

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

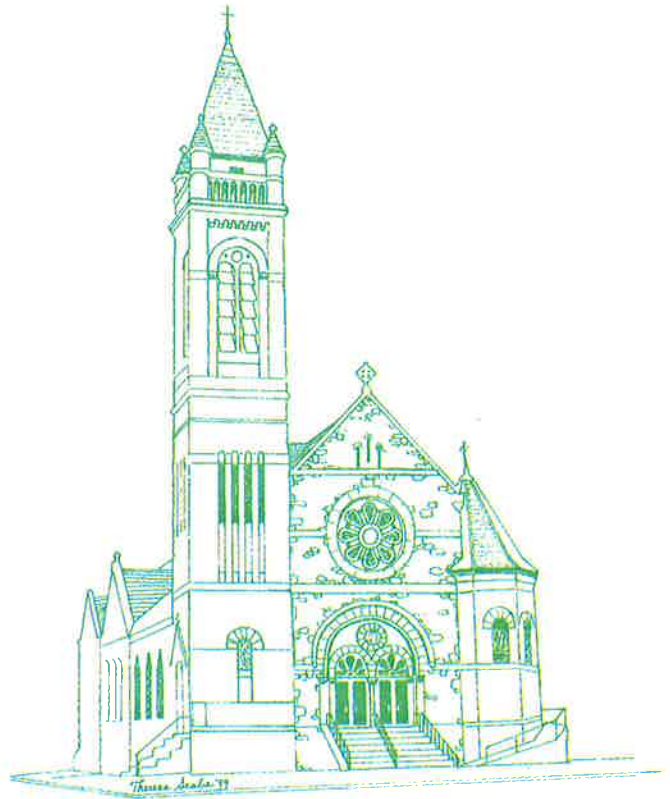
*Please notify the rectory before making
arrangements with funeral homes.*

*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 righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father"

What can malicious weed-sowing tell us about the kingdom of God (Matthew 13:25)? The image Jesus uses in this parable is a common everyday example of planting, harvesting, and sorting the good fruit from the bad. Weeds can spoil and even kill a good harvest if they are not separated and destroyed at the proper time. Uprooting them too early, though, can destroy the good plants in the process.

Letting God's word take deep root in the heart

Just as nature teaches us patience, so God's patience also teaches us to guard the seed of his word which he has planted in our hearts and to beware of the destructive force of sin and evil that can destroy it. God's word brings life, but Satan seeks to destroy the good seed which has been planted in the hearts of those who have heard God's word. God's judgment is not hasty, but it does come. And in the end, God will reward each according to what they have sown and reaped in this life. In that day God will separate the evil from the good. Do you allow God's word to take deep root in your heart?

Growth and transformation from within

What can mustard seeds and leaven teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within.

The Holy Spirit transforms us

Leaven is another powerful agent of change. A lump of dough left to itself remains just what it is, a lump of dough. But when the leaven is added to it a transformation takes place which produces rich and wholesome bread when heated - the staple of life for humans. The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Paul the Apostle says, "We have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Stewardship Reflections

1 Peter 4:10

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. In Loving Memory of Beverly Allen, req. by Dottie Mello

Sunday

8:00 A.M. (1) In Memory of Ardena Theresa Johnson on Anniversary of her birthday, req. by Leonard Brown

(2) In Memory of Antonio Hernandez, req. by Melanie Holland

(3) Happy Birthday blessings to Jean Smith, req. daughter grandchildren and great grand children

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. God's healing mercy for Albert Stevenson Sr. req. by Darleen and son Al

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. In Memory of Dorothy and Frank Rutkowski, req. by John Rutkowski & Jeff Martin

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Happy Repose of the soul of Martin Coleman, req. by the Coleman family.

Friday

8:00 A.M. In Memory of Edmund Martin Jr., req. by Jeff Martin

Today's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



SPECIAL NOTICES

Scriptures for Daily Mediation



"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.	7/24/2017	Matthew 12:38-42
Tues.	7/25/2017	Matthew 20:20-28
Wed.	7/26/2017	Matthew 13:1-9
Thurs.	7/27/2017	Matthew 13:10-17
Fri.	7/28/2017	Matthew 13:18-23
Sat.	7/29/2017	John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

Tune Your Radio



Tune your radio to WVTO 92.7 FM; Baltimore's station for "Talk Radio for Catholic Life" via the Relevant Radio network, prayers, devotions, and more. Broadcasting from the bell tower of St. Benedict Church in Southwest Baltimore from 2 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. daily, our signal reaches from two to six miles from the church. More info at <https://www.wvtoradio.com/>

Catholic Cruise Eastern Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 7 night Eastern Caribbean with Fr. John Harper December 10-17 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Ft. Lauderdale (Port Everglades), Florida. Port of call: Grand Turk Island, Turks and Caicos, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Philipsburg, St Maarten, Half Moon Cay, Bahamas. Prices begin \$1968.00 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of \$350.00 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug Or Eileen at 860-399-2781 or Doug@catholiccruiseandtours.com

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Oblate Sisters of Providence will host their annual Homecoming at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD on Sunday, August 6, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All students of all former Oblate schools and programs are invited. The cost of dinner is \$10.00, lots of Baskets Raffles and Silent Auction items, if you are a SFA graduate of 1967, please contact, Sister Helene Therese, OSP 410-536-5687.

