



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

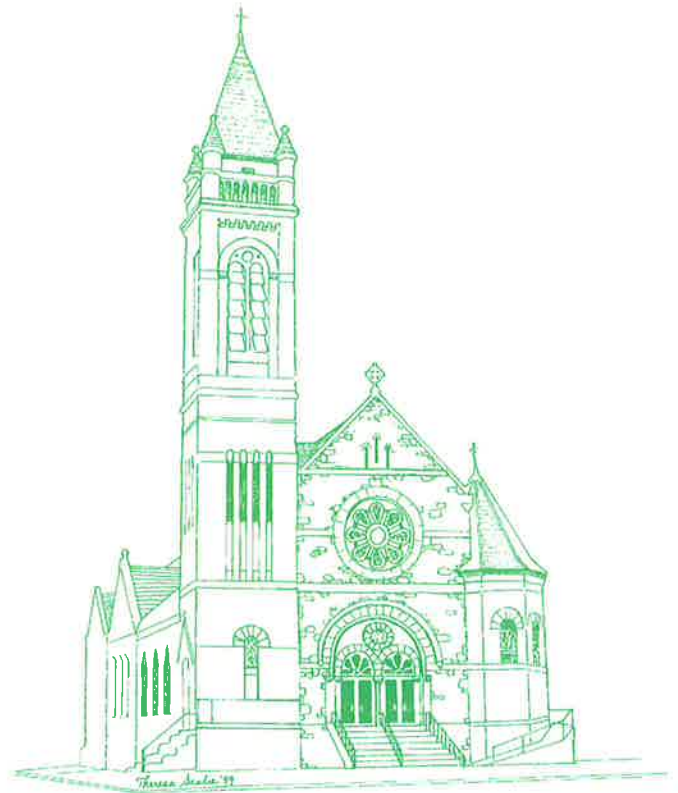
Funerals

*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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"Not to be served but to serve"

Scripture: *Mark 10:35-45*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" 39 And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. 42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Meditation: Who doesn't want to be first, and to be esteemed and honored by others? We seem to have an unquenchable thirst for recognition and fame, power and authority to rule our own lives as we please as well as the lives of others. Should we be surprised to see the disciples of Jesus thirsting for power, position, and authority? James and John, the sons of Zebedee, urged their mother to strike a deal with Jesus, their Master and Messiah. They wanted the distinction of being first and most important in position, next to Jesus, of course!

Stewardship Reflections

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. *Healing mercy for Gracie Ferguson, req. by her friends and family*

Sunday

8:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M. *People of the Parish*

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. *Healing mercy for Jeanne Edmonds, and Nina Harper, req. by Darleen Thomas*

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. *Happy repose of the soul of Dorothy Bennett, req. by the family*

Thursday

8:00 A.M. *Happy Birthday and God's blessings for my sister, Cathy as she celebrates her birthday, req. by Darleen Thomas and family*

Friday

8:00 A.M. *Happy repose of the soul of my brother, Donald Lewis on the 4th anniversary of his passing, req. by Martha Lewis Dorsey and family*

Today's Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 53:10-11 (146B)*

Second Reading: *Hebrew 4:14-16*

Gospel: *Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45*

First Reading: *Jeremiah 21:7-9*

Second Reading: *Hebrews 5:1-6*

Gospel: *Mark 10:46-52*

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	October 22, 2018	Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday	October 23, 2018	Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday	October 24, 2018	Luke 12:39-48
Thursday	October 25, 2018	Luke 12:49-53
Friday	October 26, 2018	Luke 12:54-59
Saturday	October 27, 2018	Luke 13:1-9



*New Horizons of Men and Women Youth
Winter Coat Drive
for 5 Weeks
October 21, 28
November 4, 11, 18*

It is time to clean out your closets, for gently used men, women and children coats. Please place them on the table at the Undercroft entrance. We are also collecting large canned goods for St. Vincent DePaul. If possible the largest can item that you can carry.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

Daily Mass Schedule Changes

Please take note of changes to Mass schedules as it affects our Pastorate, St. Francis Xavier, St. Ann, and St. Wenceslaus. Effective September 2, 2018.

Sunday Masses

*5:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier
(Saturday)*

8:00 a.m. at St Francis Xavier

9:00 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus

11:00 a.m. at St. Ann

11:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier

Daily Masses

Tuesday -8:00 a.m. @ St. Wenceslaus

Wednesday -10:00 a.m. @ St. Francis Xavier

Thursday -7:00 p.m. @St. Ann

Friday -8:00 a.m. @ St. Francis Xavier

For now, until further notice!

Any Holy Day of obligation: one Mass at St. Francis Xavier @ 10:00 a.m., information will be published in the bulletin.



