

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

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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

"Fear not - you are of more value than many sparrows"

What does fear have to do with the kingdom of God? Fear is a powerful force. It can lead us to panic and flight or it can spur us to faith and action. The fear of God is the antidote to the fear of losing one's life. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no want! Come, O sons, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord. (Psalm 34:4, 9, 11)

What is godly fear? It is reverence for the One who made us in love and who sustains us in mercy and kindness. The greatest injury or loss which we can experience is not physical but spiritual - the loss of one's soul to the power of hell. A healthy fear of God leads to spiritual maturity, wisdom and right judgment and it frees us from the tyranny of sinful pride, cowardice - especially in the face of evil and spiritual deception. Do you trust in God's grace and mercy and submit to his word?

When Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God he met opposition and hostility. He tells his disciples that they must expect the same treatment if they are to live and to proclaim the reign of God. There is both a warning and a privilege in his statement. Just as Jesus had to carry his cross, so the disciples must carry their cross and not try to evade it. To suffer for the faith is to share in the work of Christ. As one hymn states: Lift high the Cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod. The Holy Spirit gives us power and grace to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Do you trust in God's grace to carry your cross for Jesus' sake?

"Lord Jesus, it is my joy and privilege to your disciple. Give me strength and courage to bear any hardship and suffering which may come my way in your service. May I witness to others the joy of the Gospel."

Stewardship Reflections

Matthew 19:21

Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. (1) Healing Mercy on Irene Tackett, req. by Dorothy Mello

(2) God's healing mercy for Barbara Dunlap, req. by Gracie Ferguson & Family

Sunday

8:00 A.M. Happy Repose of the soul of Carmella Brown, req. by Martha Lewis Dorsey & Family

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Loving Memory of Cpl Anthony J. Mello and all deceased Vietnam soldiers, req. Dorothy Mello

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Loving Memory of my deceased sister Norma and sister-in-laws, req. by Dorothy Mello

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's blessings for Sharon Price and her family as they mourn the loss of her sister, req. by Darleen Thomas

Friday

8:00 A.M. Happy repose for the soul of Mildred Thaxton, req. by Darleen Thomas

Today's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42



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.	6/26/2017	Matthew 7:1-5
Tues.	6/27/2017	Matthew 7:6, 12-14
Wed.	6/28/2017	Matthew 7:15-20
Thurs.	6/29/2017	Matthew 16:13-19
Fri.	6/30/2017	Matthew 8:1-4
Sat.	7/01/2017	Matthew 8:5-17

Orioles Hosting Children and Youth June 30th, 2017

The Orioles are hosting the children and youth of St. Ann, St. Francis Xavier and St. Wenceslaus parishes at a game against Tampa Bay at Camden Yards on June 30th at 7:05 p.m. We will be allotted 150 tickets, 50 tickets for each parish. The expectation is to have at least 20 adult chaperones and 130 children. The children will have first priority for sign up. The Orioles will provide 3 buses and all 3 buses will be at St. Wenceslaus at 5:30 p.m. on that evening. They will also provide participants with a hot dog, Drink, bag of chips and Oriole gear to wear at the game. A sign up sheet is available on the table in the back of the church.

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, ad 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/>

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 5, 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.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

Church Picnic

Due to lack of interest the Saturday, June 17th, SFX Parish Picnic was postpone. The new date is Saturday, August 5th and the rain date is Sunday, August 20th, same time and same location. If you have already paid and request a refund, please contact WY Chambers on 410-961-6198. Please save the date new information will follow!

Special Notices

Summer Camp

Camp St. Vincent, Baltimore's only summer camp dedicated to serving homeless children. In just a few short weeks, Camp St. Vincent will launch its 110th season. We hope you will consider supporting the Camp this summer and help provide campers an unforgettable summer experience.

