

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

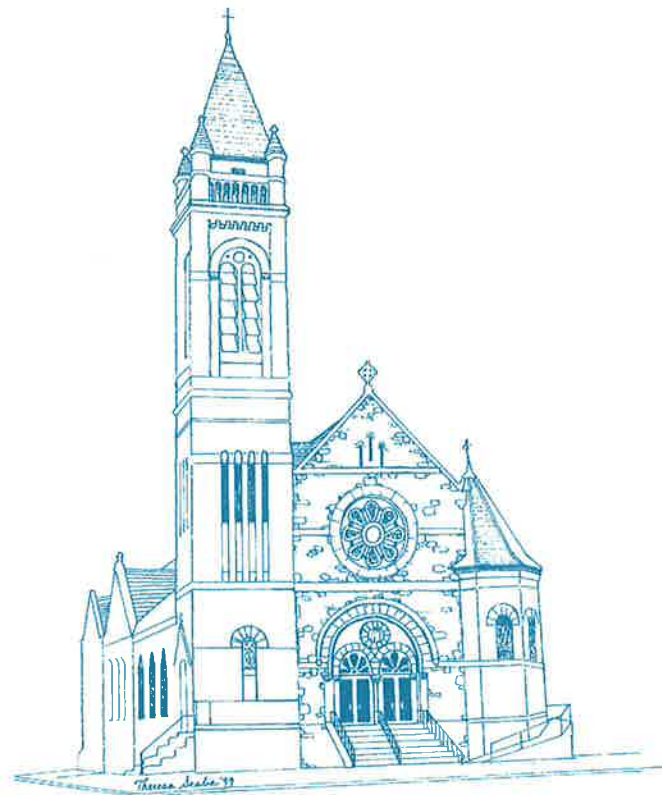
Funerals

*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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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
<i>Mon.</i>	<i>June 18, 2018</i>	<i>Matt. 5: 38-42</i>
<i>Tues.</i>	<i>June 19, 2018</i>	<i>Matt. 5: 43-48</i>
<i>Wed.</i>	<i>June 20, 2018</i>	<i>Matt. 6: 1-6, 16-18</i>
<i>Thurs.</i>	<i>June 21, 2018</i>	<i>Matt. 6: 7-15</i>
<i>Fri.</i>	<i>June 22, 2018</i>	<i>Matt. 6: 16-17</i>
<i>Sat.</i>	<i>June 23, 2018</i>	<i>Matt. 6: 18-21</i>

The Pastorate is sponsoring a trip to see the play “Jesus” on Wednesday November 28, 2018. The reason that they are advertising so early is because they are offering a payment plan. The payment plan will need to be updated because some dates have slipped. If interested see Donna Booth, or call 443-743-4054



SPECIAL NOTICES

Sodality of BVM’s annual trip to Emmitsburg, Maryland is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2018. We will tour the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Our Lady Grotto and have lunch at the Mountain Gate Restaurant. The cost of the trip is \$30.00 pp. which covers transportation, bus driver’s tip and donation to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s Shrine. The cost for lunch is \$16.50 pp this is to be paid individually at the restaurant. Fourteen (14) passengers Van will leave at 8:00 a.m. and return 5:00 p.m. If interested, please contact Martha Lewis Dorsey @ 410-668-1258. or any Sodality member. Money is due by August 5, 2018.

Mark your calendar, the Sodality’s Annual Shopping trip will be Saturday, December 15, 2018 to Tangier Outlets and Rockvale Outlets, PA. More information will be provided later.



Holy Men’s Crab Feast, Saturday July 28, 2018, 3-7 p.m.



SFX Parish Picnic, Saturday June 23, 2018. Please support the church for this wonderful family networking opportunity.

Special Notices



Young Adult Bible Study

Sunday 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. – School Building beginning September 23, 2018.

Confirmation is just the beginning it is the **START** of life as a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, the Body of Christ.

Come join fellow St. Francis Xavier teen and young adult parishioners to read and discuss the Word together. This will be an opportunity after Confirmation that continues into high school and beyond for youth to continue to grow in their relationship with the parish community and with Christ. All are welcome!

Joslyn Alexander, Director Religious Education

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? Are you an adult Catholic who has not yet been confirmed? Perhaps you just want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or have questions about it. RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process for preparing for full communion with the Catholic Church, and for instructing adults returning to their faith or who simply want to learn more. RCIA is open to anyone interested in exploring Catholicism.

A new group is forming for the fall, so contact the parish office if you or someone you know someone who may be interested

Special Notices

Knights of Peter Claver Court #323

KPC # 323 Ladies Auxiliary are raffling a crab basket. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket. The basket will include a certificate for one bushel of crabs, a certificate for a 12 pack of beer, two beer mugs, an apron, two bibs, two mallets, and seasoning. The drawing will be on June 27th and announced in church on July 1, 2018.

Also, come join us at National Harbor in Oxon Hill, MD for a shopping trip to the Tangier Outlets. The cost is \$45.00. We will only have one bus. The time is 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 18, 2018. You will have an opportunity to go to the Casino by shuttle for a cost on you for \$5.00 to be paid when you board the shuttle.

