

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.*

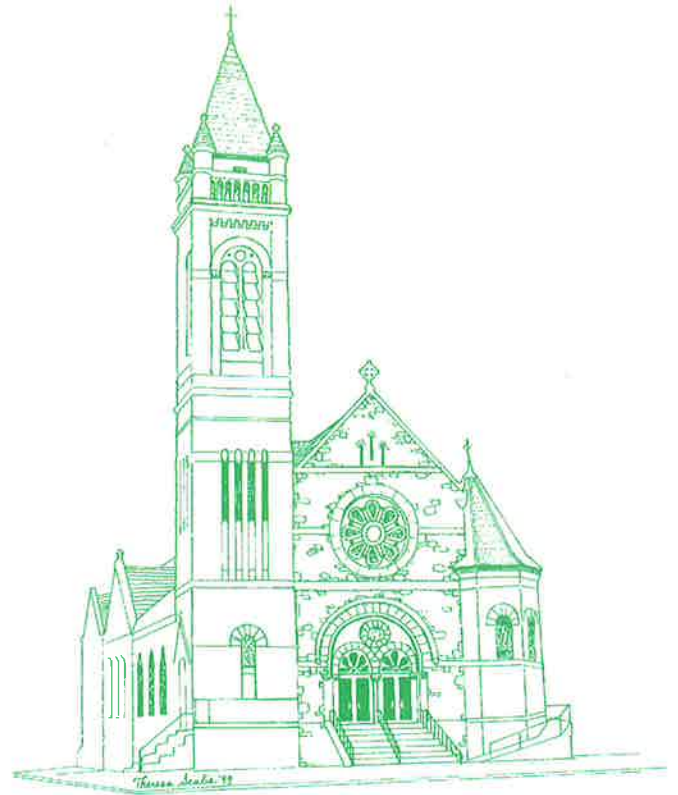
Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,

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

"You have the words of everlasting life"

Scripture: *John 6:60-69*

Many of his disciples, when they heard it, said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" 61 But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at it, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But there are some of you that do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who those were that did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. 65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it has granted him by the Father." 66 After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. 67 Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

Meditation: Why do some find it easier while others find it harder to accept the claims which Jesus made? Many were attracted to Jesus because he offered them something irresistible - a visible sign of God's mercy and favor which Jesus demonstrated in his wonderful works of healing, deliverance, and miraculous signs, including the multiplication of the loaves and fish when he feed the five thousand who had gathered to hear him speak. Many stumbled, however, when Jesus made claims which only God can make. Jesus' discourse on "*eating his flesh and drinking his blood*" (see John 6:51-59) which pointed to the Last Supper, caused offence to many of his followers.

"My words are spirit and life"

Jesus told his disciples that his words were "spirit and life" (John 6:63) - his words came from the heavenly Father who is the Author of life and the One who breathes his Spirit into those who believe in him.

Stewardship Reflections

Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M.

Sunday

8:00 A. M. *God's continued blessings on our priest, may he have the strength to meet all his objectives, SFX Parishioners*

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

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. *More peace, love and kindness in our world, req. by Dottie Mello*

Wednesday

10:00 A.M *In loving memory of Joseph Mello and son, Anthony Mello, req. by Dottie Mello*

Thursday

8:00 A.M. *In loving memory of all the deceased members of the Stevenson, Thomas family., req. by Darleen Thomas*

Friday

8:00 A.M. *God's healing mercy for Jeanne Edmonds, req. by Darleen Thomas*



Today's Readings

First Reading: *Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17-18b*

Second Reading: *Ephesians 5:21-32, or 5:2a, 25-32*

Gospel: *John 6: 60-69*

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8 (125B)*

Second Reading *James 1:17-18, 216- 22,27*

Gospel: *Mark: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23*



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	August 27 2018	Matthew 23: 13-22
Tuesday	August 28, 2018	Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday	August 29, 2018	Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday	August 30, 2018	Matthew 24:42-51
Friday	August 31, 2018	Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday	September 1, 2018	Matthew 25:14-30

Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Thursday September 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room, undercroft. To place an item on the agenda, please contact Paula Fuller, President, Lynette Richardson, Secretary, or Leonard Brown, Vice President.



SPECIAL NOTICES

Apply Scholarship

SFX Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications for the 2018-2019 school year are in folders on the desk in the vestibule. Applications are for high school, elementary, middle and college. Requirements are spelled out for each one. In addition, there is a special \$300.00 book scholarship that will be available from Miles Fitzgerald family. You must apply for all. Please have all applications returned by August 30, 2018. Don't delay, get yours in today!!!

Daily Mass Schedule Changes

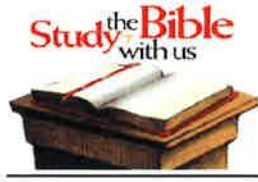
Please take note of changes to Mass schedules as it affects our Pastorate, St. Francis, St. Ann, and St. Wenceslaus. Effective September 2018.

*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.

Special Notices



Young Adult Bible Study

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

Upcoming Events

- *The Squires and Ashanti groups of the New Horizons of Men and Women are accepting new and gently used clothing along with canned goods which are donated to area shelters.*
- *Just a reminder: Baltimore City Community College is free to high school graduates. After earning an Associate Degree from BCCC, students can attend Coppin State University tuition-free to get their Bachelor's Degree.*

Special Notices

Oliver Center

The second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m., 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.



SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

*Funeral arrangements for Audrey Barnett,
the aunt of Barbara Ann Brooks, is as
follows:*

*Viewing: August 26, 2018, 1:00 p.m.- March
East*

Family hour: 3:00 p. m.-5:00 p.m.

*Wake August 27, 2018, 11:30-12 p.m.,
March East*

*Funeral Service: 12 Noon – March East,
North Avenue*

Let's Talk!

*The New Year will be upon us, before we know it. I
am investigating, possible trips hosted by the Circle
Club for next year, I have a few suggestions, but, I
would like your input.*

- 1. Ark Encounter and Creation Museum (4 days
and 3 nights) Ark Encounters features a full-
size Noah's Ark. This engineer marvel amazes
visitors young and old. \$(489.00 pp)*
- 2. Niagara Falls/ Ontario (4 days, 3 nights)
(\$430.00 pp)*
- 3. Nordic Lodge, Rhode Island (2 days, 1 night)
Lobster Seafood fest, visit to Mohegan and
Foxwoods Casinos. (\$225.00 pp)*
- 4. Casino Magic/ CT (3 Days ,2 nights) Stay at
Great Cedar Hotel, visit Mohegan Sun
Casino (\$225.00 pp)*

*These are just a few suggestions, I have more. if
interested, please call 410, 727, 3103 or text me:
410-303-0952*

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.*