This summer we anticipate serving more than 250 children ages 5-14 at Camp St. Vincent. Each child is provided transportation to and from camp, breakfast, lunch and snacks, and enrichment activities like dance, music, art, sports and swimming instructions. Most importantly, Camp St. Vincent provides programming to help reduce the negative impact of homelessness on children. Camp St. Vincent runs for 8 full weeks. Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All this is made possible by generous support of Camp sponsors. If you are interested in learning more about supporting this camp and the work of SVD, please contact Jennifer Summers at 410-662-0500 ext 212 or Jennifer.summers@vincentbaltimore4.org



Special Notices

St. Francis Xavier New Website

St. Francis has a new website you can go there to retrieve the weekly bulletin. The website is: www.historicfrancisxavier.org. Please utilize the new website for your bulletin.

St. Vincent De Paul Church

The Resource Exchange is a program of the Social Action Committee at St. Vincent de Paul Church. We place homeless persons in apartments in cooperation with Health Care for the Homeless. We are always looking for gently used small furniture pieces and household items. The complete list is on our website at stvchurch.org.

For more information contact Pat Frascati at 410-663-5542 or 410-917-2214 or Frascati00@comcast.net

Archdiocese of Baltimore Mobile App

The Archdiocese of Baltimore has developed a mobile version of its website and an App for Apple and Android device users, to make it easier for Catholics to stay connected to their local church, including parishes and schools, while on the go. For more information, visit www.archbalt.org. Or download the app from the app store.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX

Several of our church members have recently loss family members. Make sure you reach out to them. After the funeral is when they really need friends. Remember they are your sisters and brothers in Christ.

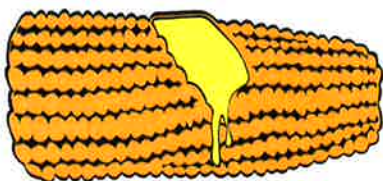
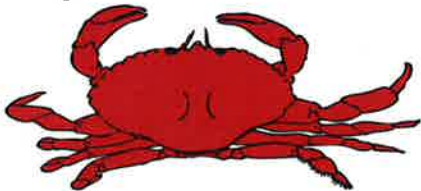
Important Notice!

Summer time is vacation time; it is also a time when offerings are reduced. If possible, please continue your weekly offering. The church has no vacation and expenses continue throughout the summer.

SUMMER Vacation

Holy Name Society

Holy Name Society Crab Feast will be held on July 22, 2017, instead of July 29th, 2017. Donations are \$50.00. See any member 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.

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One Minute Meditations

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

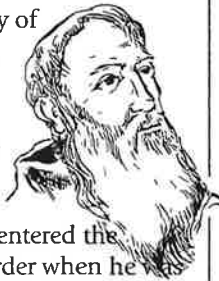
Born to a family of Italian merchants, St. Lawrence's parents died when he was young. Educated by an uncle, he entered the Capuchin Order when he was sixteen. He was ordained seven years later.

A Biblical scholar and preacher, St. Lawrence had a gift for languages, including Italian, Latin, Hebrew, Greek, German, Bohemian, Spanish, and French. He worked to spread the influence of the Capuchin Franciscan order, establishing monasteries in Germany and Austria.

Can you see God?

Are you aware of God's presence in your life? Looking for ways in which he blesses us rather than thinking about prayers he hasn't yet answered makes us more aware of how he moves in our lives. Of course, God is always with us whether we see him or not. Ask him to give you eyes to see him.

"Trust always in your God. He does not lose battles,"
St. Josemaría Escrivá.



And the Lord said, "Let it go ..."

"It is good sense to be slow to anger, and an honor to overlook an offense" (Proverbs 19:11). Human nature entails taking offense when someone says or does something we don't like. When it happens often, however, being offended doesn't just hurt our feelings, it compromises our happiness and wellbeing. Try these ideas to let it go ...

Assume the best. Most people aren't out to get us. Unless proven otherwise, believe that others have good intent and don't mean to offend. They're just living their lives.

Step back. We often get upset because others disagree with or don't share our opinions. Opinions are separate from identities. Someone can disagree with

what we think but still enjoy who we are.



Don't make it about you. Thinking that what others do or think reflects on you is fertile soil for being easily and often offended.

Most of what happens around us has nothing to do with us. Allowing others to live their own lives regardless of you and yours takes a huge burden off your shoulders.

