

# 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.*

**1501 E. OLIVER STREET • BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21213**

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## REFLECTION

**"He who eats this bread will live forever"**

What is the bread of life which Jesus offers to all who believe in him? It is first of all the life of God himself - life which sustains us not only now in this age but also in the age to come. The Rabbis said that the generation in the wilderness have no part in the life to come. In the Book of Numbers it is recorded that the people who refused to brave the dangers of the Promised Land were condemned to wander in the wilderness until they died. The Rabbis believed that the father who missed the Promised Land also missed the life to come. God sustained the Israelites in the wilderness with manna from heaven. This bread foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers.

**Jesus is the "bread of life"**

Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The manna from heaven prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist or Lord's Supper which Jesus gave to his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice. The manna in the wilderness sustained the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land. It could not produce eternal life for the Israelites. The bread which Jesus offers his disciples sustains us not only on our journey to the heavenly paradise; it gives us the abundant supernatural life of God which sustains us for all eternity.

**The food that makes us live forever**

Jesus chose the time of the Jewish Feast of Passover to fulfill what he had announced at Capernaum - giving his disciples his body and his blood as the true bread of heaven. Jesus' passing over to his Father by his death and resurrection - the new Passover - is anticipated in the Last Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist or Lord's Supper, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the church in the glory of God's Kingdom. When the Lord Jesus commands his disciples to eat his flesh and drink his blood, he invites us to take his life into the very center of our being. That life which he offers is the very life of God himself.

**Do you hunger for the "bread of life"?**

Jesus offers us the abundant supernatural life of heaven itself - but we can miss it or even refuse it. To refuse Jesus is to refuse eternal life, unending life with the Heavenly Father. To accept Jesus as the bread of heaven is not only life and spiritual nourishment for this world but glory in the world to come.

### Stewardship Reflections

1 Corinthians 6:20

For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

## Mass Intentions



### Saturday

5:00 P.M. God's continued blessings on Helen Singleton, req. by Dottie Mello

### Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. In Memory of Foster Burley, Nathan Thomas, and Kenneth Burley, req. by Darleen Thomas

### Tuesday

8:00 A.M. (1) Deceased souls in the Walter and Rutkowski family, req. by John Rutkowski

(2) God's healing mercy for Jeffrey Butler, req. by Calvin Butler and family

### Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Happy repose for the soul of Andrew Stokes, req. by the family

### Thursday

8:00 A.M. Deceased souls in Martin and Feather Family, req. by Jeff Martin

### Friday

8:00 A.M. God's blessing on all the sick in the family, req. by Dottie Mello

## Today's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17  
Gospel: John 6:51-58

## Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15  
Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33



## 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
Mon.	6/19/2017	Matthew 5:38-42
Tues.	6/20/2017	Matthew 5:43-48
Wed.	6/21/2017	Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
Thurs.	6/22/2017	Matthew 6:7-15
Fri.	6/23/2017	Matthew 11:25-30
Sat.	6/24/2017	Luke 1:57-66, 80

### ***Orioles Hosting Children and Youth June 30th, 2017***

The Orioles are hosting the children and youth of St. Ann, St. Francis Xavier and St. Wenceslaus parishes at a game against Tampa Bay at Camden Yards on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 p.m. We will be allotted 150 tickets, 50 tickets for each parish. The expectation is to have at least 20 adult chaperones and 130 children. The children will have first priority for sign up. The Orioles will provide 3 buses and all 3 buses will be at St. Wenceslaus at 5:30 p.m. on that evening. They will also provide participants with a hot dog, Drink, bag of chips and Oriole gear to wear at the game. A signup sheet is available on the table in the back of the church.

### 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, ad 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/>

## 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 5, 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.*

**COUNT YOUR  
BLESSINGS.  
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.  
COUNT YOUR  
MANY BLESSINGS  
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.**

### May Financials

Income: \$23,490.29

Expenses: \$25,674.71

**Deficit- \$2,184.42**

Expenses include but not limited to:

BGE

Verizon

Dish

Office supplies

Church supplies ( Candles, Missals)

General maintenance

Converting heat to cooling

Expenses incurred for Mother's Day Breakfast

## Special Notices

### Summer Camp

Camp St. Vincent, Baltimore's only summer camp dedicated to serving homeless children. In just a few short weeks, Camp St. Vincent will launch its 110<sup>th</sup> season. We hope you will consider supporting the Camp this summer and help provide campers an unforgettable summer experience.