Please see any lady for tickets.

Religious Education Cont.

Sunday School classes are held September through May from 9:30 a.m.- 10:45 a.m. for grades pre-kindergarten through 9th grade. We are taking registrations for this year's Sunday School program starting September 9th. Mark your calendars: Sunday School begins September 23rd.

Sacramental Preparation: The policy of the Archdiocese of Baltimore is that children undergo two years of faith formation to prepare for the sacraments. This means: Year 1 (the year immediately before the year of reception), and year 2 (the year of reception). The usual year to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is the Second Grade. This means that our children begin preparation during the First Grade. The usual year to receive Confirmation is the Ninth Grade. If your children satisfied their requirements in Religious Education classes as a first or eight graders last year, then they should be on track to receive the respective sacraments next year. If your children were not able to receive these sacraments during the usual years, it is not too late. We will help you and your children to prepare and receive the sacraments.

REFLECTION

Sunday (June 17): **What the kingdom of God is like**

Scripture: *Mark 4:26-34*

26 And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground, 27 and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how. 28 The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." 30 And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? 31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 34 he did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Meditation: What can mustard seeds teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Just as a seed has no power to change itself until it is planted in the ground, so we cannot change our lives to be like God until God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit.

The transforming power of the Word of God

The Lord of the Universe is ever ready to transform us by the power of his Spirit. Are you ready to let God change you by his life-giving Word and Spirit? The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to the Lord Jesus and allow his word to take root in us, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Paul the Apostle says, "*we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us*" (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 A.M. *Healing mercies for Bernard Fuller, req. by Paula*

11:00 A.M. *People of the Parish.*

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. *Happy repose for the soul of Cora Lee Jackson, req. by the family*

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. *God's blessings and his healing power for Martha and James Dorsey, req. by Darleen Thomas*

Thursday

8:00 A.M. *Healing mercies for Harry Butler, req. by Darleen Thomas*

Friday

8:00 A.M. *God's blessing and his watchful eye on our children as they attend the parish picnic on Saturday.*

Today's Readings

First Reading: *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:6-10*

Gospel: *Mark 4:26-34*

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Jeremiah 1:4-10*

Second Reading: *1 Peter 1:8-12*

Gospel: *Luke 1: 5-17*



SPECIAL NOTICE!

*Please Keep in Your Prayers
All sick and shut- in SFX Parishioners*

Please remember in your prayers, Nina Harper, Bernard Fuller, Bernadette Morgan, Barbara Williams, Velva Foster, Jerrelle Francois, Lucretia Coates, Fred Conway, Thelma Fly and all the other sick members of our parish. Ask God to grant them healing mercies.



Community Outreach

Zion Baptist Church and the Oliver Community is hosting a neighborhood outreach project. There will be a parade, health screenings, entertainment, food, rides, crafts, fellowship and giveaway. Vendor space is available. This activity is on Saturday, June 23, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dealing with Death and Dying

The Education committee of The Catholic Daughters of the Americas is sponsoring a workshop presented by Gilchrist Hospice, entitled "Dealing with Death and Dying." It will be held on Sunday June 24, 2018 from 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. at SFX undercroft. The workshop is free to all including family and friends. There will be free refreshments.

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.

HOLY NAME CRAB FEAST

Saturday July 28, 2018

3:00 -7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$50.00

All the Crabs you can eat!

See any Holy Name Member for tickets



Corn on the cob shutterstock 156950615
watermelon
salads



soda and beer

Step out and join us for an evening of fun.....

Leonard Brown- President

CDA Ct. St. Francis Xavier # 2257

Annual Shrimp Feast



All you can eat on the premises!
Food Served 7:00 pm -11:00 pm

Great Menu!

Steamed Shrimp, Maryland Crab Soup, Taco Bar, Cat Fish Tenders, Shrimp Creole with Rice, BBQ Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans in Onion Gravy, Macaroni and Cheese, Top Round Choice Beef, Virginia Baked Ham, Macaroni Salad, Fresh Salad Bar, Soft Drinks and Beer on Tap.

FRIDAY

August 17, 2018

7:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight
at the

Columbus Gardens

4301 Klosterman Ave.

Baltimore, MD 21236

(Off the 8400 blk. Belair Road)

Ticket Cost:

\$50.00

Music by DJ:

Derrick White

FOOD! DANCING! GAMES!



For more information, please contact:

Regent: Avis Butler 443-928-8513 or Avisbutler0511@gmail.com

or any CDA Ct. St. Francis Xavier #2257 Member

Oliver



Tuesday, July 10th

9 am - 12 pm

Food DISTRIBUTION

FEEDING THOSE ONE BAG AT A TIME

1400 E. FEDERAL ST., BALTIMORE, MD 21213

OLIVERCOMMUNITYBALTIMORE@GMAIL.COM



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



Saturday, August 4, 2018
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



Harris Crab House
Gransonville, 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