation*

*"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord"*

*Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your home and heart? Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him - betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people of Jerusalem, however, were ready to hail him as their Messianic King! Little did they know what it would cost this king to usher in his kingdom. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9):*

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on a donkey and upon a colt the foal of a donkey.*

*The colt was a sign of peace. Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.*

*Augustine, the great 5th century church father, comments on the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem:*

*"The master of humility is Christ who humbled himself and became obedient even to death, even the death of the cross. Thus, he does not lose his divinity when he teaches us humility... What great thing was it to the king of the ages to become the king of humanity? For Christ was not the king of Israel so that he might exact a tax or equip an army with weaponry and visibly vanquish an enemy. He was the king of Israel in that he rules minds, in that he gives counsel for eternity, in that he leads into the kingdom of heaven for those who believe, hope, and love. It is a condescension, not an advancement for one who is the Son of God, equal to the Father, the Word through whom all things were made, to become king of Israel. It is an indication of pity, not an increase in power." (Tractates on John 51.3-4)*

## *Stewardship*

*Matthew 12:36*

*"But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.*

## *Mass Intentions*



### Saturday

5:00 P.M. (1) Happy Repose of the Soul of Barbara Thomas, req. by Roger Ford

(2) Healing mercy for Celeste Johnson, req. by the family

### Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. Praying for all of the sick members in our parish

### Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Peace in our city to stop unnecessary deaths

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's continued blessings for all of our priests

### Friday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercy for Jonathan T. Johnson , req. by The family.

## Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

## Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

## 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	April 15, 2019	John 12:1-11
Tuesday	April 16, 2019	John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	April 17, 2019	Matthews 26:14-25
Thursday	April 18, 2019	Luke 4:16-21
Friday	April 19, 2019	John 18:1-19:42
Saturday	April 20, 2019	Luke 24:1-12

### March Financials

Income: \$31,165.50  
 Expenses: \$38,598.51  
**Deficit: \$7,433.31**  
Expenses:  
 Utilities  
 Electric- \$3500.00  
 Facilities Expense  
 Administrative Expense  
 Salaries  
 Benefits  
 Other Misc.

### Welcomes You to: A Lenten and Easter Season Journey of Faith

Sessions will resume on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and additional sessions scheduled for Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the undercroft

We invite you to come walk with us. ALL ARE WELCOME

## SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner  
1794-1882



Oblate Spirituality

*Recommitment Ceremony: All are Welcome!*  
 Each year, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, Lay Associates, Guild members and all people of faith, gather in unity to recommit themselves to the Cause of Mother Lange.

*All are invited to this ceremony to promise to continue to pray for the beatification and eventual Canonization of Mother Mary Lange, O.S.P.*  
 When: April 27, 2019  
 Where: Our Lady of Mount Providence  
 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227  
 Time: 2:00 p.m.

*Reception will follow.*

April 14, 2019

*You are invited to come celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pierre Toussaint and Mother Mary Lange Information and Service Center.*

*A Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday*

*When: June 30, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.*

*Where: St. Patrick Church, 492 Bramhall Avenue, Jersey City, NJ*

*The Toussaint and Lange Center publish “The Lange Magazine” to encourage everyone to support the Cause of Servant of God, Mary Lange.*



### Knights of Peter Claver Raffle

*The Knights of Peter Claver are selling Raffle Tickets for a 65-inch Smart TV. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. See any Knight for tickets.*

# Special Notices

## Religious Education 2019 Faith

### Formation Calendar

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

#### April

7<sup>th</sup> Class

13<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project

14<sup>th</sup> Class- Psalm Sunday

18<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday

21<sup>st</sup> No Class- Easter

28<sup>th</sup> Class

#### May

5<sup>th</sup> Class

12<sup>th</sup> No Class – Mother's Day

19<sup>th</sup> Class

26 Class

#### June

2<sup>nd</sup> Class

9<sup>th</sup> Confirmation 11:00A.M. Mass

*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

*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 14<sup>th</sup>.*

*Sunday School Annual Lenten Project, Parents please help us with our yearly donation to the women and children shelter. Please read insert for suggested toiletries items. They should be unopened and unused items starting Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>, until April 14<sup>th</sup> for drop off.*

### Junior Catholic Daughters Easter Candy Project



*It is that time of year that we ask our parishioners to donate bags of unopened candy. We always make small baskets for our children, please help to make this a pleasant activity for our kids.*

### Fashion Show

*Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary Annual Fashion Show, Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 3-6 p.m. tickets are \$15.00 per person and can be purchased from any Sodality member.*



## 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

➤ Good Friday – April 19, 2019 Youth Ministry



#### Ministers of Hospitality Bingo

Please join the Ministers of Hospitality's Bingo Affair on Saturday April 27, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are available from any minister.



New Horizons of Men and Women Annual Father's Day Shrimp and Bull Roast is scheduled for Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available from any member.



**KPC LADIES AUXILIARY CT. 323  
FATHER'S DAY AT CAMDEN YARDS RAFFLE  
1 TICKET \$5.00/ 3 TICKETS \$10.00. SEE FLIER  
INSERT IN BULLETIN.**

## 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.*

# **KPC LADIES AUXILIARY CT 323**

## **FATHER'S DAY AT CAMDEN YARDS**

### **BASEBALL GAME**

### **RAFFLE**



**Orioles vs. Boston Red Sox**  
**June 16<sup>th</sup> 1:05 pm**

**2 GAME TICKETS & PARKING PASS  
& \$50 VISA GIFT CARD FOR FOOD**

**1 TICKET/\$5**  
**3 TICKETS/\$10**

**DRAWING JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> AT SFX**

Benefits St. Francis Xavier Church  
See any Lady Auxiliary member for tickets

Spend an Afternoon with  
The SFX Ministers of Hospitality at Our



# **EXTRANAGANZA 2**

Saturday, April 27, 2019

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Undercroft

1501. N. Caroline Street

Includes:

A 20 packet of BINGO Games

Meal Ticket

Door Prizes

\*\*\*Additional BINGO Packets: \$15.00

Special Games: 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

Bingo Dapper \$1.00

**BASKET BINGO**



Donation: \$25.00

Must be 18 years of age to play



**Food and Snacks for Sale**



A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the church