

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.*

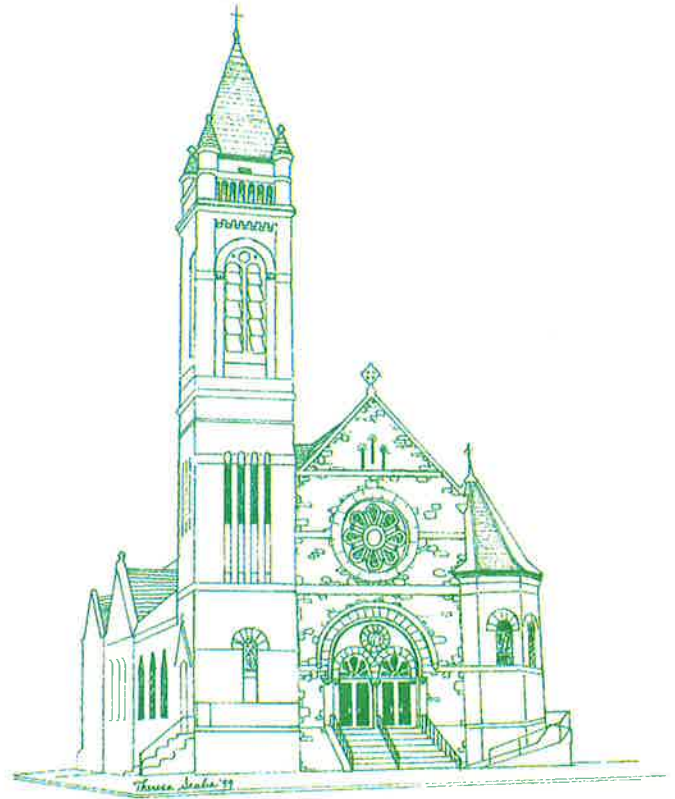
Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,

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

"The Kingdom of God is at hand"

What is the Gospel of God which Jesus came to preach? The word "gospel" literally means "good news". When a king had good news to deliver to his subjects he sent messengers or heralds throughout the land to make a public announcement - such as the birth of a newborn king or the victory over an invading army or occupied force. God sent his prophets to announce the coming of God's anointed King and Messiah. After Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan and anointed by the Spirit he begins his ministry of preaching the Gospel - the good news that the kingdom of God was now at hand for all who were ready to receive it.

God rules over all

What is the kingdom of God? The word "kingdom" means something more than a territory or an area of land. It literally means "sovereignty" or "reign" and the power to "rule" and exercise authority. The prophets announced that God would establish a kingdom not just for one nation or people but for the whole world. The Scriptures tell us that God's throne is in heaven and his rule is over all (Psalm 103:19). His kingdom is bigger and more powerful than anything we can imagine because it is universal and everlasting (Daniel 4:3). His kingdom is full of glory, power, and splendor (Psalm 145:11-13).

In the Book of Daniel we are told that this kingdom is given to the Son of Man (Daniel 7:14, 18, 22, 27). The Son of Man is a Messianic title for God's anointed King. The New Testament word for "Messiah" is "Christ" which literally means the "Anointed One" or the "Anointed King". God sent us his Son not to establish an earthly kingdom but to bring us into his heavenly kingdom - a kingdom ruled by truth, justice, peace, and holiness. The kingdom of God is the central theme of Jesus' mission. It's the core of his gospel message.

As soon as John the Baptist had finished his testimony, Jesus began his in Galilee, his home district. John's enemies had sought to silence him, but the gospel cannot be silenced. Jesus proclaimed that the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus takes up John's message of repentance and calls disciples to believe in the gospel - the good news he has come to deliver. What is the good news which Jesus delivers?

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. Healing Mercy for Jerelle Francois, req. by Darleen Thomas

Sunday

8:00 A.M. In Loving memory Napoleon Sykes a phenomenal husband, dad, Pop-pop, req. by Brenda and children

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercy on Miles Fitzgerald a Gospel Choir and Men's Choir member, req. Dottie Mello

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. (1) In Loving Memory of A. Bernice Hunley and Frances Chapman req. by Darleen Thomas
(2) Happy belated Birthday to Crystalyn Gaddy, req. by the Office Staff

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's continued blessings on Mabel Smith as she recuperates in Good Samaritan Hospital, req. Dottie Mello

Friday

8:00 A.M. God's grace and mercy for Jeanette McElveen as she grieves the loss of her husband. Req. by Gracie Ferguson and family

Today's Readings

First Reading: 1Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Next Weeks Reading

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28



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.	January 22, 2018	Mark 3:22-30
Tues.	January 23, 2018	Mark 3:31-35
Wed.	January 24, 2018	Mark 4:1-20
Thurs.	January 25, 2018	Mark 16:15-18
Fri.	January 26, 2018	Mark 4:26-34
Sat.	January 27, 2018	Mark 4:35-41

Mother Mary Lange Honorees

Leadership:

Avis Butler

Service

Celestia Drake

Mary Watties

Youth

Kia Massey

Varia Alston

*Please come out to support our honorees. Each honoree will have a table. Tickets are \$60.00 each. It will be held on Friday February 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Martins West on Dogwood Road. No reservation accepted without payment. **All money must be in by January 26, 2018. No exceptions.***

SPECIAL NOTICES

CDA Court #2257 's Education Committee

CDA Court 2257 will be collecting payments for the trip to The Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, April 7, 2018. The cost of the trip is \$30.00 per person. Members of The Education Committee will be in the back of the church after 11:00 Mass. For more info. contact Marsha Powell@ 443-467-2841.

