

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

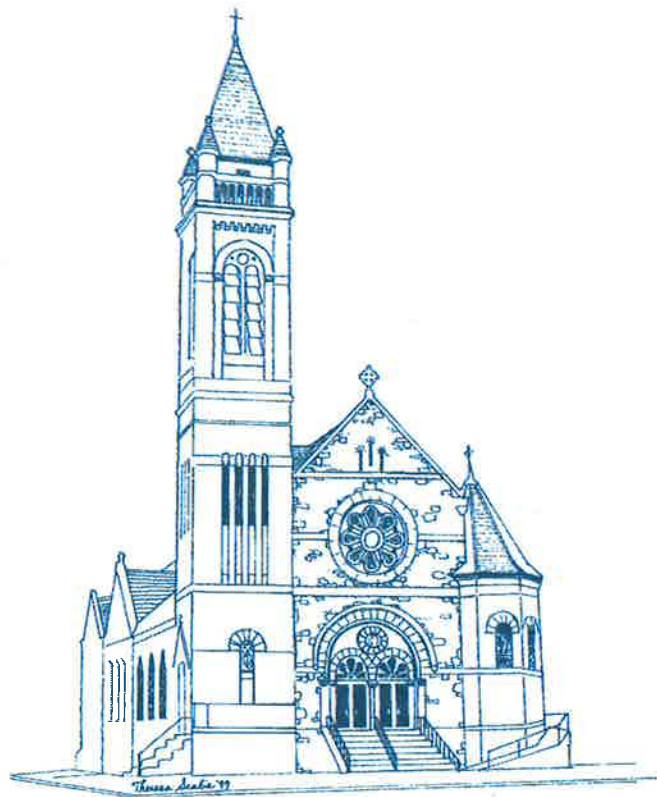
Funerals

*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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Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures

Aren't we like the apostles? We won't believe unless we can see with our own eyes. The Gospel accounts attest to the reality of the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Jesus goes to great lengths to assure his disciples that he is no mere ghost or illusion. He shows them the marks of his crucifixion and he explains how the Scriptures foretold his death and rising.

Jerome (347-420 AD), an early church bible scholar, comments:
"As he showed them real hands and a real side, he really ate with his disciples; really walked with Cleophas; conversed with men with a real tongue; really reclined at supper; with real hands took bread, blessed and broke it, and was offering it to them... Do not put the power of the Lord on the level with the tricks of magicians, so that he may appear to have been what he was not, and may be thought to have eaten without teeth, walked without feet, broken bread without hands, spoken without a tongue, and showed a side which had no ribs." (From a letter to Pammachius against John of Jerusalem 34)

The door to heaven and key to paradise is through the cross
The centrality of the Gospel message is the cross - but fortunately it does not stop there. Through the cross Jesus defeated our enemies - death and Satan and won pardon for our sins. His cross is the door to heaven and the key to paradise. The way to glory is through the cross. When the disciples saw the risen Lord, they disbelieved for joy! How can death lead to life, the cross to victory? Jesus shows us the way and he gives us the power to overcome sin and despair, and everything else that would stand in the way of his love and truth. Just as the first disciples were commissioned to bring the good news of salvation to all the nations, so, we, too, are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to all who live on the face of the earth. Do you witness the joy of the Gospel to those around you?

"Lord Jesus, open our minds to understand the Scriptures that we may fully comprehend the truth of your word. Anoint us with your power and give us joy and boldness to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed."

Psalm 4:1,3,6b-8

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You have given me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.

3 But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

6b Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD!"