Break the habit. Taking offense easily is a habit that, fortunately, can be broken. Instead of noticing what others are doing "to" us, we can choose to note what is done "for" us by God and others. Practicing gratitude is more pleasant than feeling hurt.

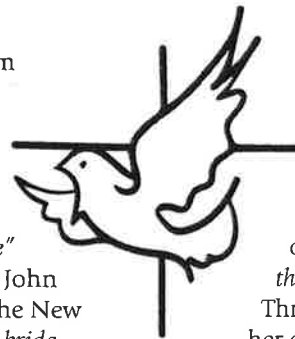
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why is the Church referred to as "She" or "Her"?

Imagery and symbolism help describe Christ's relationship to the body of believers known as the Church. For example, the Church is called Christ's "pure bride" (2 Corinthians 11:2). St. John wrote of the Church as the New Jerusalem, "prepared as a bride

adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:2).

The Church is also a "mother." "Because we receive the life of faith through the Church, she is our mother" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #169). Through baptism, we become her children.

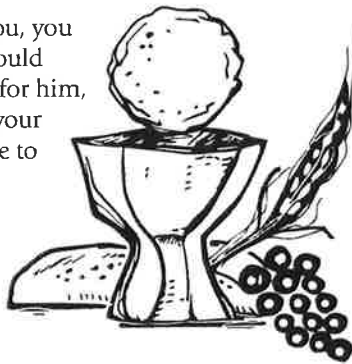


Are you ready for the Eucharist?

If you knew that Jesus were coming to visit you, you would probably work hard to get ready. You would make your home sparkle, prepare special food for him, and block out the time so you could give him your full attention. This is what we can do to prepare to receive Jesus every Sunday in the Eucharist.

Clean house. Do whatever is necessary to be properly disposed for communion with Christ. If you are not free from serious sin, attend Confession, do penance, and amend your life.

Prepare. The Eucharistic Fast is an ancient



custom that helps us to receive Holy Communion with reverence. Abstain from food or drink, with the exceptions of water and medicine, for at least one hour before receiving Holy Communion.

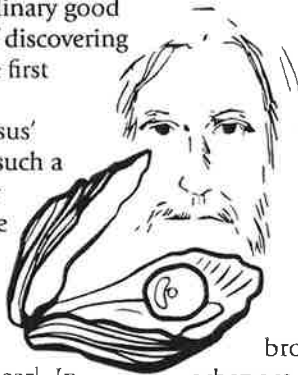
Give him your attention. The rituals of the Mass help us to focus completely on God's love for us and ours for him. Follow along with the prayers (use a missal, if necessary) and sing the songs so that you don't miss a word.

from Scripture

Matthew 13:44-52, Hidden treasure.

In this Gospel reading, Jesus compared several scenarios of extraordinary good fortune to the experience of discovering the Kingdom of God. In the first scenario, a man discovers a treasure buried in a field. Jesus' audience knew uncovering such a treasure would change their lives. Just so, discovering the hidden treasure of the Kingdom can give new meaning to our lives, too.

In the second scenario, a merchant finds a valuable pearl. In the barter-based economy of ancient Israel, a merchant's fortune depended upon the quality and desirability of what he had to sell. A valuable pearl



was well worth the painstaking search to find it. To those hungry and searching for God, Jesus assured them they would find the answers they sought in the Kingdom.

Finally, Jesus compared the separation between the evil and righteous to the sifting that happens when a large catch is

brought ashore. Similarly, when we put our whole life in service to our love for God, then the individual pieces fall into place around that love. Whatever is contrary to this love falls away.

Q Are Catholics & required to A wear scapulars?

Originally, scapulars were part of the religious habit worn by members of certain orders. The smaller scapular worn by lay people consists of two small squares of fabric worn on the chest and back connected by strings.



The most common scapular is the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

According to one tradition, the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite monk, in Cambridge, England, on July 16, 1251. Our Lady gave the scapular to him as a sign of her favor for the Carmelite Order and promised that whoever wore the brown scapular until death would not suffer the fires of Hell, be preserved in time of danger, and experience peace and protection.

