

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

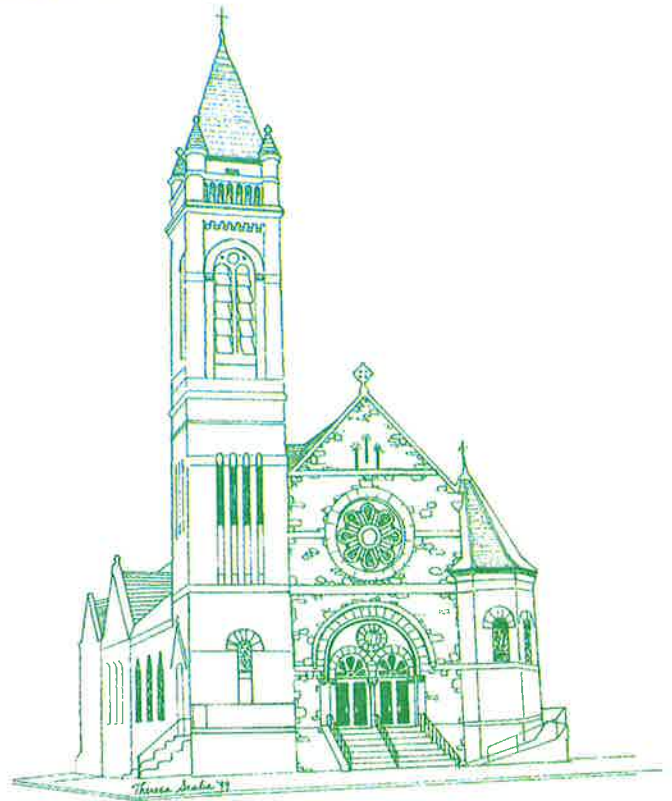
Funerals

*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

"We have found the Messiah!"

Who is Jesus for you? John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites from their oppression in Egypt and from the plague of death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28).

It is significant that John was the son of the priest, Zachariah, who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). In Jesus John saw the true and only sacrifice which could deliver us from bondage to sin, death, and the powers of hell. How did John know the true identity of Jesus, as the Son of God and Savior of the world (John 1:29)? The Holy Spirit revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us freely of his Spirit that we may comprehend - with enlightened minds and eyes of faith - the great mystery and plan of God to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

"What do you seek?"

John in his characteristic humility was eager to point beyond himself to the Christ (means Anointed One and Messiah). He did not hesitate to direct his own disciples to the Lord Jesus. When two of John's disciples began to seek Jesus out, Jesus took the initiative to invite them into his company. He did not wait for them to get his attention. Instead he met them halfway. He asked them one of the most fundamental questions of life: "What are you looking for?" Jesus asks each one of us the same question: "What are you searching for? Do you know the meaning and purpose for your life?" Only God, the Father and Author of life, can answer that question and make our purpose fully known to us. That is why the Lord Jesus invites each one of us to draw near to himself. He wants us to know him personally - to know what he came to do for us and what he wants to offer us.

Stewardship Reflections

1 Corinthians 6:20

For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. Happy Birthday and God's continued blessings for Sandy Roger Robinson, req. by the Family

Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. (1) In Loving Memory of my husband Joseph Mello, req. by Dottie Mello

(2) In Loving Memory of Napoleon Sykes a phenomenal husband, dad and pop-pop, req. by Brenda and the children

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. In Loving Memory of our mother, grandmother Beverly Allen on 6th Anniversary of her passing, req. by Michael Allen and Family

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. God's continued blessings on Peggy Williams, req. by KPC Ct #323

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's grace and mercy on Barbara Thomas and all of the sick, req. by Dottie Mello

Friday

8:00 A.M. In Loving Memory of parents, my siblings and all the deceased Mello family members, req. by Dottie Mello

Today's Readings

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:36-10, 19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel: John 1:35-42

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20



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.	January 15, 2018	Mark 2:18-22
Tues.	January 16, 2018	Mark 2:23-28
Wed.	January 17, 2018	Mark 3:1-6
Thurs.	January 18, 2018	Mark 3:7-12
Fri.	January 19, 2018	Mark 3:13-19
Sat.	January 20, 2018	Mark 3:20-21

Mother Mary Lange Honorees

Leadership:

Avis Butler

Service

Celestia Drake

Mary Watties

Youth

Kia Massey

Varia Alston

Please come out to support our honorees. Each honoree will have a table. Tickets are \$60.00 each. It will be held on Friday February 9, 2018, Martins West on Dogwood Road. No reservation accepted without payment.

