



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.*

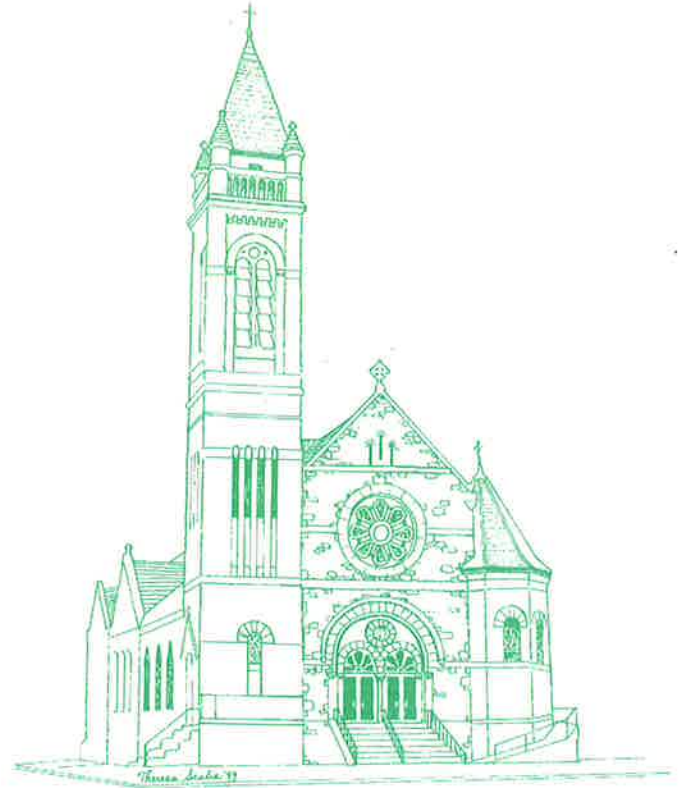
Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,

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

"Come away and rest a while"

What does the image of a shepherd tell us about God's care for us? Shepherding was one of the oldest of callings in Israel, even before farming, since the Chosen People had traveled from place to place, living in tents, and driving their flocks from one pasture to another. Looking after sheep was no easy calling. It required great skill and courage. Herds were often quite large, thousands or even ten thousand of sheep. The flocks spent a good part of the year in the open country. Watching over them required a great deal of attention and care.

Stray sheep must be brought back lest they die

Sheep who strayed from the flock had to be sought out and brought back by the shepherd. Since hyenas, jackals, wolves, and even bear were common and fed on sheep, the shepherds often had to do battle with these wild and dangerous beasts. A shepherd literally had to put his life on the line in defending his sheep. Shepherds took turns watching the sheep at night to ward off any attackers. The sheep and their shepherds continually lived together. Their life was so intimately bound together that individual sheep, even when mixed with other flocks, could recognize the voice of their own shepherd and would come immediately when called by name.

God himself leads us like a good shepherd

The Old Testament often spoke of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want (Psalm 23:1). Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! (Psalm 80:1) We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus told his disciples that he was the Good Shepherd who was willing to lay down his life for his sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4, John 10). When he saw the multitude of people in need of protection and care, he was moved to respond with compassionate concern. His love was a personal love for each person who came to him in need.

Jesus is the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

Peter the apostle called Jesus the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25). Do you know the peace and security of a life freely submitted to Jesus, the Good Shepherd? In the person of the Lord Jesus we see the unceasing vigilance and patience of God's love. In our battle against sin and evil, Jesus is ever ready to give us help, strength, and refuge. Do you trust in his grace and help at all times?

"Lord Jesus, you guard and protect us from all evil. Help me to stand firm in your word and to trust in your help in all circumstances. May I always find rest and refuge in the shelter of your presence."

Stewardship Reflections

1 Corinthians 9:17

For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. Happy repose of the soul of Bernard Fuller, req. by Darleen and the NFM&W

Sunday

8:00 A. M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. (1) Happy Birthday and God's continued blessings for Kenneth Perry as he celebrates his Birthday, req. by his daughter Tonya Taylor

(2) In Memory of my aunt Ardena Johnson on her Birthday, req. by Martha Lewis Dorsey & Family

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercy for Nina Harper and Rosalyn Johnson, req. by Dottie Mello

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. God's continued blessings on all the sick members of KPC Ladies Aux. Court # 323, req. by Dottie Mello

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's healing mercies for Lucretia Coates, req. by Dottie Mello

Friday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercies and blessings for Martha Lewis Dorsey and her mother Alice Lewis, req. by Dottie Mello

Today's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15



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	July 23, 2018	Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday	July 24, 2018	Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday	July 25, 2018	Matthew 20:20-28
Thursday	July 26, 2018	Matthew 13:10-17
Friday	July 27, 2018	Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday	July 28, 2018	Matthew 13:24-30

Sunrise Choir

The Sunrise Choir is celebrating their 22nd Anniversary on July 29, 2018 during the 8:00 Mass. The theme is "Marvelous". Please join the Sunrise Choir in celebrating this special occasion.