Any Catholic can wear the scapular if desired, but it must be blessed by a priest to be a sacramental. The scapular is worn under the clothes. It is worn continuously (except during bathing or swimming). For Catholics who wear it, it is a reminder of Mary's motherly love and intercession.

Feasts & Celebrations

July 1 – St. Junípero Serra (1784). Born in 1713, St. Junípero joined the Franciscan Order in 1730. In 1750, Fr. Serra left everything behind to become a missionary in America. He founded 21 missions and taught the Native Americans trades, from farming to crafting. He also established the foundation for protections for the Native Americans and brought them the gift of faith.

July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene (1st century). Mary Magdalene was the woman from whom Jesus expelled seven demons in St. Luke's gospel

(Luke 8:2). She helped to financially support Jesus' ministry and stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. She was the one who first informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

July 26 – Sts. Joachim and Anne (1st century). Little is known about Jesus' grandparents, but we know Mary was raised in a devout home. Her unshakeable faith, her devotion to the laws of her religion, and her steadiness in moments of crisis indicate the values with which she was raised.



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

Alexander, Joslyn S.	7/29	Gray, Jr. Reginald	7/31	Stokes, Dennis	7/09
Alston, Ronald M.	7/20	Gray, Darius D.	7/04	Tait, Jennifer	7/27
Baysmore, Michael	7/29	Green, Lozarus	7/25	Taylor, Christina	7/09
Berry, Rickelle	7/07	Green, Yvonne	7/26	Taylor, Jacqueline	7/12
Boyd, Ericka J.	7/20	Harding, Norwood	7/21	Taylor, Kahla V. Kitrell	7/16
Branch, Chris	7/01	Hargrett, Amy E.	7/13	Thames, Ernest	7/26
Bridgeforth, Tanya	7/23	Harris, Chaunte	7/22	Thompson, Maria	7/29
Brooks, Barbara A.	7/18	Harris, Nadine	7/25	Trafton, Dana	7/02
Brown, Harriet	7/17	Hatchett, Joseph M.	7/10	Vick, Nina D.	7/23
Brown, Karen M.	7/23	Hill, David	7/24	Vickers, Suzonne	7/21
Brown, Raquel	7/07	Hill, Jean A.	7/01	Walker, Zeke	7/07
Brown, Thomasine	7/29	Holcombe, Jeanine	7/09	Walker, Zion	7/09
Browne, Jr. James	7/22	Hollins, Janae	7/07	Washington, Catherine	7/28
Butler, Celeste M.	7/02	Hursey, George	7/26	Washington, Delores	7/26
Butler, Cierra	7/05	Jeffers, Laura	7/18	Washington, Mark	7/05
Butler, Erin A.	7/01	Johnson, Cornelia	7/17	Wheeler, Tavon L.	7/17
Butler, J. Samuel	7/28	Johnson, Jennifer	7/01	White, Craig S.Jr.	7/07
Byers, De'Andrea	7/04	Johnson, Leah	7/10	Williams, Barbara	7/15
Byrd, Robert	7/23	Johnson, Vondaleir	7/16	Wilson, Jhaquan	7/10
Chambers, Lockeya	7/27	Jones, Nia I.	7/26	Wilson, Levon	7/06
Chambers, Reginald	7/25	Jones, Tyson	7/31	Wright, Vernon	7/12
Church, Xavier	7/05	Kane, Janice M.	7/14	Wright, Vondalier	7/16
Collier, Leonard	7/08	Kellam, Michael R.	7/19		
Cooper, Vernita	7/08	Kelso, Robert S.	7/07		
Cotton, Naisha	7/17	Kerney, Gina	7/09		
Cuffie, Joseph	7/29	Langley, Steven	7/21		
Curtis, Dorothy	7/01	Lewis, Diane	7/02		
Curtis, Maria	7/26	Mack, Ashley	7/14		
Custis, Christopher	7/30	Marshall, II Kevin A.	7/06		
Dabney, Latoya	7/19	Martin, Na Quaya	7/05		
Dandridge, Catherine	7/24	Massey, Ryan	7/15		
Dandridge, Renita	7/30	McCall, Vivian	7/26		
Davis, Shirley	7/09	Mello, Gregory	7/02		
DeGross, Donavan	7/22	Miller, Joy	7/10		
DeShazo, Constance	7/29	Moore, Helen	7/07		
Distance, Norman V.	7/14	Moyd, Clevon J.	7/28		
Douglas, Melvin T.B.	7/16	Oglesby, Azaria	7/25		
Douglas, Shelly	7/14	Perrin, Marter	7/30		
Dunston, Warren	7/05	Powell, Delores	7/23		
Early, Rose, M.	7/29	Robinson, Ebony	7/28		
Eley, Elizabeth	7/21	Rogers, Mary G.	7/06		
Ervin, Jr. Lynell	7/13	Rollins, Jr. Cedric	7/12		
Fitzgerald, Shondraiya	7/28	Samuels, Tracey	7/19		
Fly, Thelma	7/13	Scott, Glenn	7/04		
Franklin, LaCheryl	7/19	Smith, Carrie	7/05		
Frazier, Noah C.	7/07	Smith, Ebony	7/28		
Gladden, Derrick	7/05	Smith, Jean	7/26		
Graham, Clayton A.	7/30	Smith, Mabel	7/04		
Graves, Harper	7/20	Smith, Marvin	7/31		
Gray, Catherine	7/28	Smith, Morgan	7/11		