SPECIAL NOTICES

CDA Court #2257 's Education Committee

CDA Court 2257 will be collecting payments for the trip to The Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, April 7, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$30.00 per person. Members of The Education Committee will be in the back of the church after 11:00 Mass. For more info. Contact Marsha Powell@ 443-467-2841.

Shouts Out to the Bereavement Committee:

Gracie Ferguson

Avis Butler

Sharon Butler

Sandra Davis

Celestia Drake

Mary English

When Needed:

Nadine Harris

Janet Wiggins

Venia Cheatham

Different organization members

Finances for December

Offering: \$27,132.00

Expenses: \$30,423.42

Deficit: \$2291.42

The cold weather has taken a toll on our pipes. Plumbing expense and heating expense is elevated, along with additional administrative and church expense for the holidays.

Special Notices

Religious Education

Family Faith Formation

2018 Faith Formation Calendar

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

January

14th Class

21th Class

28th Class-Open House

February

4th Class-African American History Program

11th Class

14th Ash Wednesday

18th Class

24th First Penance 10:00 a.m.

25th Class-Student Retreat 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Confessions grades 3-9

Oblates Sisters

The Mother Lange Guild Board of Directors cordially invite you to attend the annual Liturgical Celebration

Commemorating the 136th Anniversary of the death of "Servant of God" Mother Mary Lange, OSP on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227, Celebrant Reverend Pascal Morlino, OBS, Pastor of St. Benedict Parish. Please invite your parish community to join us. Sr. Magdala Marie Gilbert, OSP- Director Reception following Mass

Special Notices

CDA Court #2257 Education Committee

The CDA Court #2257's Education Committee is sponsoring the CDA Education Contest. The contest is for students in grades 4-12. The themes for 2018 are "The Lord has done great things for us, we have joy" Psalm 126 and "Finding Joy in my life." The applications can be found in the back of the church. Please contact Marsha Powell @443-467-2841 for more information.

St Wenceslaus a member of our Pastorate

Has an activity planned for Saturday January 27, 2018. To be held at St. Francis undercroft. It is a "Day at The Races". More details will be forthcoming.



New Horizon of Men and Women

Deposits are now being accepted for the trip to Williamsburg, Va. with the New Horizons on August 16th -20th. Deposits are to be given to Darleen Thomas or Jeanne Edmonds. The initial deposit is \$100.00. Deposits due now.

Counters

Please destroy the schedule that you received in the mail. Revised counters schedule are in the counters room on the table. Please take one.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

So many of our parishioners are dealing with health issues, please remember them in your prayers. Barbara Thomas Lucretia Coates, Candice Coates, Mildred Lane, Jeanne Edmonds, Bernie Fuller, Bernadette Morgan, Sharon Butler, and Mabel Smith.

Pastorate Meeting

The Pastorate meeting for St Wenceslaus, St. Ann and St. Francis Xavier will be held on Saturday January 20, 2018 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier undercroft.



Prayer Walk

Prayer walk on Monday January 15th in remembrance of Martin Luther King will be hosted by St. Bernadine Church, 3812 Edmondson Ave. Baltimore, MD. The time is 12:00 p.m.



Important Notice!

The area adjacent to the kitchen and undercroft needs to be properly arranged. Fr. Xavier is doing this by himself. If you belong to any organization or ministry that has a locked cabinet, please see Fr. Xavier ASAP. If there is no response, consider the cabinet gone.

