

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

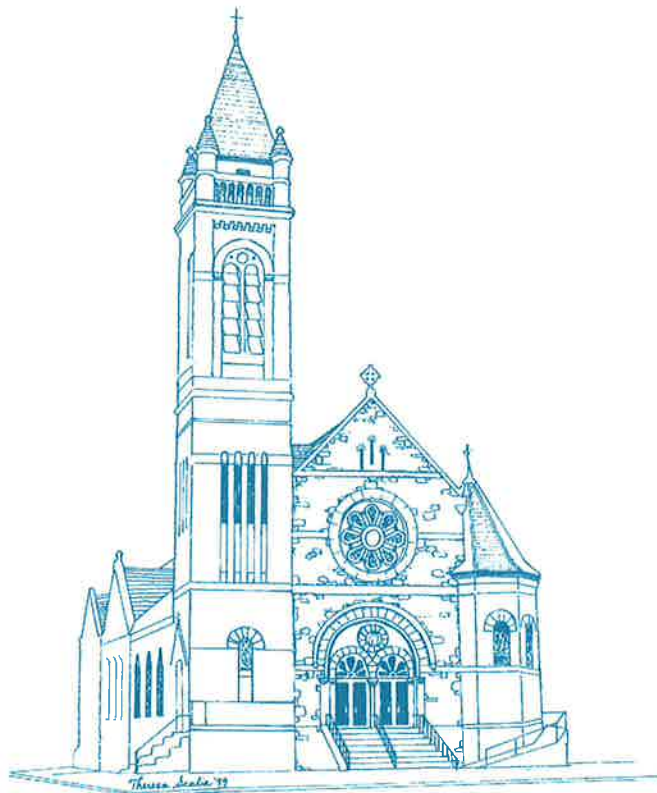
*Please notify the rectory before making
arrangements with funeral homes.*

*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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Meditation

"Love one another as I have loved you"

How does God reveal his glory to us? During his last supper with his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice on the cross, Jesus speaks of his glory and the glory of his Father. What is this glory? It is the cross which Jesus speaks of here. The cross of Jesus reveals the tremendous love and mercy of God the Father and his beloved Son for the human race. John the Evangelist writes, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

The true nature of love

There is no greater glory and honor that one can offer than the willing sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. This is the true nature of love - the total self-giving and free offering of one's life for the good of another. A mother who loves her child will do everything in her power to nurture, protect, and save the life of the child. A soldier devoted to his country's welfare, will endure any hardship and suffering and willingly sacrifice his own life to defend his people. God the Father showed the unfathomable depth of his love and mercy by willingly offering his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world. To ransom a slave God gave his only Son. That slave is you and me and the whole human race which is bound in sin and death and separation from God.

The cancer of sin is healed by Christ's merciful love

Paul the Apostle tells us, "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). The Lord Jesus died for our sins to bring us abundant new life in his Spirit and to restore our nature in the true image and likeness of God. The cancer of sin shows us the ugliness of greed, hatred, and envy which destroy the very core of our being and rob us of life and love. That is why evil infects the world which God created out of his boundless love and goodness. God did not create evil and suffering, but through suffering he conquers evil with goodness, truth, and mercy and righteousness.

Stewardship

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. Healing mercies for my husband, our dad Johnathan Johnson, req. by his wife, children and grandchildren

Sunday

8:00 A.M. Blessing of mercies for Our church family, req. by Cecelia Johnson

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. God's Blessing for St. Francis Priests and our Pastorate, req. by the Parishioners

Wednesday

10:00 A. M. In Memory of all the deceased members of the New Horizons of Men and Women, req. by Darleen Thomas

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercies for Barbara Williams, req. by Darleen Thomas

Friday

8:00 A.M. Please God peace in our City. Praying for all of our elected officials, req. SFX Parishioners

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

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	May 20, 2019	John 14:21-26
Tuesday	May 21, 2019	John 14:27-31a
Wednesday	May 22,	John 15:1-8
Thursday	May 23, 2019	John 15:9-11
Friday	May 24, 2019	John 15:12-17
Saturday	May 25, 2019	John 15:18-21

SFX HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Come join SFX Holy Name Society for the 65th Annual Baltimore Archdiocesan Holy Family Night with the Orioles. Friday July 12, 2019 at 7:05 p.m. against the Tampa Bay Rays. Tickets are available for Section (68) Left field lower box seats. Tickets are \$33.00 each. Please contact Leonard Brown at (443) 473-9212 for tickets. Thank You.

April Finances

Offertory Income: \$34,521.00

Expenses: \$37,147.88

Deficit: \$2,626.88

\$5,000.00 -Utility Bill

Property and Insurance Expense

Administrative costs / related to Lenten Season

Oliver Food Drop

The next Oliver Food Drop is scheduled for Tuesday June 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



Oblate Spirituality

During the month of May, the Mother Lange Corner will share information about the Lay Associate. Those who are interested in sharing this journey are encouraged to contact the Oblate Sisters of Providence Lay Associate Director for more information. The Lay Associate Director can be contacted at 410-242-8500.

