

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

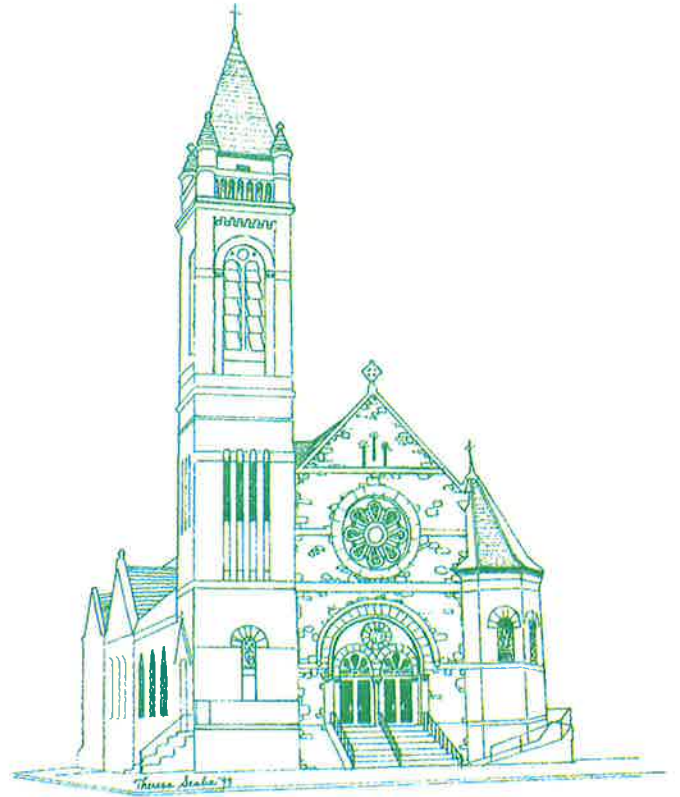
Funerals

*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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REFLECTION

Which son did the father's will?

What kind of future are you preparing for? Jesus encourages us to think - to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come.

Repaying a debt of gratitude and showing respect where it is due

Jesus tells a simple story of two imperfect sons to illustrate the way of God's kingdom. The father amply provided for his sons food, lodging, and everything they needed. Everything the father had belonged to them as well. The father also rewarded his sons with excellent work in his own vineyard. He expected them to show him gratitude, loyalty, and honor by doing their fair share of the daily work.

Converting both heart and will to do what is good and pleasing to God

The "rebellious" son told his father to his face that he would not work for him. But afterwards he changed his mind and did what his father commanded him. The "good" son said he would work for his father, but didn't follow through. He sought his own pleasure, contrary to his father's will. Now who was really the good son? Both sons disobeyed their father - but one repented and then did what the father told him. Jesus makes his point clear - Good intentions are not enough. And promises don't count unless they are performed.

A transformed heart filled with gratitude and respect

God wants to change our hearts so that we will show by our speech and by our actions that we respect his will and do it. God offers each one of us the greatest treasure possible - indestructible peace, joy, and friendship with him in his everlasting kingdom.

Stewardship Reflections

Ephesians 6:7

With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. (1) God's continued blessings on Harry Butler and loving memory o his wife Dorothy Butler, req. by Dottie Mello
(2) Healing Mercies for Tobey Johnson, req. by the Family

Sunday

8:00 A.M. (1) In memory of JoAnn M. Johnson on her 37th Birthday, req. by her Family
(2) God's healin8ng mercies for the Hardy Family, req. by S. Parish

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. God's continued blessings for Henry Emerson, req. by Melanie Holland

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Healing mercies for Roslyn Jackson and Rita and Joe Colbert, req. by Dottie Mello

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's continued blessing on John Davis and his wife, req. by Dottie Mello

Friday

8:00 A.M. Happy Repose of the soul of our cousin Joseph Johnson Jr. req. by Martha Lewis Dorsey & Family

Today's Readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 21:29-32

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43



SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX



Ministers of Hospitality Annual Celebration

Please join the Saint Francis Xavier Ministers of Hospitality Annual Celebration. Our theme is "Blessings" and our honored guest speaker is Rev. (Deacon) Charles Mercer. The date is Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. The celebration includes music, brunch, raffles and special acknowledgements. The cost is \$20.00; all proceeds to benefit St. Francis Xavier church. See any Minister of Hospitality for tickets.

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary Annual Christmas Shopping Trip

Sodality's Annual Christmas Shopping trip, Saturday, December 16, 2017, at Reading, PA. Outlets and Rockvale outlets in Lancaster, PA. Tickets will go on sale in September; the cost will be \$50.00. Contact any Sodality member for tickets or Martha Lewis Dorsey for tickets (410 668-1258). Tickets have to be purchased by November 1st, 2017.



The Office of Black Catholic Ministries, Archdiocese of Baltimore

Invites one and all to their
Gospel Brunch & History Presentation
At Historic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Saturday, November 18, 2017

More Details to Follow!

