

# 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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**"Unless you repent you will perish"**

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 13:1-9

1 There were some present at that very time who told him of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered thus? 3 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen upon whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who dwelt in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." 6 And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 And he said to the vinedresser, 'Lo, these three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down; why should it use up the ground?' 8 And he answered him, 'Let it alone, sir, this year also, till I dig about it and put on manure. 9 And if it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

**Old Testament Reading:** Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

1 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." 4 When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Stewardship Reflections

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:10

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. Happy 66<sup>th</sup> birthday to Celeste Kellam, req. by the family

Sunday

8:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Happy repose of the souls of Nina Harper and Barbara Thomas, req. by Dottie Mello

Wednesday

10:00 A. M. Happy belated birthday and God's continued blessings for Calvin Butler, req. by his daughters.

Thursday

8:00 A.M. For all the sick members in the Sodality of BVM, req. by Dottie Mello

Friday

8:00 A.M. Asking God for the happy repose for the souls of all the deceased members of KPC Ct. # 323, req. by Dottie Mello

**Today's Readings**

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

## 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	March 25, 2019	Luke 1: 26-28
Tuesday	March 26, 2019	Matthew 18: 21-35
Wednesday	March 27, 2019	Matthew 5: 17-19
Thursday	March 28, 2019	Luke 11: 14-23
Friday	March 29, 2019	Mark 12:28-34
Saturday	March 30, 2019	Luke 18: 9-14

### Day of Recollection

The Pastorate Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ministers of Hospitality will be held at St. Francis on Saturday, April 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost of \$12.00 will defray the cost of a light breakfast, lunch and retreat supplies. Please contact:

St. Francis- Celestine Kellam, Janet Wiggins, or Suzonne Vickers

St. Ann- Brian Cousins

St. Wenceslaus- Dorothy Stokes-Wallace and Shrene Burnette



### 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

### Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



### Oblate Spirituality

During the month of March, we will continue to highlight ministries of the Oblate Sister of Providence

### The Guild:

The Mother Mary Lange Guild was established in 1991. The Mother Mary Lange Guild is the effort to tell the world about the life, the works and legacy of Mother Mary Lange. The work of the Guild is focused on communicating how God used Mother Lange to change the thoughts and attitudes of His people towards being people of courage, justice, hope and love for all.

Mother Lange Guild chapters have been established in Baltimore, MD, Washington, DC, Philadelphia, PA, New York City, NY, Camaguey and Havana, Cuba, St. Indigoes, MD, York, PA, Detroit, MI and Jersey City, NJ.

### 45<sup>th</sup> District Townhall Meeting

Meet your senators and Delegates of the 45<sup>th</sup> District on Saturday March 23, 2019 at Rita Church Community Center, 2101 St. LO Drive, Baltimore, MD 21213, at 9:00 a.m.

Senator Cory McCray

Del. Talmadge Branch

Del. Cheryl Glenn

Del. Stephanie Smith

For additional info. Please call (410-841-3165)

# Special Notices

## Religious Education 2019 Faith

### Formation Calendar

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

#### March

24<sup>th</sup> Class

31<sup>st</sup> Class-Student Retreat 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

#### April

7<sup>th</sup> Class

14<sup>th</sup> Class- Psalm Sunday

18<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday

21<sup>st</sup> No Class- Easter

28<sup>th</sup> Class

Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. we will have our annual Lent Retreat for the Sunday School students. Parents and guardians please support our Retreat Day by allowing your child to experience the extended day, we have an exciting day planned. Please pray for the success for our Retreat.

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

CRS Rice Bowls were distributed to all Sunday School Children. The children's Lenten sacrifices to CRS will honor Jesus' call to serve our neighbors who have less than we do. Please have the children return their Rice Bowls on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday School Annual Lenten Project, Parents please help us with our yearly donation to the women and children shelter. Please read insert for suggested toiletries items. They should be unopened and unused items starting Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>, until April 14<sup>th</sup> for drop off.



### Prayer Walk

St. Francis will host Bishop Madden's Prayer Walk on Thursday, March 28, 2019. Light refreshments at 5:30. The walk will begin at 6:15 p.m.