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:

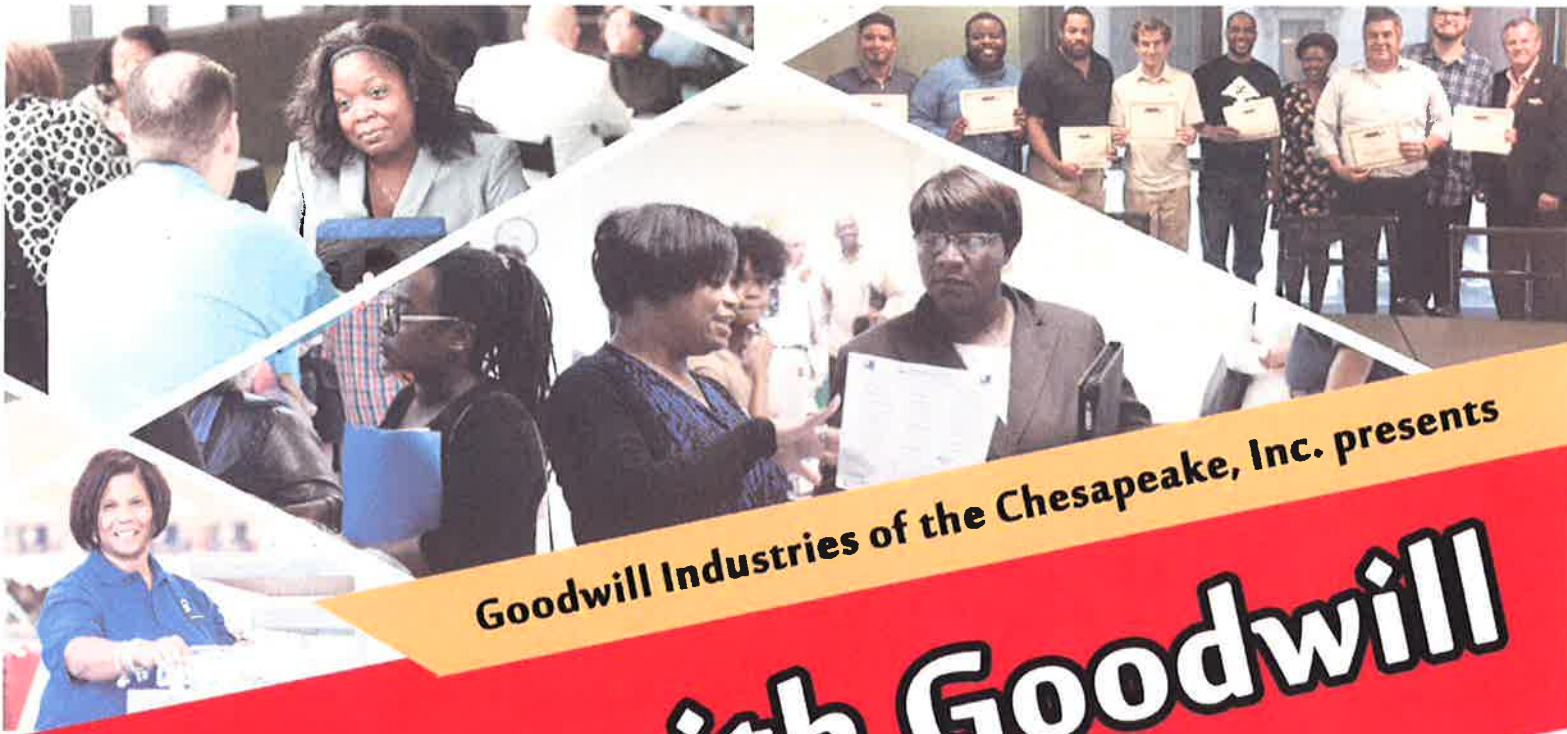
Name _____

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.



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January 20
9 AM to 1 PM**

**Zion Baptist Church
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for more details

