

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.*

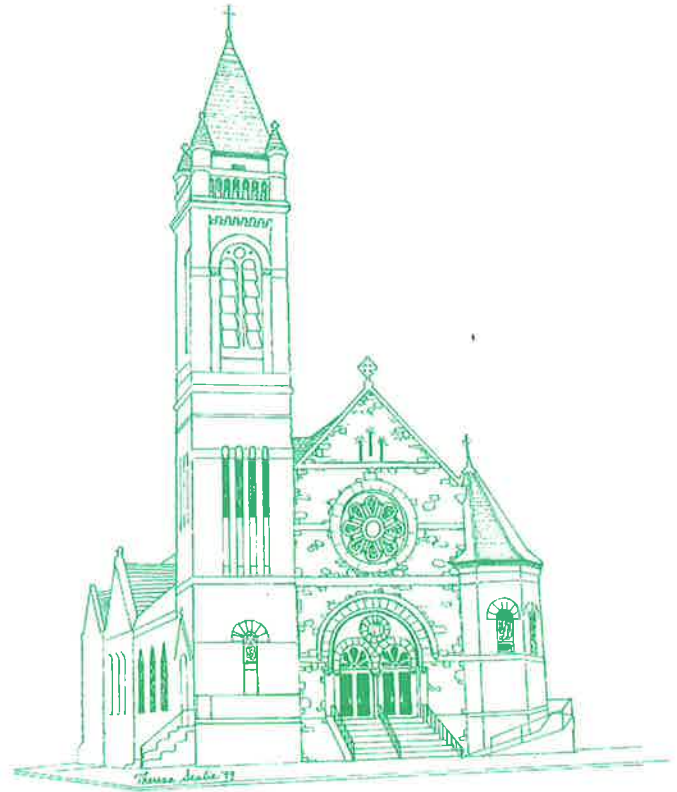
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Pastor

Religious Education

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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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Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 P.M. *Happy repose of the souls of Harry and Dorothy Butler, req. by Dottie Mello*

Sunday

8:00 A.M. *People of the Parish*

11:00 A.M. *Blessings and healing for Charles Lewis and his mother Alice Lewis, req. by Dottie Mello*

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. *Happy Birthday to Fr. Xavier and may God continue to bless him abundantly, req. by Darleen Thomas*

Wednesday

10:00 A. M. *God's healing mercies for Lorraine Bell and Jeanne Edmonds, req. by Darleen Thomas*

Thursday

8:00 A.M. (1) *Happy repose of the souls of Nina Harper and Nadine Pulliam, req. by Aunt Dottie*
(2) *In recognition of the 10th anniversary of the death of Rita Church, req. by her family*

Friday

8:00 A.M. *Continued blessings for Dorothy Addison and all our sick at home, in hospitals, and rehab centers, req. by Dottie Mello*

"Blessed are you poor - yours is the kingdom of God"

Scripture: *Luke 6:17,20-26*

17 [Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon... 20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 "Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. 22 "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, because of the Son of man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. 24 "But woe to you that are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25 "Woe to you that are full now, for you shall hunger. "Woe to you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. 26 "Woe to you, when all men speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

Meditation: When you encounter misfortune, grief, or tragic loss, how do you respond? With fear or faith? With passive resignation or with patient hope and trust in God? We know from experience that no one can escape all the inevitable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness, and death. When Jesus began to teach his disciples, he gave them a "way of happiness" that transcends every difficulty and trouble that can weigh us down with grief and despair. Jesus began his sermon on the mount by addressing the issue of where true happiness can be found. The word *beatitude* literally means *happiness* or *blessedness*. Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within - a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

Stewardship Reflections

And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. And He saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins. And He said, "Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them;

Today's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2-7, 12-13, 22-23

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

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	February 18, 2019	Mark 8:11-13
Tuesday	February 19, 2019	Mark 8:14-21
Wednesday	February 20, 2019	Mark 8:22-26
Thursday	February 21, 2019	Mark 8:27-33
Friday	February 22, 2019	Mark 8:34, 9-1
Saturday	February 23, 2019	Mark 9: 2-13

SVD Empty Bowls Painting

St. Francis Xavier SVD Empty Bowls painting was not only a fun networking experience, but it helped to provide funds to assist individual and families experiencing hunger, homelessness, and poverty. The actual event for the sale of the bowls and the opportunity to taste soups from Baltimore famous restaurants, will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, MD. Its an opportunity to have a fun day and take home a beautiful hand painted bowl. To purchase tickets, please visit www.vincentbaltimore.org/EmptyBowls your donation is tax deductible.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

*Mother Mary Lange Corner
1794-1882*



Oblate Spirituality

To date, we have read about the many facts related to the Oblates Sisters of Providence and Mother Lange’s years with the struggling early community. During the month of February, we will begin to read about ministries of the Oblate Sisters of Providence and the impact on Mother Lange cause. This month’s highlight is St. Frances Academy.

