

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.*

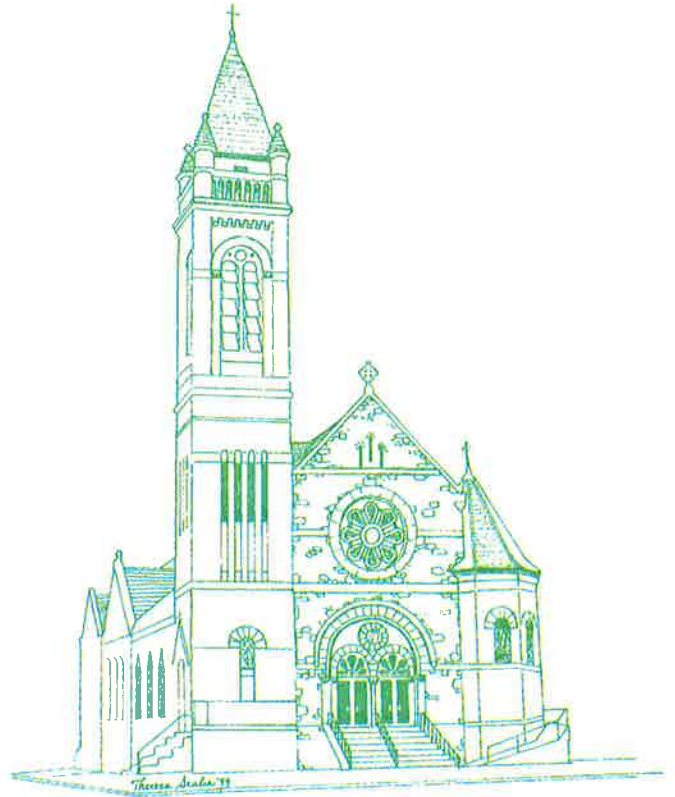
Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,

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

"Why do you speak to them in parables?"

What is the best and easiest way to help people understand God's kingdom? Like the rabbis of his time, Jesus very frequently used parables - short stories and images taken from everyday life - to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. Like a skillful artist, Jesus sketched memorable pictures with short and simple words. A good image can speak more loudly and clearly than many words. Jesus used the ordinary everyday illustrations of life and nature to point to another order of reality - hidden, yet visible to those who had "eyes to see" and "ears to hear". Jesus communicated with vivid illustrations which captured the imaginations of his audience more powerfully than any abstract presentation could. His parables are like buried treasure waiting to be discovered (Matthew 13:44).

What can the parable about seeds and roots teach us about the kingdom of God? Any farmer will attest to the importance of good soil for supplying nutrients for growth. And how does a plant get the necessary food and water it needs except by its roots? The Scriptures frequently use the image of fruit-bearing plants or trees to convey the principle of spiritual life and death. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit (Jeremiah 17:7-8; see also Psalm 1:3)

How do you listen to God's word?

Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth.

Stewardship Reflections

1 Corinthians 9:17

For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. God's continue blessings on my sister, Gwendolyn Thomas as she celebrates her birthday, req. by Darleen Thomas

Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. (1) Happy 93rd Birthday to our mother Ethel Hill, req. by her children

(2) God's healing mercy for Joseph and Rita Colbert, req. by Dottie Mello

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Loving Memory of my parents Frank and Bertha Washington, req. by Dottie Mello

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's healing mercies for my brother Charles Jr. Lewis and my cousin Fr. Kenneth Gaddy, CSSR, req. by Martha Lewis Dorsey & Family

Friday

8:00 A.M. (1) God's Healing mercy for Roslyn Jackson, req. by Dottie Mello

(2) Happy repose of the soul of Alfred Brown Sr., req. by the Pastoral Council

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43 pr 13:24-30



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.	7/17/2017	Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tues.	7/18/2017	Matthew 11:20-24
Wed.	7/19/2017	Matthew 11:25-27
Thurs.	7/20/2017	Matthew 11:28-30
Fri.	7/21/2017	Matthew 12:1-8
Sat.	7/22/2017	John 20:1-2, 11-18

