

# 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.*

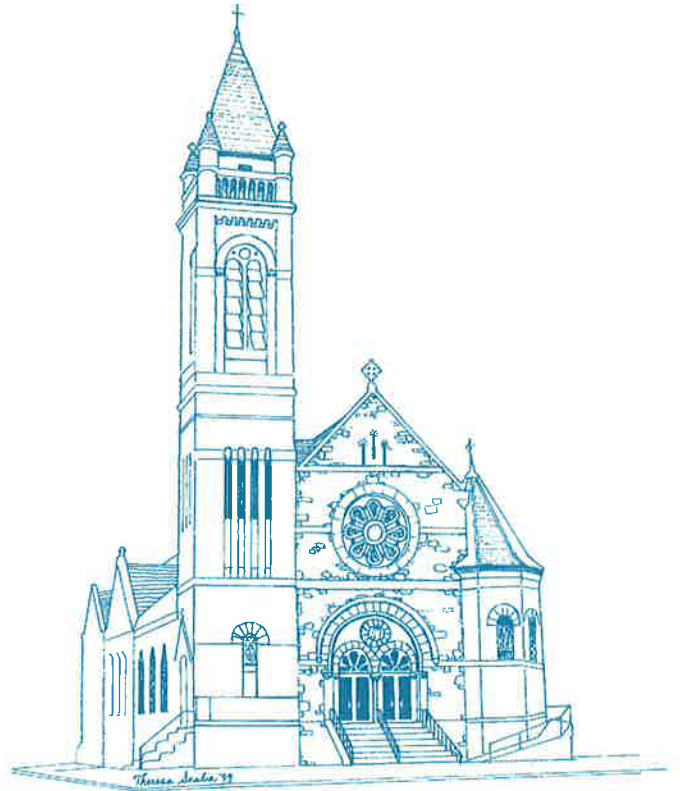
*Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,*

**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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## Meditation

### "My peace I give to you"

Do you know the love that surpasses all, that is stronger than death itself (Song of Songs 8:6)? In Jesus' last supper discourse, he speaks of the love he has for his disciples and of his Father's love. He prepares his disciples for his imminent departure to return to his Father by exhorting them to prove their love for him through their loyalty and obedience to his word. He promises them the abiding instruction and consolation of the Holy Spirit.

#### God unites us to himself in a bond of love and peace

Saint Augustine says the Lord loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love. God's love for each of us is as real and tangible as the love of a mother for her child and the love of a lover who gives all for his beloved. God made us in love for love - to know him personally and to grow in the knowledge of his great love for us and to love him in return.

How can we know and be assured of the love of God? The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in the knowledge of God and his great love. The Spirit enables us to experience the love of God and to be assured of the Lord's abiding presence with us (see Romans 8:35-39). The Holy Spirit also opens our ears to hear and understand the word of God. Do you listen attentively to God's word and believe it? Ask the Holy Spirit to inflame your heart with the love of God and his word.

#### The true nature of peace

Do you know the peace which surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7)? In his farewell discourse Jesus grants peace as his gift to his disciples. What kind of peace does he offer? The peace of Christ is more than the absence of trouble. It includes everything which makes for our highest good. The world's approach to peace is avoidance of trouble and a refusal to face unpleasant things. Jesus offers the peace which conquers our fears and anxieties. Nothing can take us from the peace and joy of Jesus Christ. No sorrow or grief, no danger, no suffering can make it less.

## Stewardship

Proverbs 27:18

He who tends the fig tree will eat its fruit, and he who cares for his master will be honored.

## Mass Intentions



### Saturday

5:00 P.M. Happy Repose of the soul of Barbara Thomas, req. by Roger Ford

### Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. Healing mercies and continued blessings for Martin Johnson, req. by his brothers and sisters

### Tuesday

8:00 A.M. God's healing mercies for Albert Stevenson, Sr. req. by his son and family.