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

July 2, 2017

Rhonda Acree
Theresa Baker
Avonda Barnes
Lorraine Bell
Dorothy Bennett
Nina Bonaparte
Alfred Brown Sr.
Hattie Brown
Garland Burley
Harry Butler
Xavier Church
Dorothy Coleman
Candace Coates
Lucretia Coates
Esther Davis
John Davis
Kimberly Davis
Thelma Fly
Thomas Grays
Rochelle Hagans
Frances Hance
Bertha Johnson
Betty Johnson
Cornelia Johnson
Marian Quickley Johnson

Mildred Lane
Hilda Langley
Mildred Mattison
Julia Matthews
James McLinden,SSJ
Christopher Pasley
Stephanie Washington-Merritt
Shelia Hurtt-Moore
Bernardette Morgan
Yvonne Newby
Mary Parker
Marlene Patterson
Nadine Pulliam
Doris Russell
Frances Sears
Helen Singleton
Antoinette Soares
Mabel Smirth
Vickie Smith
Wanda Smith
Andrew Tackett
Paul Thaniel
Ann Walker
Barbara Williams
Peggy Williams

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

Obie and Itetha Barnes 7/14
Dunbar and Winnie Distance 7/14
James and Catherine Gray 7/14
Reginald and Shirley Gray 7/14
Alvin and Delvera Guyton 7/12
Carlos and Natasha Harris 7/24
Tyrone and Sheron Hughes 7/08

William and Yvonne Jones 7/01
Howard and Cynthia Kane 7/14
Orlando and Rhonda Latham 7/19
Charles and Chantel Morris 7/18
Garry and Thelma Thompson 7/20

**ST. WENCESLAUS/ST. ANN/ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCHES
WASHINGTON, DC TRIP**



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY TOUR

Saturday, November 4, 2017

9:30 am – 6:30 pm

Non-Refundable Deposit Due: 6/25/2017 – \$15:00 per Person

- Depart: St. Wenceslaus Parking Lot – 9:30 am**
- Arrive: Saints Paradise Cafeteria**
Lunch: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
- Depart for African American Museum**
- Arrive: Museum – Timed Ticket Entry**
- Depart for Home – 5:00 pm**
- Arrive: St. Wenceslaus Parking Lot – 6:30 pm**

COST: \$60

TRIP MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY SEPTEMBER 17TH

Not Responsible for lateness on either end of Trip

Contacts:

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Donna Booth: 443-743-4045**

SIGN UP SHEETS IN BACK OF CHURCH