In November 1980, the National Conference of Bishops published a document entitled "Called and Gifted: The American Catholic Laity". In this document, they reiterated the call to Adulthood, the call to Holiness, the call to Ministry, and the call to Community. Thus, began the idea of inviting lay people to take part in a religious order. It was from this invitation that in the 1980's, the Oblate Sisters of Providence opened their doors to lay men and women who were searching for spiritual enrichment and felt called to follow the charism, share the spirituality, and join the mission of the Community. (Sharon Knecht, The Finger of God, p.91).

The Oblate Sisters of Providence Lay Associate Program offers the laity an opportunity to participate in the spirituality, mission and ministry of the Community and share in the religious ideals of Mother Mary Lange. By sharing in the spiritual life, prayers and apostolic works of the Community. Lay Associates have the opportunity for spiritual and personal growth and share their gifts while experiencing the mutual support of a faith community. The Non-Resident Oblate Lay Associates live in their own homes, according to their own lifestyles, reaching out to others as their gift's and talents allow. They volunteer services and collaborate with the Oblate Sisters in a variety of ways. (Sharon Knecht, The Finger of God, p.91)

Special Notices

Religious Education 2019 Faith

Formation Calendar

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

May

26th Class

June

2nd Class

8th Confirmation rehearsal 10:00 a.m.

9th Confirmation 11:00 a.m.

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.

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 adults 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.

We meet every Thursday 6:30 p.m. in the undercroft October through May. Contact the parish office if you or someone you know may be interested.

Church Happenings



During the month of May, we honor Mary, the Mother of God and ours, too. Turn to her for guidance and protection and she will bring you to her son.

Archdiocesan Mass Attendance Count

One Sunday each year, we are asked to take a count of the number of people attending Mass to send to the Archdiocese. This year our study will be the weekend of May 18th and 19th. It is important for our church to provide an accurate count. We encourage all our parishioners to try to be present at one of the three Masses, the weekend of the 18th and 19th and to complete the form that will be distributed to each family.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE KPC

The Knights of Peter Claver is the oldest predominantly African American Catholic Lay organization in the nation. Our goals are to encourage lay apostolic, community actions and fellowship within our Catholic Community. We support worthwhile causes through volunteerism and charitable contributions. Ladies Auxiliary-Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange Court #323 is seeking new members including young ladies between the ages of 7-21. If you are interested in joining, please contact Carolyn Finney at 443-570-9577. Please leave a message.

SFX SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE!

Applications for SFX scholarships are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. The scholarships on the table are only for high school and college. Elementary and Middle School applications can be obtained from Joselyn Alexander, Director of Religious Education in the Sunday School Building.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

Please inform the parish office if you are aware of parishioners that are ill or in need of assistance.

Father's Day SPECIAL

New Horizons of Men and Women Annual Father's Day Shrimp and Bull Roast is scheduled for Sunday June 16th. Tickets are \$45.00 and available from any member.

KPC LADIES AUXILIARY

*KPC LADIES AUXILIARY CT. 323
FATHER'S DAY AT CAMDEN YARDS RAFFLE
1 TICKET \$5.00/ 3 TICKETS \$10.00.*

Knights of Peter Claver Council #323

Join the Knights for a weekend of Fun in Foxwood, Ct. August 24, 25, and 26, 2019. The cost is \$350.00 payable in installments. First deposit due of \$50.00 due by May 19, 2019.

SFX Parish Picnic

Mark Your Calendar!

St Francis Xavier will be hosting its annual Parish Picnic on Saturday June 29th @ O'Dwyer Retreat House 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.! All parish members, their families and friends are invited to join us on this day of fellowship. The picnic is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a parish community prior to summer vacation and travel. Stay tuned for additional information.

Location: 15523 York Road, Sparks, MD, 21152

Rain Date: Saturday, August 10th 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Price: All adults age 15 years and older \$10.00

Children 14 years and younger \$7.00

Hot Dogs, Burgers, Chips, drinks- are included in the pricing.

Time & Food:

Pool time: 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Food time: 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Attendees are encouraged to bring additional food as desired:

Transportation is limited

For additional info: Ms. Wy Chambers- 410-961-6198

Wchambers1@verizon.net

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.

Join the Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary

Mother Mary E. Lange, Court

Suicide Bridge



**Suicide Bridge Restaurant
6304 Suicide Bridge Road
Hurlock, MD 21643**

3 Hour Excursion with Lunch and Shopping

Date: August 10, 2019

Time: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Depart: Saint Francis Xavier Church

1501 E. Oliver Street

Cost: \$85.00

Contact: Grand Lady Renee Terry

410.522.8207

Chair: Lady Paula Fuller

410.521.6368

**Oblate Sisters of Providence
Health Care Unit
701 Gun Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21227**

May 10, 2019

Dear Members of Saint Frances Xavier church;

What a surprise! Things much needed for our patients.

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:57)

You will be in our prayers each day. You have done a marvelous thing by assisting us with our needs and God is smiling down on you.

We are so grateful. We sincerely thank you.
May God continue to bless you with all of your needs.

Sincere thanks again,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sister Canisius Hansberry, OSP". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

Sister Canisius Hansberry, OSP
The Health Care Director