### Wednesday

10:00 A. M. Thanking God for his blessings and mercies on Johnathan and Cecilia's 43<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary, req. by Cecilia Johnson

### Thursday

8:00 A.M. Congratulations to all of SFX graduates, req. by the parishioners

### Friday

8:00 A.M. God's continued blessings for me and my family, req. by Darleen Thomas

## Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-19

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

## Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

## 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	May 27, 2019	John 15:26-16:4a
Tuesday	May 28, 2019	John 16:5-11
Wednesday	May 29,	John 16:12-15
Thursday	May 30, 2019	John 16:16-20
Friday	May 31, 2019	Luke 1:39-56
Saturday	June 1, 2019	John 16:23b-28

### SFX HOLY NAME SOCIETY

*Come join SFX Holy Name Society for the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Baltimore Archdiocesan Holy Family Night with the Orioles. Friday July 12, 2019 at 7:05 p.m. against the Tampa Bay Rays. Tickets are available for Section (68)*

*Left field lower box seats. Tickets are \$33.00 each. Please contact Leonard Brown at (443) 473-9212 for tickets. Thank You.*

### Senior Luncheon

*The annual Senior Appreciation Luncheon for Pastorate members 65 and older will be held at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, June 15, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event is hosted by St. Wenceslaus Sunday School staff. Please notify the office if you are planning to attend.*

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



### Oblate Spirituality

*During the month of May, the Mother Lange Corner will share information about the Lay Associate. Those who are interested in sharing this journey are encouraged to contact the Oblate Sisters of Providence Lay Associate Director for more information. The Lay Associate Director can be contacted at 410-242-8500.*

*In November 1980, the National Conference of Bishops published a document entitled “Called and Gifted: The American Catholic Laity”. In this document, they reiterated the call to Adulthood, the call to Holiness, the call to Ministry, and the call to Community. Thus, began the idea of inviting lay people to take part in a religious order, It was from this invitation that in the 1980’s, the Oblate Sisters of Providence opened their doors to lay men and women who were searching for spiritual enrichment and felt called to follow the charism, share the spirituality, and join the mission of the Community. (Sharon Knecht, The Finger of God, p.91).*

*The Oblate Sisters of Providence Lay Associate Program offers the laity an opportunity to participate in the spirituality, mission and ministry of the Community and share in the religious ideals of Mother Mary Lange. By sharing in the spiritual life, prayers and apostolic works of the Community. Lay Associates have the opportunity for spiritual and personal growth and share their gifts while experiencing the mutual support of a faith community. The Non-Resident Oblate Lay Associates live in their own homes, according to their own lifestyles, reaching out to others as their gift’s and talents allow. They volunteer services and collaborate with the Oblate Sisters in a variety of ways. (Sharon Knecht, The Finger of God, p.91)*

# Special Notices

## Religious Education 2019 Faith

### Formation Calendar

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

### June

2<sup>nd</sup> Class

8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation rehearsal 10:00 a.m.

9<sup>th</sup> Confirmation 11:00 a.m.

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.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? Are you an adult Catholic who has not yet been confirmed? Perhaps you just want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or have questions about it. RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process for preparing adults for full communion with the Catholic Church and for instructing adults returning to their faith or who simply want to learn more. RCIA is open to anyone interested in exploring Catholicism.

We meet every Thursday, 6:30 p.m. in the undercroft October through May. Contact the parish office if you or someone you know may be interested.

### Confirmation Retreat

Our confirmandi along with their sponsors and family members participated in a wonderful and meaningful retreat Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Oblate Sisters of Providence Motherhouse.

We would like to especially thank Sr. Trinita Sr. Antonia and Fr. Michael Thompson, S.S.J. for their preparation and support and encouragement that they gave to our candidates.

We would also like to thank our parishioners: Michael Allen, Avis Butler, Sam Butler, Nadia Egbunine, Tatiana Egbunine, Celestine Kellam, and Nina Shipman-Vick who presented, shared their experiences as lifelong Catholics and spent the entire day with our confirmandi.

## Church Happenings



During the month of May, we honor Mary, the Mother of God and ours, too. Turn to her for guidance and protection and she will bring you to her son.

### INVITATION TO JOIN THE KPC

The Knights of Peter Claver is the oldest predominantly African American Catholic Lay organization in the nation. Our goals are to encourage lay apostolic, community actions and fellowship within our Catholic Community. We support worthwhile causes through volunteerism and charitable contributions. Ladies Auxiliary-Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange Court #323 is seeking new members including young ladies between the ages of 7-21. If you are interested in joining, please contact Carolyn Finney at 443-570-9577. Please leave a message.

### Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Traditionally celebrated on Thursday, of this week, will be celebrated on Sunday June 2, 2019

### Prayer Walk

Bishop Madden will hold a prayer walk this Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Casmir Church, 2800 O'Donnell Street. The evening will begin with a light meal at 5:50 p.m. and end before 7:30 p.m. Please join us if you can. We are trying to bring more attention to the violence and those affected by it.