The Annual Fall Festival fundraiser for the Sunday School is scheduled for Sunday, October 28, 2018 beginning at 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the undercroft. Please come join us for fun, food, and games to help support our Sunday School.

Special Notices

Religious Education

2018-2019 Faith Formation Calendar

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

October

21st- Class

27th- Parent Class for Sacramental Students, 12-2 p.m.

28th- Class/Fall Festival

November

1st- All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation

4th Class

11th Class

18th Class

25th No Class- Thanksgiving

Funeral Services for Dorothy Bennett is as follows:

Thursday October 25, 2018

Wake Service 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Funeral Mass- 11:00 a.m.

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018 is World Mission Sunday. Sunday joins all of the Catholics of the world- all of us- children of God- into one community of faith. At Mass this Sunday we recommit ourselves to one common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Special Notices



National Catholic Daughters of the Americas Day, Sunday October 21, 2018.



The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin of Mary of St. Matthews Catholic Church, 5401 Loch Raven, Baltimore, MD 21239 is sponsoring Bingo on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 beginning at 10:30 a.m. tickets are \$13.00 you can contact Robin Bridgeforth at 443-802-7272 if you are interested in attending.



Do you know what Sisters do? Are you curious about their life? If you are a woman aged 19-49 who is interested in religious life, then "COME AND SEE" by spending a day with the Oblate Sisters of Providence, October 19, 2018 Registration is required. To register contact Sister Marcia at sr.marcia@yayoo.com or 410-499-4617

SPECIAL NOTICE!

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



It's the giving time of the year and we would like to help a child have a good Christmas. As always, the children associated with the Angel Project are a part of our immediate church community. To apply, please fill out the forms located in your bulletin or you can find them in the back of the room. Please contact Suzonne Vickers by email at svickers21@yahoo.com with the requested information. One form per child. Children should be in high school or younger. All forms are due back no later than October 21, 2018. Please make sure the forms are filled out entirely for them to receive a gift. Thanks:

Angel Project Team

*Janet Wiggins
Suzonne Vickers
Joyce Logan*

*Renee Terry
Mary Wattie
Kim Grays*

HOME COMING

It's that time of the year again! Time to plan for Home Coming. This year's event will be held on Sunday December 2, 2018 after 11:00 a.m. Mass. There will only be one meal. If you would like to help please, contact Lynette Richardson 410-802-3888. We will hold meetings on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in person or via conference call. Let's make this year's event a success.

Meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the undercroft. If you can't make it please call me for the conference call in number 641-715-0635 Access code 440521

Lynette Richardson, Chairperson

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.

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

November 2018

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One Minute Meditations

St. Gertrude the Great

Born in 1256 in Germany, St. Gertrude was raised and educated by the Benedictine nuns.

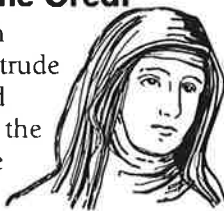
Eventually, St. Gertrude became a nun herself. When she was about twenty-six, she began having visions of Christ, which continued until her death. She recorded them in a book called the *Herald of Divine Love* for her fellow nuns. She was known for her personal holiness, her kindness to the rich and poor, and her prayers for the souls in Purgatory.

Roomful of friends

Learning about the saints is like walking into a room full of strangers. You scan the faces looking for a friendly one who beckons you over. Scan the saintly faces until you find one with whom you would like to become friends.

"Only the one who can see hope in death can also lead a life of hope."

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), *Images of Hope: Meditations on Major Feasts*



Stewardship is about love, not money

When you hear "stewardship," do you think, "fundraising?"

In fact, real stewardship is about love. When we practice good stewardship, we become more fulfilled, have a greater sense of purpose, and live happier lives. And while it's not just about money, good stewards have all the money they need.

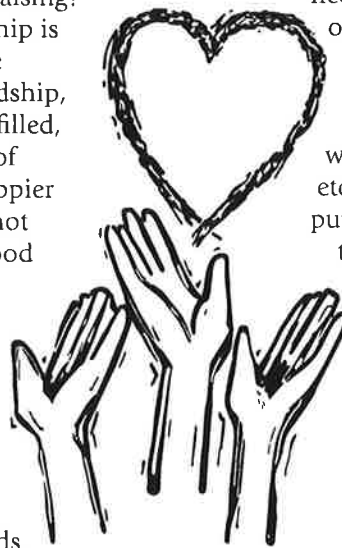
Good stewards are motivated by love. Strong families come together and are formed in love. Loving family stewards put the needs of members first before spending time or money on anything else, especially themselves.

In God's family, we also come together in his love to care for each other. As stewards, we find ways to use

our time and gifts to meet the needs of God's family through our parish.

