

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



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"

SVD-SFX Head Start Center (410) 685-7288

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 transfigured in glory

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36

28 Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white. 30 And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, and when they wakened, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah" -- not knowing what he said. 34 As he said this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son [my Chosen]; listen to him!" 36 And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Meditation: What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith Abraham recognized God and God's call on his life. He saw from afar not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well - an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God (Genesis 15:18). Abraham is the father of faith because he put his hope in the promises of God. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see him face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12; 1 John 3:2).

Stewardship Reflections

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."
(GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. For God's mercies and healing for Jonathan Thomas Johnson, req. by His Family

Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. Happy Birthday to all members of KPC Court #323 celebrating birthdays this month.

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. God's healing mercy for Brian Butler, req. by the family

Wednesday

10:00 A. M. Happy repose of the souls of all our dearly departed, req. by Darleen Thomas

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Asking God to grant speedy recovery to all the sick members in our Pastorate, req. by Darleen Thomas

Friday

8:00 A.M. Asking God for his continued blessings for our priests, req. by the Parishioners.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1 -6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

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	March 18, 2019	Luke 6: 36-38
Tuesday	March 19, 2019	Matthew 1;16, 18-21
Wednesday	March 20, 2019	Matthew 20: 17-28
Thursday	March 21, 2019	Luke 16: 19-31
Friday	March 22, 2019	Matthew 21: 33-46
Saturday	March 23, 2019	Matthew 15: 1-3, 11-32

Day of Recollection

The Pastorate Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ministers of Hospitality will be held at St. Francis on Saturday, April 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost of \$12.00 will defray the cost of a light breakfast, lunch and retreat supplies. Please contact:

St. Francis- Celestine Kellam, Janet Wiggins, or Suzonne Vickers

St. Ann- Brian Cousins

St. Wenceslaus- Dorothy Stokes-Wallace and Shrene Burnette



Knights of Peter Claver Raffle

The Knights of Peter Claver are selling Raffle Tickets for a 65-inch Smart TV. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. See any Knight for tickets.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



Oblate Spirituality

Oblate Sisters of Providence serve in parish and school ministries:

- St. Ambrose, Baltimore, MD; Sr. Stephen Beau ford, OSP is the Director of Religious Education
- St. Gregory’s Parish, Baltimore, MD: Sr. Sharon Young, OSP is the Director of Religious Education
- Cardinal Shehan Catholic School, Baltimore, MD: Sr. Mary Pauline Tamakloe, OSP assists in the classroom
- St. Frances Academy, Baltimore MD: Sr. Trinita Baeza, OSP, Sr. Virginie Fish, OSP, Sr. Mary Ngina, OSP, and Sr. Anthonia Ugwu, OSP
- , St. Francis Xavier, Baltimore, MD: Sr. Anthonia Ugwu, OSP ministers in Faith Formation
- St. Patrick Parish, Miami Beach, FL. Sr. Claudina Sanz, OSP and Sr. Bernarda Montenegro, OSP minister in Religious Education Program
- Catholic Central School, St. Augustine Scholars Program, Buffalo NY; Sr. Timothy Howard, OSP and Sr. Noreen Smith, OSP
- Alajuela, Costa Rica: Oblate Sisters of Providence have ministered in Costa Rica since 1964. Today, the Oblate Sisters are active in Pastoral and Religious Education Programs.

February Finances

Income:

Offering Income: \$26, 917.00

Expenses: \$37,418.24

Deficit: \$10,501.24

Explanation:

Because of the in-climate weather, the cost of the utilities was \$9,632.23. Add in the Property and Casualty Insurance, Administrative costs, and Operating expense. These are a few of the factors that impacted the deficit, but also envelope support is not as strong as it should be. We need to keep our offerings up in order to take care of our church.

Special Notices

Religious Education 2019 Faith Formation Calendar

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

March

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

CRS Rice Bowls were distributed to all Sunday School Children. The children's Lenten sacrifices to CRS will honor Jesus' call to serve our neighbors who have less than we do. Please have the children return their Rice Bowls on Sunday April 14th.

Sunday School Annual Lenten Project, Parents please help us with our yearly donation to the women and children shelter. Please read insert for suggested toiletries items. They should be unopened and unused items starting Sunday March 17th, until April 14th for drop off.



Prayer Walk

St. Francis will host Bishop Madden's Prayer Walk on Thursday, March 28, 2019. Light refreshments at 5:30. The walk will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Junior Catholic Daughters Easter Candy Project



It is that time of year that we ask our parishioners to donate bags of unopen candy. We always make small baskets for our children, please help to make this a pleasant activity for our kids.

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.

Stations of the Cross Devotions



Will be celebrated each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during the Lenten Season. Parishioners are encouraged to make the Stations of the Cross as part of their Lenten Devotions. Many graces are given for those who walk the final hours of Jesus' life on earth. Confessions during Lent will be held on Friday evening from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. and after Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross will be led by the different organizations in the Church.

Schedule for the Stations of the Cross

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- *Friday, March 22, 2019-New Horizon of Men and Women*
- *Friday, March 29, 2019-CDA #2257 of SFX*
- *Friday, April 5, 2019-Mass Choir*
- *Friday, April 12, 2019-Lectors, Eucharistic and Hospitality Ministers*
- *Good Friday –April 19, 2019 Youth Ministry*

Annual Appeal

*Next week St. Francis Xavier will launch our 2019 Annual Appeal. For Catholic Ministries, formerly known as the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, the same support for the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in our local church is being requested under a new name. The theme of the 2019 Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries is *Our Faith, Our Future*, chosen because it reflects the need for all in our Archdiocese, to join together to meet challenges. Financial and Spiritual, that lie ahead but, also importantly, the call from Pope Francis to all of us as Catholics to proceed resolutely on our paths to missionary discipleships.*

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.



EASTER MONDAY TRIP TO ATLANTIC CITY

SFX IS HOSTING OUR ANNUAL TRIP TO



ATLANTIC CITY

EASTER MONDAY APRIL 22, 2019

BUS LEAVING FROM ST. FRANCIS

9:00 A.M. LEAVING ATLANTIC CITY AT 6:00 P.M.

COST \$35.00 WITH A \$20.00 REBATE

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LATENESS ON EITHER END

BUS WILL DEPART AT ASSIGNED TIMES

ALL MONEY DUE BY MARCH 23, 2019

NO RESERVATION ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT

**ADDDITIONAL INFO. PLEASE CALL DARLEEN
THOMAS ON 410-727-3103 OR 410-303-0952**