**Pastoral Council meeting, Thursday June 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

## SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

*Please inform the parish office if you are aware of parishioners that are ill or in need of assistance.*

### **Father's Day** SPECIAL

*New Horizons of Men and Women Annual Father's Day Shrimp and Bull Roast is scheduled for Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$45.00 and available from any member.*

#### KPC LADIES AUXILIARY

*KPC LADIES AUXILIARY CT. 323  
FATHER'S DAY AT CAMDEN YARDS RAFFLE  
1 TICKET \$5.00/ 3 TICKETS \$10.00.*

#### Knights of Peter Claver Council #323

*Join the Knights for a weekend of Fun in Foxwood, Ct. August 24, 25, and 26, 2019. The cost is \$350.00 payable in installments. First deposit due of \$50.00 due by May 19, 2019.*

#### **SFX SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE!**

*Applications for SFX scholarships are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. The scholarships on the table are only for high school and college. Elementary and Middle School applications can be obtained from Joselyn Alexander, Director of Religious Education in the Sunday School Building.*

## 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.*

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

Adams, Wayne	6/19	Hampton, Cora L.	6/06	Roberson, Rodney	6/08
Bailey, Nakia R.	6/15	Hare, Natalie J.	6/13	Robinson, Penny C.	6/18
Barnes, Avonda M.	6/29	Harris, Cairo	6/29	Shiple, Joan	6/22
Barnes, Gregory L.	6/27	Harrison, Vernell	6/14	Shorter, Bernard	6/15
Bell, Denise J.	6/09	Hart, Jacquelyn	6/23	Smith, Bernadette	6/28
Bell, Zakiya U.	6/28	Hill, Brunetta	6/22	Smith, Khalliel	6/21
Bellamy, William	6/14	Hobbs, Donna	6/16	Smith, Roland P.	6/25
Bevans, Aisha	6/27	Hunter, D.J.	6/22	Smith, Sharonda	6/22
Branch, Rachel S.	6/23	Jackson, Daryl E.	6/20	Stanley, Keith B.	6/04
Brown, Alfred	6/24	Jackson, Kenneth	6/23	Tapp, Thedrick T.	6/15
Brown, Alton	6/26	Jackson, Sydney	6/03	Taylor, Tonya	6/19
Brown, Carmelita	6/03	Jenkins, Dawn	6/17	Tennessee, Juwon	6/28
Brown, Charles	6/20	Johnson, Brittany S.	6/29	Thames, Carole M.	6/27
Brown, Taylor E.	6/10	Johnson, Gerode M.	6/11	Thames, Sherill	6/28
Burton, Mary L.	6/19	Johnson, Margaret	6/09	Thomas, Leslie A.	6/04
Butler, Pia D.	6/30	Johnson, Michele	6/18	Thorton, Cephas	6/28
Chambers, Michael	6/05	Jones, Aaron E.	6/21	Tinsley, Jermaine	6/14
Chambers, Wyona	6/22	Jones, Carrie	6/15	Tobias, Mary	6/10
Coleman, Ray Anthony	6/14	Jones, Dawn	6/30	Ward, Kevin C.	6/13
Cooper, Basia	6/24	Jones, Frederick	6/24	Watson, Wayne	6/03
Cotton, Zaire	6/12	Jones, Lloyd W.	6/29	Wheatland, Nkenge	6/06
Cutlette, Dominick	6/26	Kanes, Dennis	6/06	Wiggins, Alan	6/26
Daughtry, Christine S.	6/28	Kane, Jacquelyn	6/11	Williams, Dion C. Jr.	6/08
Davis, Charles	6/19	Lang, Sheka A.	6/23	Williams, Ja'ya	6/22
Davis, Keshawna	6/19	Lewis, Avery M.	6/27	Williams, LaQuan	6/27
Davis, Mortisha	6/21	Lewis, Jr. Charles	6/22	Williams, Sylvester	6/30
Dawkins, Kaylyn	6/27	Loney, Corlis	6/29	Williams, Vanessa	6/01
Deshazo, Alice T.	6/26	Martin, Rosezeller	6/21	Wilson, Mary M.	6/03
Dickens, Raymond J.	6/08	McLaughlin, Michelle	6/15	Wise, Tiarna	6/08
Douglas, Shirley	6/30	Mello, Abiana D.	6/14	Wright, James	6/17
Drayton, Shirley	6/11	Mello, Antonia	6/22		
Evans, Candice	6/10	Morgan, Helena	6/04		
Evans, Jordan	6/28	Morris, Charles III	6/25		
Evans, Tammie	6/28	Mustafa, Carolyn	6/12		
Faidley-Wilson, Frances	6/12	Myers, Doris	6/21		
Frazier, Carolyn	6/02	Owens, Dianna	6/18		
Gaddy, Kenneth, CSSR	6/02	Parker, Cynthia	6/01		
Garrett, Brandon	6/02	Parker, Hearease	6/16		
Garrett, George	6/19	Parris, Trinna	6/25		
Garrett, Stanya	6/24	Perrin, Mark	6/12		
Gaskin, Anthony	6/20	Pierce, Oscar	6/25		
Gladden, Dominic	6/27	Price, Duane	6/23		
Gray-Acree, Catherine	6/28	Pulliam, Kameron	6/27		
Griffin, Karen L.	6/26	Ralph, Bernard	6/19		
Hammond, Pamela	6/03	Richards, Brittney	6/03		
		Roberson, Rodney	6/08		