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.

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.	October 2, 2017	Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Tues.	October 3, 2017	Luke 9:51-56
Wed.	October 4, 2017	Luke 9: 57-62
Thurs.	October 5, 2017	Luke 10:1-12
Fri.	October 6, 2017	Luke 10:13-16
Sat.	October 7, 2017	Luke 10:17-29

100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima

Come join the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 14th, 2017 in honoring Our Lady of Fatima’s Apparition of the Miracle of the Sun by reciting 5 decades of the Rosary. We will recite in church and some of us may stay for 5:00 Mass. Come and be blessed. Rosaries will be provided.



Circle Club Winners for September 2017

President-Theresa Boseman- \$500.00 #95
Vice President-Arnetta Boyd -\$100.00 #47
Secretary-Janice Hyatt -\$100.00 #106
Treasurer-Gracie Ferguson -\$100.00 #63

Bonus

1st Bonus Darleen Thomas -\$50.00 #66
2nd Bonus-Lillian Smith-\$25.00 #58
3rd Bonus Barbara Ann Brooks-\$25.00 #21

St. Francis Xavier Sunday School Fundraise

Teddy! Support the Saint Francis Xavier Sunday School Fundraiser. Join us at the Arena Players for a musical about Teddy Pendergrass, directed by our own Randolph Smith and featuring our own Wy Chambers and Dominic Gladden. The date is Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00. See any Catechist for tickets. **EACH ONE BRING ONE!**

SFX Circle of Recognition

We have so many unsung heroes that give of both their time and talents. This month we are recognizing those parishioners that are the Counters:

Earnest Thames	Frederick Jones
Ann Brooks	Sharon Butler
Irene Tackett	Marvin Chambers
Obie Barnes	Paula Fuller
Janet Wiggins	Renae Pierce
Michelly Merrick	Cornel Johnson
Trinna Paris	Lewis Kearney
Celestia Drake	Cynthia Kane
Ina Parker	Rosalind Johnson

Parish Scholarship Awardees 2017-2018

Listed below are the names of the Parish Scholarship Winners. Scholarships have been awarded in the following categories:

Catholic Elementary/Middle School

\$500.00 -Jaliah Johnson-St. Michael/St. Clements
 \$500.00 -Kamara Dorsey- St. Agnes School
 \$500.00 -August Allen Green-Immaculate Heart of Mary
 \$500.00- Kendall Hyman-St. James and John

Catholic High School

\$1,000 -Karlo Norwood-Archbishop Curley High School
 \$1,000 -Terence Hare-Archbishop Curley High School

College /University

\$1,500- Janele Price-Glenville State College
 \$1,500-Justin Alston-University of Maryland, College Park

Special Notices

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

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. This means that our youth begin preparation during the Eighth Grade. If your children satisfied their requirements in Religious Education classes as a first or eighth grader last year then they should be on track to receive the respective sacraments next year 2018.

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. Please contact Joslyn Alexander, Director of Religious Education if you have any questions.

Special Notices

Home Coming Planning Committee

Home Coming Celebration/St. Francis Xavier Feast Day, December 3rd, 2017 -11:00 a.m. Mass with dinner immediately following. The Planning Committee will be meeting on the following dates: Tuesday's 10/3/10/17, 11/7 and 11/21 @ 6:30 p.m. in the undercroft meeting room. All interested persons please contact Lynette Richardson (410) 802-3888. For those that are interested but unable to physically attend I will be setting up a conference call. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talents.

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #323

The Knights of Peter Claver is the oldest Black Catholic organization in the country. Our goal is to encourage lay apostolic and community action. We support worthwhile causes through volunteerism and charitable contributions. Ladies Auxiliary-Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange Court #323 is seeking new members. If you are interested in joining please contact Carolyn Finney at 443-570-9577.

Save The Date

TEA TIME WITH THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE

Saturday, October 21, 2017, 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Hall, 701 Gun Road, Donation; \$35.00.





MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
Knights of Columbus
P.O Box 165
Westminster, MD 21158

October 1, 2017

Dear Pastor/School Principal,

Each year the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus awards three (3) Catholic high school scholarship grants to sons and daughters of members of the Knights of Columbus and three (3) Catholic high school scholarship grants to Catholic students in general.

Presently over thirty young Catholic men and women are enrolled in Maryland Catholic high schools of their choice, receiving financial assistance provided by these scholarship programs.

I am enclosing an information sheet outlining the eligibility requirements for each of the scholarship awards.

We are confident that you have many students worthy of scholarship recognition and / or in need of financial assistance and we would appreciate it if you would place a copy of this letter and the enclosed information sheet in a prominent location on your school bulletin board and publicize the availability of these scholarships in your school's bulletin or newsletter.