Good stewards lend their strength. Take stock of the gifts you have: faith, wisdom, prosperity, energy, etc. Then ask where you can put your talents and resources to work for your parish so you can take your place at God's table. When you do, you will make God's family stronger and healthier.

Good stewards show gratitude. Practicing good stewardship means understanding that God has generously given us gifts which we, in turn, use for his purpose. Everything we have and everything we are comes from God. He deserves the best we have to give. What God wants most is our love.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics attend Mass on holy days of obligation?

Just as many families gather to celebrate major life events, so does the Catholic Church when she requires Catholics to celebrate certain feast days by attending Mass together. These feasts include: Christmas, Mary's Immaculate Conception, Easter, and Christ's Ascension



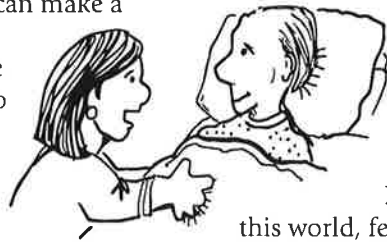
and the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. All Sundays—in honor of Easter Sunday—are also holy days of obligation for the same reasons. The other holy days are listed on the website of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org>.

“Be not afraid”

When someone we love is dying, we may want to help but don't know what to do. We can feel powerless. Yet when they are transitioning from this life to the next, we can make a significant difference to our loved ones.

Bring love. Jesus never turned away from the sick and dying. He always had a loving hand to comfort them and their families. Sometimes just holding a hand says more than words.

Bring attention. Ask him stories about his life. Let him know he has inspired you. You'll treasure these moments after he is gone.



Bring comfort. Remind her how much God loves her and is waiting to welcome her. Encourage her to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

Bring peace. Although someone may lose his ability to speak, he can still hear. Pray out loud, read from scripture or a favorite book.

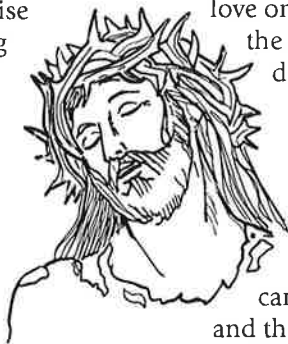
Bring strength. When someone is leaving this world, fear can be overwhelming. Remind her of Jesus' words, "Be not afraid."

from Scripture

John 18:33b-37, Christ, the real King

Throughout the years of slavery and oppression, God's promise of a triumphant Israelite king kept hope alive. Many clung to the image of an avenging savior who would destroy their enemies and make Israel a nation to be feared.

Jesus, bound, beaten and seemingly powerless before Pilate, the powerful Roman governor, was not what they had in mind. They didn't want a king who talked of love, suffering, and service; they wanted one who would wipe their enemies off the face of the earth. They wanted Jesus to come down



off the Cross. Yet it was his sacrifice of love on the Cross that conquered the real enemies of sin and death.

Jesus is King and he has a Kingdom, but as he teaches Pilate and us, his power is not of this world. His kingdom is about peace, justice and care for the poor, the needy and the marginalized in society.

Do our lives and actions reflect that awareness? As Christians we are challenged to become more "Christ-like" in our lives, and that means more like Jesus the King.

Q & A

Who are the Church Fathers?

The Church Fathers were the early Christian writers and teachers of the faith who lived after the Apostles and preserved and handed on their



teachings. At the Last Supper, Jesus told his Apostles, "[The Holy Spirit] will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you"

(John 14:26). This collection of teachings—called Tradition—was handed on by the Apostles to their followers, the Church Fathers.

The Church Fathers include bishops, writers, thinkers, and martyrs. The most important thing the Fathers did, and why we still look to them today, is that they preserved "the written proof" of what the Apostles taught and handed on. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, on essential points of doctrine, the Fathers agreed with each other and with the Apostles on principles such as Jesus' divinity and humanity, Mary's sinlessness, and the Eucharist as the Body of Christ. Thanks to the Church Fathers, we can know what the Church believed—and still believes to this day.

Feasts & Celebrations

Nov. 1 – All Saints Day. A Holy Day of Obligation when Catholics are required to attend Mass, we commemorate people of extraordinary virtue who have gone before us to live eternally in the presence of God.

Nov. 2 – All Souls Day. This day we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

Nov. 10 – Leo the Great (461). A native of Rome, St. Leo was elected pope while on a mission in Gaul. As

pope, he defended the faith from heresy and worked for the unity of the Church. He also protected Rome from being destroyed by Attila the Hun and later by the barbarians.

Nov. 12 – St. Josaphat (1623). Born in Lithuania, St. Josaphat, the Ruthenian Archbishop of Pototsk, made the unpopular choice to bring his diocese into communion with the Catholic Church. He suffered persecution by a schismatic party and was eventually martyred by an angry mob.



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