### Junior Catholic Daughters Easter Candy Project



It is that time of year that we ask our parishioners to donate bags of unopened candy. We always make small baskets for our children, please help to make this a pleasant activity for our kids.



## 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.*

### Stations of the Cross Devotions



*Will be celebrated each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during the Lenten Season. Parishioners are encouraged to make the Stations of the Cross as part of their Lenten Devotions. Many graces are given for those who walk the final hours of Jesus' life on earth. Confessions during Lent will be held on Friday evening from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. and after Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross will be led by the different organizations in the Church.*

#### Schedule for the Stations of the Cross Women

- *Friday, March 29, 2019-CDA #2257 of SFX*
- *Friday, April 5, 2019-Mass Choir*
- *Friday, April 12, 2019-Lectors, Eucharistic and Hospitality Ministers*
- *Good Friday - April 19, 2019 Youth Ministry*

#### Our Faith, Our Future Annual Appeal

*If you missed the opportunity to pledge over the commitment weekend, you can make your gift online at <http://www.archbalt.org/appeal/give/> or by completing the in-pew pledge form available in the back of the church.*

## 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.*



CompanionCare

**HELLO,**

*Does any of your Church Members require the services of a Companion, Sitter, Certified Nursing Assistant or Geriatric Nursing Assistant on a one on one basis?*

*I'd like to introduce you to **COMPANION HOME CARE FAMILY**, a Residential Service Agency dedicated to providing quality, non- medical care at an affordable price. Our employees provide companionship, personal hygiene care services, meal preparation, light housekeeping, laundry.*

*We also provide transportation for errands such as Doctor's, Dialysis and Therapy appointments, Outpatient procedures, grocery shopping, hair, nail appointments and banking etc.*

*Our staff is bonded, insured well interviewed, and thoroughly screened for trustworthiness and competence. We do a 2 year reference following from another company or facility, criminal background investigations and drug screening on all employees. They are all CPR certified as well through American Red Cross Association.*

***COMPANION HOME CARE FAMILY**, pays all social security, federal and state employment taxes as well as workman's compensation. So this relieves the stress of a independent contractor.*

*Our services is a **legal medical tax deduction**.*

*Please allow us the opportunity to prove our dedication. I'll be happy to sit down with you to answer any questions or discuss our services further.*

*Call me at your earliest convenience to set up an appointment for a free consultation (410)583-0447.*

*Sincerely,  
Denise Oliver,  
Manager/Owner*

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL  
OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS!**