Interested parents and students may obtain specific information and applications by writing to:

Maryland State Council
Knights of Columbus
State Scholarship Chairman
c/o Phil Asplen
2525 Pot Spring Road, L-503
Timonium, Md. 21093

Or by contacting our web site at: www.kofc-md.org and clicking on the Scholarship Opportunities link.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Philip L. Asplen, PSD
Chairman, Scholarship Committee

Enclosure:
Scholarship Program – Maryland State Council

Scholarship Program

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus in partnership with the Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisors is the sponsor of several High School Scholarships for its members and for Catholic students in general. Below is a brief summary of these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards.

The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship

Designed to assist those Brother Knights holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools; three grants of \$1,500.00 per year, for up to four years, will be awarded. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death.

The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship

Three grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. This program is open to any **Catholic student** who is a resident of the State of Maryland to include children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need.

Application period is from October 1, 2017 to February 1, 2018. All applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2018.

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- >Three Things In Life:
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- >Three things in life that, once gone, never come back -
- >Time, Words & Opportunity
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- >Three things in life that may never be lost -
- >Peace, Hope & Honesty.
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- >Three things in life that are most valuable -
- >Love, Faith & Prayer
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- >Three things in life that are never certain -
- >Dreams, Success & Fortune
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- >Three things that make a man -
- >Hard work, Sincerity & Commitment
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- >Three things in life that can destroy a man -
- >Lust, Pride & Anger
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- >Three things that are truly constant -
- >Father, Son and Holy Ghost
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- >I ask the Lord to bless you, as I pray for you today;
- >to guide you and protect you, as you go along your way.
- >His love is always with you, His promises are true.
- >And when you give Him all your cares, you know He'll see you through.
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- >Pass this along to People you want God to Bless - I just did!
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- >SMILE . . . it adds value to your face! :-)
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2017 THEME:
The TRIUMPH of the
IMMACULATE HEART

The International Prayer and Fasting Campaign is a grassroots movement of Catholics and other Christians from around the world participating in a global network of prayer and fasting. Our goal is to mobilize churches, communities, schools, prayer groups, and clergy to pray and fast:

- for the conversion of all people and nations,
- to build a culture of life,
- to defend the sanctity of marriage and family life,
- for peace and to implore God's Mercy.

The international prayer movement is asking for people to *sign up and participate* (www.iwopf.org) as individuals, families and parishes by organizing and offering the following:

- Daily Masses
- Holy Rosary
- Holy Hours
- Fasting
- Divine Mercy Chaplet



25th International WEEK of PRAYER and FASTING *unites with* The Marian Fathers, Legion of Mary and Priests for Life

OCTOBER 1-9, 2017

Eucharistic Prayer Vigil

Monday, October 9, 2017 • 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
400 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017

- *Speakers*
- *Global Living Rosary*
- *Mass at Noon*
- *Confessions*
- *Procession of the Nations*
- *Blessing of Children*

Be inspired by our MAIN CELEBRANT & GUEST SPEAKERS...



MOST REVEREND JOSEPH N. PERRY – Bishop Perry is Episcopal Vicar for Vicariate VI of the Archdiocese of Chicago, which encompasses sixty-five parishes and twenty-eight elementary and secondary schools. He is Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Sainthood of Father Augustus Tolton (1854-1897). He held the post of Judicial Vicar for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for several years while teaching courses in canon law. Bishop Perry publishes widely in canon law journals and Catholic periodicals on issues treating ecclesiastical governance and the rights of persons within the Church.



IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA – Immaculée Ilibagiza lived in a small village in Rwanda, Africa. The genocide that swept her country in 1994 transformed her life forever. She was sheltered in a hidden bathroom for 91 days. To fight the anger and resentment building inside her, Immaculée prayed the Rosary. By turning to God and away from hate, Immaculée was saved. Immaculée has written many bestselling books on her experiences and today is regarded as one of the world's leading speakers on faith, hope, and forgiveness.



TERESA TOMELO – Teresa Tomeo is a bestselling author, syndicated Catholic talk show host, and speaker with more than thirty years of experience in print and broadcast media. Tomeo is a columnist and special correspondent for *OSV Newsweekly*. She is best known for her books: *Extreme Makeover: Women Transformed by Christ, Not Conformed to the Culture*; and *Noise: How Our Media Saturated Culture Dominates Lives and Dismantles Families*.



ERIC SCHEIDLER – Eric Scheidler grew up in the pro-life movement, attending rallies, pickets, and leafletting campaigns with his parents from a young age. In 2002, Eric joined the Pro-Life Action League as communications director, and in 2009 assumed the role of executive director. Under his direction, the Pro-Life Action League has expanded its national leadership role to include coordinating nationwide events. Eric provides assistance to local pro-life leaders throughout the country.

For more information or to register, please call
(888) 478-PRAY or (703) 707-0799
OR

go online for information & registration www.iwopf.org