

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

"John saw the empty tomb and believed"

What was it like for the disciple who had stood at the cross of Jesus and then laid him in a tomb on Good Friday, to come back three days later and discover that the sealed tomb was now empty? John, along with Peter, was the first apostle to reach the tomb of Jesus on Easter Sunday morning. Like Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, John was not ready to see an empty tomb and to hear the angel's message, why do you seek the living among the dead (Luke 24:5)?

What did John see in the tomb that led him to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? It was certainly not a dead body. The dead body of Jesus would have disproven the resurrection and made his death a tragic conclusion to a glorious career as a great teacher and miracle worker. When John saw the empty tomb, he must have recalled Jesus' prophecy that he would rise again after three days. Through the gift of faith John realized that no tomb on earth could contain the Lord and giver of life. John saw and believed (John 20:8).

John had to first deal with the empty tomb before he could meet the risen Lord later that evening along with the other apostles who had locked themselves in the upper room out of fear of the Jewish authorities (John 20:19-23). John testified as an eye-witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ: What we have seen, heard, and touched we proclaim as the eternal word of life which existed from the beginning (1 John 1:1-4). John bears witness to what has existed from all eternity. This "word of life" is Jesus the word incarnates, but also Jesus as the word announced by the prophets and Jesus the word now preached throughout the Christian church for all ages to come.

One thing is certain, if Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage.

Stewardship

Luke 12:48

But the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few from everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. God's healing mercy for Celeste Johnson, req. by her church family

Sunday

8:00 A.M. In Memory of Mary Parker on the anniversary of her death, req. by the family

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercies for Lorraine Bell and Jeanne Edmonds, req. by Darleen Thomas

Wednesday

10:00 A. M Happy repose of the soul of Joan Siple, req. by Joann Shipley

Thursday

8:00 A.M. People of the pastorate

Friday

8:00 A.M. Praying for the successful surgery for Jonathan Johnson, req. by the family

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13,17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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	April 22, 2019	Matthew 28:8-15
Tuesday	April 23, 2019	John 20:11-18
Wednesday	April 24, 2019	Luke 24:13-35
Thursday	April 25, 2019	Luke 24:35-48
Friday	April 26, 2019	John 21:1-14
Saturday	April 27, 2019	Mark 16:9-15

Save The Date

Please join us to celebrate the 190th anniversary of the founding of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Archbishop Lori will be the celebrant at this special liturgy. Reception will follow in the Sacred Heart Hall. Tuesday July 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Our Lady of Mount Providence 701 Gun Road Baltimore, Maryland 21227

A Lenten and Easter Season Journey of Faith

Session will resume on Monday, April 29th, 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the undercroft

We invite you to come walk with us. ALL ARE WELCOME

SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner
1794-1882



Oblate Spirituality

Recommitment Ceremony: All are Welcome! Each year, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, Lay Associates, Guild members and all people of faith, gather in unity to recommit themselves to the Cause of Mother Lange.

All are invited to this ceremony to promise to continue to pray for the beatification and eventual Canonization of Mother Mary Lange, O.S.P.
When: April 27, 2019
Where: Our Lady of Mount Providence
701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Reception will follow.

A Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday
When: June 30, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.
Where: St. Patrick Church, 492 Bramhall Avenue, Jersey City, NJ

The Toussaint and Lange Center publish "The Lange Magazine" to encourage everyone to support the Cause of Servant of God, Mary Lange.



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

Religious Education 2019 Faith Formation Calendar

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

April

14th Class- Psalm Sunday

18th Holy Thursday

21st No Class- Easter

28th Class

May

5th Class

12th No Class – Mother's Day

19th Class

26 Class

June

2nd Class

9th Confirmation 11:00A.M. Mass

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

Initiation of our New Members

We welcome and rejoice with our new members who celebrated their initiation at the Easter Vigil. This year we had two Catechumens in our parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) journey of faith, Steven Albright and Anisha Matthews who made a profession of faith, were Baptized, shared in the Eucharist and were confirmed.

Let us congratulate them as they will continue to be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Please keep our new members in your prayers. Their presence among us will continue to be a real blessing to our faith and parish.



Fashion Show

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary Annual Fashion Show, Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 3-6 p.m. tickets are \$15.00 per person and can be purchased from any Sodality member.

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.

Several of our parishioners are in nursing homes, please remember them in your prayers and reach out to them.

*Dorothy Coleman
Mary Boyd
Russell Dandridge
James Gray
Celeste Johnson
Barbara Williams
Marlene Patterson*



Ministers of Hospitality Bingo

Please join the Ministers of Hospitality's Bingo Affair on Saturday April 27, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are available from any minister.



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



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FATHER'S DAY AT CAMDEN YARDS RAFFLE
1 TICKET \$5.00/ 3 TICKETS \$10.00. SEE FLIER
INSERT IN BULLETIN.**

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.