CDA Ct. SFX #2257

Annual Shrimp feast, Friday, August 17, 2018 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at the Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave Baltimore, MD 21236 (off the 8400 block of Belair Road, Dancing and Games. All you can eat on the premises! Food served 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Music by DJ Derrick White. Ticket cost \$50.00, tickets can be purchased from any CDA member.

Tim

SPECIAL NOTICES

Sodality of BVM's annual trip to Emmitsburg, Maryland is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2018. We will tour the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Our Lady Grotto and have lunch at the Mountain Gate Restaurant. The cost of the trip is \$30.00 pp. which covers transportation, bus driver's tip and donation to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Shrine. The cost for lunch is \$16.50 pp this is to be paid individually at the restaurant. Fourteen (14) passengers Van will leave at 8:00 a.m. and return 5:00 p.m. If interested, please contact Martha Lewis Dorsey @ 410-668-1258 or any Sodality member. Money is due by August 5, 2018.

Mark your calendar, the Sodality's Annual Shopping trip on Saturday, December 15, 2018 to Tanger Outlets and Rockvale Outlets, PA. Ticket costs will be \$55.00. Tickets will go on sale in September. Money due by November 4, 2018. See any Sodality member for tickets.

June Financials

Offering Income: \$23,552.00

Expenses: \$25,513.11

Deficit: \$ 1,961.11

Note: Please consider increasing your offering this month because the repair to the cooling system and the replacement of the station of the cross will be very costly. We try to do everything possible to contain costs, but unforeseeable events do happen.

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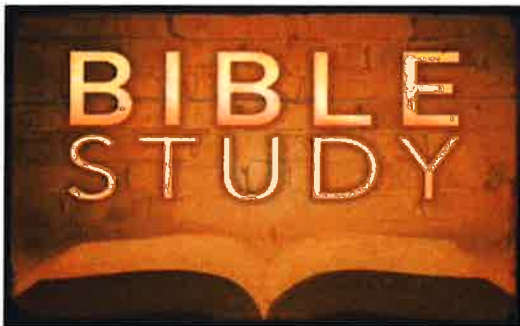


Young Adult Bible Study

Sunday 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. – School Building beginning September 23, 2018.

Confirmation is just the beginning it is the **START** of life as a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, the Body of Christ.

Come join fellow St. Francis Xavier teen and young adult parishioners to read and discuss the Word together. This will be an opportunity after Confirmation that continues into high school and beyond for youth to continue to grow in their relationship with the parish community and with Christ. All are welcome!
Joslyn Alexander, Director Religious Education



Special Notices

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The second Tuesday of each month, The Oliver Center will be distributing free fresh fruit, vegetables and other food items. Please take advantage of this distribution of products. This was only made possible through a grant that was investigated and achieved through our very own St Vincent De Paul group. Please inform family and friends, if it is not utilized, the market will cease to exist. Fresh vegetables, for your family and friends, no cost to you.



St. Vincent de Paul

The parishioners of St. Francis Xavier have been very supportive of St. Vincent de Paul Outreach programs. We have supported the Hungry bowls program, sent kids to summer camp, provided BGE assistance, and Eviction Prevention service. St Francis Xavier is a viable part of the Oliver Community. The food program is another effort to give back.

**WE ARE A
COMMUNITY**

SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

Please remember in your prayers, Nina Harper, Bernadette Morgan, Velva Foster, Jerrelle Francois, Lucretia Coates, Thelma Fly, Barbara Williams, Barbara Ann Brooks, and all the other sick members of our parish. Ask God to grant them healing mercies.

It is with great sadness that the parishioners of St Francis Xavier and members of the Pastorate extends their sympathy to Paula Fuller and family on the passing of her husband Bernard Fuller.

Knights of Peter Claver Court #323

Come join us at National Harbor in Oxon Hill, MD for a shopping trip to the Tangier Outlets. The cost is \$45.00. We will only have one bus. The time is 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 18, 2018. You will have an opportunity to go to the Casino by shuttle for a cost on you for \$5.00 to be paid when you board the shuttle. Please see any lady 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 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.