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

Marvin and Sabrina Ayres	6/12	Bobby and Frances Faidley	6/16
Robert and Millicent Baysmore	6/21	Mica and Sharita Fetz	6/04
Alton and Jamie Brown	6/27	Kirk and Crystal Gaddy	6/30
Michael and Theresa Butler	6/16	Moses and Annmaria Joyner	6/23
Frederick and Lucille Conway	6/09	Charles and Rozetta Mobley	6/28
John and Sandra Davis	6/19	Maurice and Keisha Moore	6/28
Keith and Mortisha Davis	6/19	Horace and Faith Rollins	6/28
Paul and Emeka Diggs	6/14	John and Roxanne Wheatland	6/13
Louis and Jeanne Edmonds	6/26	Duane and Sinesta Whitley	6/18

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

**June 2, 2019**

Rhonda Acree	Rochelle Hagans
Dorothy Addison	Frances Hance
Avonda Barnes	Bertha Johnson
Nina Bonaparte	Cornelia Johnson
Mary Boyd	Hilda Langley
Garland Burley	Alice Lewis
Eleanor Cawthron	Charles Lewis Jr.
Vanda Chambers	Mildred Mattison
Xavier Church	Stephanie Washington-Merritt
Candace Coates	Shelia Hurtt-Moore
Lucretia Coates	Bernardette Morgan
Dorothy Coleman	Yvonne Newby
Russell Dandridge	Marlene Patterson
Esther Davis	Frances Sears
John Davis	Helen Singleton
James Dorsey	Mabel Smirth
Jeanne Edmonds	Vickie Smith
Thelma Fly	Wanda Smith
Velva Foster	Antoinette Soares
James Gray Sr.	Vincent Soares
Thomas Grays	Barbara Williams

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## Mother Lange Corner

### Oblate Sisters of Providence Lay Associate Program

An Oblate Lay Associate must be eighteen or older. In addition to feeling a special calling, one must be willing to: share the mission, prayer and ministries of the Oblate Sisters of Providence and enter into an orientation process which will be approximately one year. (Sharon Knecht, *The Finger of God*, p.92).

Those who are interested in sharing this journey are encouraged to contact the Oblate Sisters of Providence Lay Associate Director for more information. The Lay Associate Director can be contacted at 410-242-8500.

### You are Invited!

Come celebrate the 20th Anniversary of The Pierre Toussaint and Mother Mary Lange Information and Service Center.

A Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday June 30, 2019 at 12:30 PM. St. Patrick Church 492 Bramhall Avenue, Jersey City, NJ

The Toussaint and Lange Center publish "The Lange Magazine" to encourage everyone to support the Cause of Servant of God, Mary Lange.

### Save these Dates:

Join us to celebrate the 190th anniversary of the founding of the Oblate Sisters of Providence.

Archbishop Lori will be the celebrant at this special liturgy. Reception will follow in Sacred Heart Hall. Tuesday July 2, 2019 at 6:30 PM Our Lady of Mount Providence 701 Gun Road Baltimore, MD 21227

### Mother Mary Lange: A Legacy of Hope

Oblate Sisters of Providence- 190th Anniversary Symposium: Still Standing Under God's Mantle of Providence

November 23, 2019 - 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Location: TBD

Registration Fee: \$30 (includes morning hospitality and lunch)

Keynote Speakers: Sharon Knecht, Archivist: Oblate Sisters of Providence

Diane Batts Morrow -Author, Persons of Color and Religious at the Same Time

Come enjoy liturgy, sessions, hospitality and fellowship. Registration online at Eventbrite (link will be available soon) or contact the Guild Office at 410-242-6861 or the Motherhouse at 410-242-8500.

This is a wonderful opportunity to engage others. Please stay tuned for additional details in the months ahead.