7 You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

8 In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Mass Intentions 

Saturday

5:00 P.M. In Memory of Frances Chapman, A. Berenice Hunley, and Beverley Allen, req. by Darleen Thomas

Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A. M. In Memory of Donald Johnson on the 1st Anniversary of his death, req. by the Family

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Health Blessing for Jeff Martin, req. by John Rutkowski

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Happy repose of the soul of Shirley Thompson mother of Alonzo Mackall and his wife Vanessa K. Mackall, req. by Edna Aiden and family

Thursday

8:00A.M. Health Blessing for Maryanne Rutkowski, and family, req. by John Rutkowski

Friday

8:00 A.M.. In Memory of our Grandmother, Rosie Lee Smoot, req. by Darleen Thomas and Family

Daily Reflections

Harboring resentment is infinitely grave. For then we shut ourselves off from the sunlight of the spirit.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:13-15, 17

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18



Scriptures for Daily Meditation

"And the Scripture gives us hope and encouragement as we Wait patiently for God's promise to be fulfilled" Rom. 15:4

Day	Date	Gospel
Mon.	April 16, 2018	John 6:22-29
Tues.	April 17, 2018	John 6:30-35
Wed.	April 18, 2018	John 6:35-40
Thurs.	April 19, 2018	John 6:44-51
Fri.	April 20, 2018	John 6:52-59
Sat.	April 21, 2018	John 6:60-69

Counters Meeting

The counters meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 21, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Counters, please Make every effort to be there.



K.P.C Intake Meeting

April 28, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary Annual Fashion Show
 Annual Fashion Show, Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 3-6 p.m. Theme: Steppin Out. Tickets are \$15.00 per person Fashion Show is 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



March Financials

Total Income \$30,448.00

Expenses: \$ 40,072.43

Deficit: \$9,624.43

March was an unusual month, the church was dealing with winter month expenses, March's large expenses due to wind damage and water damage in this building and the Head Start building. In addition, supplies that had to be purchased for the Lenten season, salaries, administrative expenses, lease equipment expense, and utilities expense. Also, numerous misc. expenses.

Special Notices



April

14th Student Field Trip 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

15th Class

22nd Class Confirmation Retreat 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

29th Class

May

6th Class

13th No Class Mother's Day

20th Class

26th First Communion/Confirmation rehearsal @ 10:00 a.m. – Noon

27th Class First Communion / Confirmation

Field Trip

The Sunday school visited the Basilica and National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes both located in Emmitsburg, MD yesterday April 14th.

Confirmation Letters

Our parish has six candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Greer Ayers, Warrick Cunningham, Candre Henry, Zachary Hill, Amirah Miles, and Karlo Norwood. Their retreat will be held on Sunday April 22nd at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse. I am praying that it will be a wonderful, meaningful retreat for the candidates. If anyone would like to write a letter of support and encouragement to these candidates to be presented at the retreat please give the letters to me or leave in the rectory. This will truly be a wonderful gift to our candidates from our parishioners to tell them how proud you are of them for the way they are preparing for confirmation so that they can become fully initiated lifelong Catholics. Thank you for taking time to do this. We appreciate your support.
Joslyn Alexander

Turn to Mary

In May 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."



How has this Lenten Season Renewed You? Are you taking time to reflect on God's Glory?



Are you reaching out to the less fortunate?

SPECIAL NOTICE!

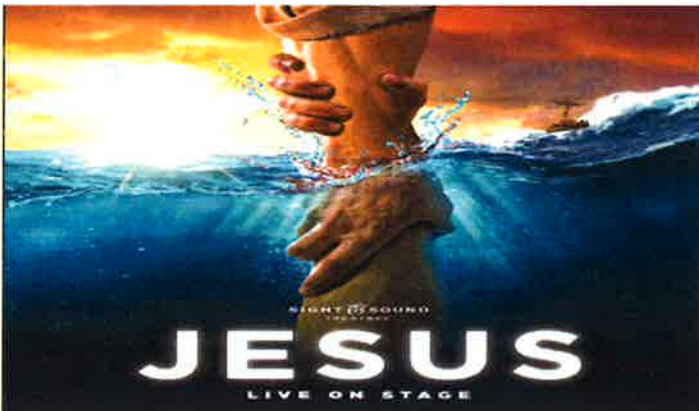
*Please Keep In Your Prayers
All sick and shut in SFX Parish*

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 of these 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.

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. Deposit of \$50.00 is due by April 15th, with final payment due May 13th. No exceptions, the trip has to be paid 45 days before departure. The cost of the total trip is \$165.00. Weekend rates are higher. Accepting deposits now. Darleen Thomas 410-727-3103



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.