Addison, Dorothy	4/09	Hare DeMello, Terrance	4/30	Pullett, Kathleen	4/18
Afungchwi, Donald	4/11	Hargrove, Cecelia	4/09	Rainey, Easter	4/06
Arroyo, Teresa	4/16	Hargrove, Michael	4/17	Ralph, Teresa M.	4/05
Bailey, Adrienne	4/22	Harlee, Justyn	4/16	Richardson, Jannie	4/04
Ball, Hayes	4/20	Holcombe, JoAnn	4/26	Ricks, Tyrika E.	4/13
Bell, Theodoric	4/19	Holman, Helen	4/29	Roberts, Maya Circe	4/04
Bennett, Adlette	4/19	Holmes, Nikita	4/06	Ross, Daria	4/26
Booker, Doreen A.	4/11	Hyman, Kendall	4/13	Rowe, Derrode T.	4/05
Brooks, Andrea	4/06	Jackson, Abreyah	4/08	Ryan, John J.	4/01
Brown, Naije	4/20	Jacobs, Miranda E.	4/02	Sands, Sandra	4/10
Burley, Jacqueline	4/11	Johnson, Andrea	4/02	Scott, Lowand	4/27
Burley, Rhonda	4/15	Johnson, Cory W.	4/03	Sharif, Soraya	4/10
Butler, Eva L.	4/07	Johnson, Devon	4/18	Simms, Margaret	4/23
Carter, Khalil	4/26	Jones, Jessica A.	4/02	Stanley, Kimberly B.	4/11
Carter, Lawanda	4/20	Kane, Harold	4/28	Stern, Omeka E.	4/10
Chambers, Herman	4/11	Kane, Matthew Irving	4/04	Stokes, Carl F.	4/30
Chase, Vanessa E.	4/08	Kelly, Dionne L.	4/14	Stokes, Cynthia	4/29
Church, Stephen B.	4/23	Kerney, Angelique	4/07	Sykes, Brenda	4/25
Clark, George	4/17	Kerney, Lisa	4/27	Taylor, Dondre	4/18
Coleman, John G.	4/22	Kerney, Monica	4/12	Taylor, Rhyan Jayla	4/19
Cooper, Wayne N.	4/02	Langley, Anne H.	4/03	Taylor, Robert	4/14
Culmer, Kierra	4/30	Latham, Jordan D.	4/25	Taylor, Shaquoia	4/22
Curtis, Rose	4/07	Lyons, Christopher	4/28	Terry, Brittany	4/17
Cutlette, Dennia	4/10	Mackall, Marcus A.	4/19	Thames, Raynard	4/16
Daughtry, Monique A.	4/07	Martin, Leonard Sr.	4/16	Thomas, Brian A.	4/16
Davis, Antonio	4/29	Mackall, Marcus A.	4/19	Uche, Hansitta	4/30
Davis, Monique D.	4/24	Martin, Leonard Sr.	4/16	Washington, Caryn	4/15
DeGross, Demaris	4/12	Mobley, Carissima M.	4/10	Whitley, Niya S.	4/21
Douglas, Chiranda	4/07	Moore, Kearyce, M.	4/02	Williams, Brittany	4/29
Drake, Celestia A.	4/28	Nicholson, Gloria	4/07	Williams, Morgan	4/16
Drayton, Brian	4/09	Nipper, Sharron Patricia	4/07	Wilson, Michael T.	4/07
Duke, Nina	4/28	O'Garro-Roles, Sherron	4/14	Woods, Doris	4/17
Egbunine, Innocent	4/07	Oglesby, Rickia	4/02	Woods, Larry	4/21
Egbunine, Sharon	4/28	Owens, Donna	4/20		
English, Mary	4/03	Owens, III Robert	4/04		
Floyd, Deborah	4/26	Pasley Jr., Christopher	4/11		
Forde, Andrea	4/24	Patterson, Janice L.	4/13		
Gaddy, Jr. Kirk E.	4/20	Paul, Monica	4/17		
Gray, James H.	4/16	Perrin, Mary F.	4/03		
Gray, Sr. Reginald	4/12	Powell, Danielle	4/15		
Grays, Sheryl E.	4/05	Powell, Marsha	4/09		
Green, Damaris	4/12	Price, Marvin	4/05		
Haney, Seaton N.	4/16	Price, Pearl	4/12		

**ST. FRANCIS XAIVER PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS!**

James M. & Caroline Chambers	4/11	Floyd & Sara Hargrove-Johnson	4/02
Reginald & Dennyse Drummond	4/25	Clifton & Renae Pierce	4/15
Frederick & Beryl Graham	4/16	James & Lailta Wescott	4/09
Lozarus & Damaris Green	4/03		
Daniel & Natalie Hare	4/18		

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**St. Francis Xavier Eucharistic Community  
Yours Prayers Are Requested For The Sick Of The Parish**

**April 7, 2019**

Rhonda Acree  
Dorothy Addison  
Avonda Barnes  
Nina Bonaparte  
Mary Boyd  
Garland Burley  
Eleanor Cawthron  
Vanda Chambers  
Xavier Church  
Candace Coates  
Lucretia Coates  
Dorothy Coleman  
Russell Dandridge  
Esther Davis  
John Davis  
James Dorsey  
Jeanne Edmonds  
Thelma Fly  
Velva Foster  
James Grays Sr.  
Thomas Grays

Rochelle Hagans  
Frances Hance  
Bertha Johnson  
Cornelia Johnson  
Hilda Langley  
Alice Lewis  
Charles Lewis Jr.  
Mildred Mattison  
Stephanie Washington-Merritt  
Shelia Hurtt-Moore  
Bernardette Morgan  
Yvonne Newby  
Marlene Patterson  
Frances Sears  
Helen Singleton  
Mabel Smirth  
Vickie Smith  
Wanda Smith  
Antoinette Soares  
Vincent Soares  
Barbara Williams