Shouts Out to the Bereavement Committee:

Gracie Ferguson

Avis Butler

Sharon Butler

Sandra Davis

Celestia Drake

Mary English

When Needed:

Nadine Harris

Janet Wiggins

Venia Cheatham

Different organization members

Finances for December

Offering: \$27,132.00

Expenses: \$30,423.42

Deficit: \$2,291.42

The cold weather has taken a toll on our pipes. Plumbing expense and heating expense is elevated, along with additional administrative and church expense for the holidays.

Special Notices



SFX Sunday School will host an Open House on Sunday 28th at 9:30 a.m. Join us to hear about our Religious Education Program and how much parent involvement is necessary for your child's faith formation. Come to meet the catechist, tour the classrooms, meet other parents ask questions and find out what your child is learning.

January

21th Class

28th Class-Open House

February

4th Class-African American History Program

11th Class

14th Ash Wednesday

18th Class

24th First Penance 10:00 a.m.

25th Class- Student Retreat 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Confessions grades 3-9

March

4th Class

11th Class

18th Class-Community Service Project

25th Class-Palm Sunday

29th Holy Thursday

April

1st NO CLASS EASTER

8th Class

Special Notices

CDA Court #2257 Education Committee

The CDA Court #2257's Education Committee is sponsoring the CDA Education Contest. The contest is for students in grades 4-12. The themes for 2018 are "The Lord has done great things for us, we have joy" Psalm 126 and "Finding Joy in my life." The applications can be found in the back of the church. Please contact Marsha Powell @443-467-2841 for more information.

New Horizons of Men and Women

Deposits are due now for the Williamsburg, Va. trip. The first deposit is \$100.00. The trip is scheduled for August 16th-20th.

Oblates Sisters

The Mother Lange Guild Board of Directors cordially invite you to attend the annual Liturgical Celebration Commemorating the 136th Anniversary of the death of "Servant of God" Mother Mary Lange, OSP on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD 21227, Celebrant Reverend Pascal Morlino, OBS, Pastor of St. Benedict Parish. Please invite your parish community to join us. Sr. Magdala Marie Gilbert, OSP- Director. Reception following Mass

Counters

Please destroy the schedule that you received in the mail. Revised counters schedule are in the counters room on the table. Please take one.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

*Please Keep In Your Prayers
All sick and shut in SFX Parish*

So many of our parishioners are dealing with health issues, please remember them in your prayers. Barbara Thomas Lucretia Coates, Candice Coates, Mildred Lane, Jeanne Edmonds, Bernie Fuller, Bernadette Morgan, Sharon Butler, Mabel Smith and Miles Fitzgerald.

Blessings of the Throat:

Saturday, February 3rd is the feast day of St. Blaise. However, throats will be blessed on Sunday, February 4th, 2018 at both Masses.

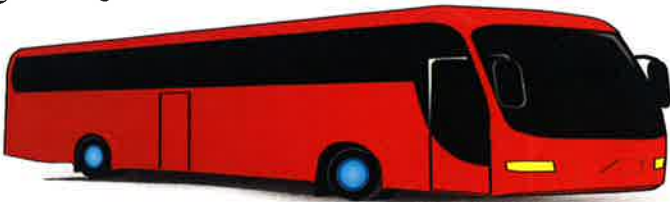


Important Notice!

The area adjacent to the kitchen and undercroft needs to be properly arranged. Fr. Xavier is doing this by himself. If you belong to any organization or ministry that has a locked cabinet, please see Fr. Xavier ASAP. If there is no response, consider the cabinet gone.

SFX Easter Monday Atlantic City Trip

The Atlantic City is scheduled for Monday April, 2, 2018. The cost is \$40.00 with a \$30.00 rebate. The bus will be leaving St Francis at 9:00 a.m. No reservation will be taken with payment. First come first served. See Darleen Thomas or Polly Hargrove 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.

ST. WENCESLAUS CHURCH

AFTERNOON AT THE RACES

Saturday, January 27, 2018

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm



Place Your Bets and Watch Video Taped

Horse Races

On the Big Screen

Play Instant Bingo

Raffles and Door Prizes

\$15 Donation

Menu

**Hot platter of baked/fried chicken, string beans, macaroni & cheese,
dessert, coffee, soda and beer**

Hot Dogs served later

**for tickets or more information
contact Antoinette Shannon, 443-928-1650**

**St. Francis Xavier Hall
1501 E. Oliver St.
Plenty of Free Parking on the Lot**

**ATLANTIC CITY TRIP
EASTER MONDAY
APRIL 2, 2018**



D Time: 9:00 A.M.

1501 E.. Oliver Street

Baltimore, MD 21213

Tickets: \$40.00

Rebate: \$30.00

No reservations without pay-
ment. All profits benefits St. Fran-
cis Xavier.



**Contact person: Darleen Thomas
or Polly Hargrove
410-727-3103 - 410-303-0952**