February 10, 2019

For 191 years, St. Frances Academy the first school operated by Oblate Sisters of Providence has maintained a strong and consistent tradition of serving disenfranchised young people.-the enslaved, the orphaned, the segregated, the immigrant, the poor.

Historic Dates of Interest:

April 22, 1828: planning began for St. Francis Academy

June 13, 1828: St. Frances Academy Opens

July 2, 1829: The Oblate Sisters of Providence were formed

1871: The school building at 501 E. Chase Street opens

April 27, 2001: Groundbreaking for new community building with a gym, classrooms, computer lab, and health suite- a 33,000 square foot addition to the school

Did you Know?

- *St. Francis Academy was founded with a mission to teach girls of color*
- *The original name was St. Frances School for Colored Girls*
- *Starting in the 1850’s the school began using the name, St. Frances Academy along with the original name*
- *In the late 1800’s the school adopted the name: St. Frances Academy*
- *The school had three previous locations before locating permanently at 501 E. Chase Street*
- *St. Frances Academy is the oldest historically black educational institution in the United States.*

Special Notices

Religious Education 2019 Faith

Formation Calendar

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

February

24th Class

March

3rd Class-African American History Program

10th Class

17th Class

24th Class

31st Class-Student Retreat 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

April

7th Class

14th Class- Psalm Sunday

18th Holy Thursday

21st No Class- Easter

28th Class

Sunday March 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. we will have our annual Lent Retreat for the Sunday School students. Parents and guardians please support our Retreat Day by allowing your child to experience the extended day, we have an exciting day planned. Please pray for the success for our Retreat.

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

Important Notice:

ALL VOLUNTEERS- ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE VIRTUS TRAINING.

If you are computer literate, call the office and I will walk you through the process, otherwise you will need to schedule a time with Darleen to complete the training, it takes approx. 45 min. This training must be completed for you to work with the youth and volunteer in the church. I will make it as easy as possible. A certificate is awarded upon completion.

The Swingers of St. Francis Xavier Church presents its Annual Bull and Oyster Roast on Sunday, March 3, 2019, from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. See any member for additional details.

Sodality of Blessed Virgin Mary Retreat April 5-7, 2019

Theme: "God's Dream"- This retreat will invite us to seek God: in creation; in Scripture; in our living relationship with Jesus and the generosity it inspires; and in the future God opens before us. This retreat is open to any adult who wants to seek God in his or her own human experience.

Location: Loyola on the Potomac, Faulkner, MD in Charles County

leave from: 1501 E. Oliver Street; Friday, April 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

First Time Retreatants: \$195.00

Previous Retreatants: \$245.00

Deposit of \$115.00 is due now

Leave the Potomac at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday April 7, 2019.

If you need registration forms, contact Martha Lewis Dorsey (410) 668-1258 or Lorraine Bell (410) 889-9196

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.

Lenten Activities



*Ash Wednesday Services
Within our Pastorate*

Wednesday March 6, 2019

St. Wenceslaus 9:00 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier....10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

St. Ann....10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

St. Casimir Church a 2736 O'Donnell Street, Baltimore, MD 21224 will host a Lenten Soup and Salad Supper Tuesday March 12, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Immediately following at 7:00 p.m. a presentation of "The Shroud of Turn" One of the World's Greatest Mysteries. See the full-size Shroud replica, hear the history, discover how science and faith meet. Experience the Passion of Jesus in a new way. For questions or more information, please call the parish office at 410-276-1981. For Soup and Salad supper, please respond by March 4th

St. Ann Church

St Ann a member of our Pastorate will host their Lenten program on each of the Wednesdays of Lent. It will focus on "Welcoming the Stranger" and will include soup and Scripture with special guest speakers. Weekly reflections will be available for reflections.

Minister's Retreat

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of hospitality please mark your calendar for the Annual Ministers Retreat, scheduled for April 6, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St Francis. Donations, \$12.00 per tickets, this includes breakfast, lunch and materials. please plan to join us.

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.