Church Picnic

The new date is Saturday, August 5th at the O'Dwyer Retreat House, 15523 York Road, Sparks Maryland, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All adults age 18yrs and plus \$10.00-children age 6yrs through 17 yrs.\$8.00-children age 5 and younger-free. Pool time 12 noon to 6:00 p.m., food time 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. The parish picnic is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a parish community, prior to summer vacation. For additional information, contact WY Chambers on 410-961-6198. Rain date: Sunday, August 27, 2017, 11:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.



Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #32

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

Special Notices

Updating your Church records with changes in address, names, etc.

Several of you have experienced changes in your family and have failed to notify the office. If you have had a birth, wedding, name change, address change etc., please notify the office or use the form on the back of the bulletin. By not notifying the office, many of your children have not been added to your family census, and mail is coming back to me because you have not bothered to change your mailing address or phone number. Please call the office or submit changed information via email or U.S. mail.

CDA Ct. SFX #2257 Annual Shrimp Feast

Come and join the CDA Ct. SFX#2257 at their Annual Shrimp Feast on Friday, August 18, 2017 from 7:00 pm.- Midnight at the Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave., Baltimore, MD 21236 (off the 8400 blk. Belair Road). Tickets \$45.00 and can be purchased from any CDA member. Food, Dancing and Games.



You've Got Mail

All ministries and organizations, please clean out your mailboxes.

Mark Your Calendar

Sodality's Annual Christmas Shopping trip, Saturday, December 16, 2017. More information forthcoming.

Special Notices

St. Francis Xavier New Website

St. Francis website: www.historicfrancisxavier.org. Please utilize the new website for your bulletin.

Shopping Trip

Join us on Saturday, August 19, 2017 for shopping fun at The Mills at Jersey Garden Outlet Mall in Elizabeth, NJ. We are leaving St. Francis church at 8:00 a.m. and returning to Baltimore at 8:00 p.m.

There are over 200 stores including Coach, Michael Kors, Dress Barn, Sketchers, Burlington, Old Navy and many more for deeply discounted prices. There's a 20-screen AMC theatre and several mouth-watering restaurants. Tickets are only \$55.00 per person.

Contact Lady Rosalind Johnson at 410-979-9461 or any court member for tickets. Tickets are going fast! You don't want to miss it! Thank you!



June Financial Report

Income from Offerings: \$24,428.07
Expenses: \$28,170.89
Difference: **\$3,742.82**

Expenses includes but not limited to:
Utilities
Administration
Equipment Rental and Lease
Benefits and Salaries
Operating Expense

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX

Bishop Madden's Prayer Walk

Bishop Madden invites you to join him for his next prayer walk on Tuesday, July 25th at St Anthony of Padua, 4414 Frankford Ave.

The evening will begin with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. and end at or before 7:30 p.m.

During the walk, we will pray at specific locations that have been impacted by violence, and for a change of heart in those given to violence.

Please join in as we continue to step out in faith to reclaim our city for Christ.



Sunrise Choir

The Sunrise Choir is celebrating their 21st Anniversary on Sunday, July 30th, 2017, during the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The choir invites our church family, friends and other family members to worship with them on this special celebration. Harriet Brown, President



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.



You Are Invited to

SFX's Annual Parish Picnic

Saturday, August 5th, 2017 | 11AM - 7pm

Pool Time | 12Noon - 6PM

Food Time | 12Noon - 4PM

Please note: Attendees are encouraged to bring additional food as desired

O'Dwyer Retreat House

15523 York Road, Sparks, MD 21152

Parish members, their family and friends are invited to join us on this day of fellowship. The picnic is a wonderful opportunity to gather together as a parish community prior to summer vacation and travel.

For more information, please contact
Wyona Chambers @ 410-961-6198 or wchambers1@verizon.net.

Parish Picnic Pricing including food/games:

All Adults age 18 years and plus- \$10.00

Children age 6 years through 17 years- \$8.00

Children age 5 years and younger- Free

Rain Date: Saturday, August 27th | 11AM - 7PM

DON'T MISS IT!



New Horizon of Men and Women
Board of Directors

Annual Crab Feast



Sunday, September 17, 2017

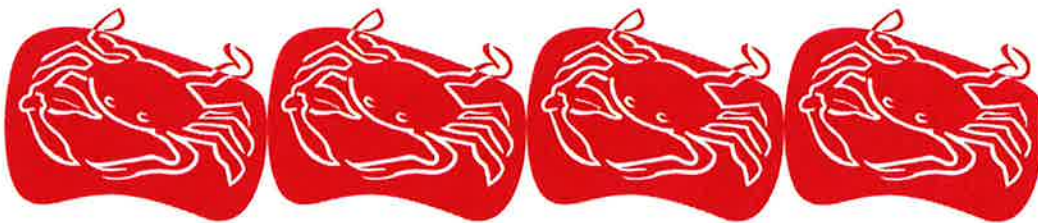
1:00-6:00 p.m.

Martins East

9000 Pulaski Highway

ALL THE CRABS YOU CAN EAT

DONATIONS - \$60.00



Food served from 1-5

Beer and Soda provided

Menu:

Crabs	Sweet Golden Corn	Barbecue Chicken
Salads	Fried Filet of Fish	All Beef Jumbo Hotdogs
Crab Soup	Sauerkraut	Macaroni and Cheese
Soup Du Jour	Mashed pot. & Gravy	Vegetable Du Jour
Roast Sirloin of Beef	Seafood Salad	Cucumber salad
CHEF homemade salads	Fresh salad bar	Assorted rolls
Fresh fruit	assorted sheet cakes	
Coffee and assorted teas		