This summer we anticipate serving more than 250 children ages 5-14 at Camp St. Vincent. Each child is provided transportation to and from camp, breakfast, lunch and snacks, and enrichment activities like dance, music, art, sports and swimming instructions. Most importantly, Camp St. Vincent provides programming to help reduced the negative impact of homelessness on children. Camp St. Vincent runs for 8 full weeks. Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All this is made possible by generous support of Camp sponsors. If you are interested in learning more about supporting this camp and the work of SVD, please contact Jennifer Summers at 410-662-0500 ext 212 or [Jennifer.summers@vincentbaltimore4.org](mailto:Jennifer.summers@vincentbaltimore4.org)



## Special Notices

### St. Francis Xavier New Website

St. Francis has a new website you can go there to retrieve the weekly bulletin. The website is: [www.historicfrancisxavier.org](http://www.historicfrancisxavier.org). Please utilize the new website for your bulletin.

### St. Vincent De Paul Church

The Resource Exchange is a program of the Social Action Committee at St. Vincent de Paul Church. We place homeless persons in apartments in cooperation with Health Care for the Homeless. We are always looking for gently used small furniture pieces and household items. The complete list is on our website at [stvchurch.org](http://stvchurch.org).

For more information contact Pat Frascati at 410-663-5542 or 410-917-2214 or [Frascati00@comcast.net](mailto:Frascati00@comcast.net)

### Archdiocese of Baltimore Mobile App

The Archdiocese of Baltimore has developed a mobile version of its website and an App for Apple and Android device users, to make it easier for Catholics to stay connected to their local church, including parishes and schools, while on the go. For more information, visit [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org) Or download the app from the app store.

## SPECIAL NOTICE!

*Please Keep In Your Prayers*

*All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX*

*Several of our church members have recently lost family members. Make sure you reach out to them. After the funeral is when they really need friends Remember they are your sisters and brothers in Christ.*

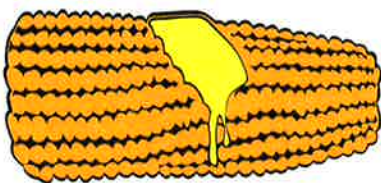
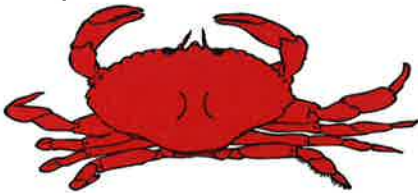
### Important Notice!

*Summer time is vacation time; it is also a time when offerings are reduced. If possible, please continue your weekly offering. The church has no vacation and expenses continue throughout the summer.*

# SUMMER Vacation

## Holy Name Society

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



## 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.*



## ***Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church*** ***The First African-American Catholic Community in the United States***

*These guidelines will increase your awareness of Mass etiquette.*

**1. *Attire***

The idea of "Sunday best" should still be honored even in our casual-attired society. Churchgoers of all ages should dress conservatively. Coats and ties are always appropriate for men, but not required. Women should wear modest dresses, skirts and slacks. No tank tops, short skirts, and tight-fitting clothing.

**2. *Arrival***

Arrive at least 10 minutes before Mass begins. This will help reduce distractions and provide enough time to get settled. If you arrive late, wait to be seated by ministers of hospitality/ushers so as not to disrupt the service or the congregation.

**3. *Entering the church***

You may bless yourself with Holy Water, but it is not required. As a sign of respect for the Blessed Sacrament, genuflect before taking your seat. This means you kneel down with your right knee touching the ground and then stand up. Sit near the center of the pew to accommodate others who arrive after you.

**4. *Quiet Time***

Sit quietly, pray or meditate. This is not the time to socialize with friends or prepare the offering envelope. Remember to turn off cell phones and pagers.

**5. *Kneeling***

Respect for the Eucharist demands that we kneel on our knees without leaning back on the pew. Be careful not to drop or bang the kneelers. If ill or disabled, it is acceptable to sit.

**6. *Sign of peace***

People usually shake hands and family members exchange a quick kiss. When you are sick with a cold or cough, it is polite not to shake hands. You can politely say "peace be with you".

**7. *Receiving the Eucharist***

Receive the Holy Eucharist with reverence, bow slightly and respond "Amen." You shouldn't be chewing gum or eating candy in church and especially not when receiving Communion. When you receive the host by hand, place the left hand over the right (or opposite if you are left handed) to receive the body of Christ.

**8. *The Sign of the Cross***

Begin by joining your hands. Touch your forehead with the tips of your three longest fingers on your right hand, then the center of your chest, then your left shoulder, and then your right shoulder.

**9. *Leaving the Church***

The final part of Mass is singing a last hymn. Leaving before the final hymn ends is considered inappropriate. Genuflect toward the altar before leaving the pew or at the end of the pew.