Tune Your Radio



Tune your radio to *WVTO 92.7 FM*; Baltimore's station for "Talk Radio for Catholic Life" via the Relevant Radio network, prayers, devotions, and more. Broadcasting from the bell tower of St. Benedict Church in Southwest Baltimore from 2 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. daily, our signal reaches from two to six miles from the church. More info at <https://www.wvtoradio.com/>

Catholic Cruise Eastern Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 7 night Eastern Caribbean with Fr. John Harper December 10-17 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Ft. Lauderdale (Port Everglades), Florida. Port of call: Grand Turk Island, Turks and Caicos, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Philipsburg, St Maarten, Half Moon Cay, Bahamas. Prices begin \$1968.00 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of \$350.00 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug Or Eileen at 860-399-2781 or Doug@catholiccruiseandtours.com

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Oblate Sisters of Providence will host their annual Homecoming at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD on Sunday, August 6, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All students of all former Oblate schools and programs are invited. The cost of dinner is \$10.00, lots of Baskets Raffles and Silent Auction items, if you are a SFA graduate of 1967, please contact, Sister Helene Therese, OSP 410-536-5687.

Church Picnic

Due to lack of interest the Saturday, June 17th, SFX Parish Picnic was postpone. The new date is Saturday, August 5th, same time and same location. If you have already paid and request a refund, please contact WY Chambers on 410-961-6198. Please save the date new information will follow!



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

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, many of your children have not been added to your family census, and mail is coming back to me because you have not bothered to change your mailing address or phone number. 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 Klosterman 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.



Mark Your Calendar

Sodality's Annual Christmas Shopping trip, Saturday, December 16, 2017. More information forthcoming.

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!



June Financial Report

Income from Offerings: \$24,428.07

Expenses: \$28,170.89

Difference: **\$3,742.82**

Expenses includes but not limited to:

Utilities

Administration

Equipment Rental and Lease

Benefits and Salaries

Operating Expense

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX

Bishop Madden's Prayer Walk

Bishop Madden invites you to join him for his next prayer walk on Tuesday, July 25th at St Anthony of Padua, 4414 Frankford Ave. The evening will begin with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. and end at or before 7:30 p.m. During the walk, we will pray at specific locations that have been impacted by violence, and for a change of heart in those given to violence.

Please join in as we continue to step out in faith to reclaim our city for Christ.

Holy Name Society

Holy Name Society Crab Feast will be held on July 22, 2017, instead of July 29th, 2017. Donations are \$50.00. See any member for tickets.



Sunrise Choir

The Sunrise Choir is celebrating their 21st Anniversary on Sunday, July 30th, 2017, during the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The choir invites our church family, friends and other family members to worship with them on this special celebration. Harriet Brown, President

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.

Come Go With Faith Builders On a Crab Feast/Casino Trip



Saturday, August 5, 2017
Buses Leave
9:00 a.m. and return 10:30 p.m.
(Not responsible for Lateness)
From
St. Francis Xavier Church
1501 E. Oliver Street
21213
Ticket Price \$110
(Payment Plan Available)

It's a Crab Feast



Harrison Chesapeake House
Tilghman, Maryland

(Steamed Maryland Blue Crabs, Famous Fried Chicken, Hot and Buttered Corn on the Cob, Fresh Tomatoes w/sliced Onions, Homemade Potato Salad, Pasta Salad and Cole Slaw, Assorted Fresh Breads and Rolls, Ice Cold Watermelon and Cantaloupe, Iced Tea and Lemonade)

It's a Casino Trip



Delaware Park Casino
Wilmington, Delaware



Rebate \$30



For Tickets Contact Lillian Smith 443 562-1929, Jackie Hart 410 598-6258 or
Polly Hargrove 667 218-1202.

Proceeds to benefit St. Francis Xavier Church Fund

St. Wenceslaus/St. Ann/
St. Francis Xavier
Senior Citizens Appreciation Luncheon

When: Saturday, August 12, 2017

Time: 12pm to 2pm

Where: St. Wenceslaus Hall

2100 E. Madison Street



Must be 65 years or older and a member of
St. Wenceslaus or St. Ann Parish or
St. Francis

LIMITED TO 20 SENIORS FROM EACH PARISH

If you have any question please contact
Edith Pumphrey 410-488-7069

Please notify Darleen Thomas if you plan to
attend, or call church office

