

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.*

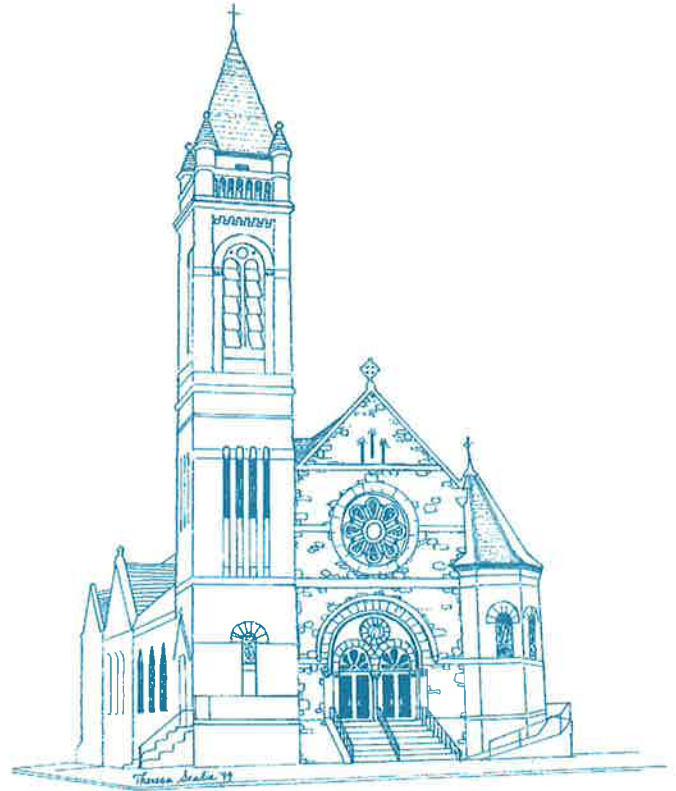
Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,

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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"Anyone who does a mighty work in my name"

Scripture: *Mark 9:38-40*

38 John said to him, "Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he was not following us." 39 But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. 40 For he that is not against us is for us.

Meditation: Do you rejoice in the good that others do? Jesus reprimands his disciples for their jealousy and suspicion. They were upset that someone who was not of their company was performing a good work in the name of Jesus. They even "forbade" the man "because he was not following us". Jesus' reply is filled with wisdom: "No one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me." Are we not like the disciples when we get upset at the good deeds of others who seem to shine more than us? Paul says that "love is not jealous... but rejoices in the right" (1 Corinthians 13:4,6).

Love does not envy others

Envy and jealousy, its counterpart, are sinful because they lead us to sorrow over what should make us rejoice - namely, our neighbor's good. The reason we may grieve over our another's good is that somehow, we see that good as lessening our own value or excellence. Envy forms when we believe that the other person's advantage or possession diminishes or brings disgrace on us. Envy is contrary to love. Both the object of love and the object of envy is our neighbor's good, but by contrary movements, since love rejoices in our neighbor's good, while envy grieves over it.

The love of God frees us from envy and jealousy

How can we overcome envy? With the love that God has put into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). The Holy Spirit purifies our heart and frees us from our disordered passions, such as envy, jealousy, greed, and bitterness. God's love is a generous and selfless love which is wholly oriented towards our good.

Stewardship Reflections

If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?"

Mass Intentions



Saturday

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

Sunday

8:00 A.M. *Happy repose of the soul of Andrew Tackett, req. by the family*

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

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. *God's healing mercy for James Gray Sr. req. by the family*

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. *Happy birthday to Ronald Burley and may God continue to bless him, req. by the family*

Thursday

8:00 A.M. *God's healing mercy for Martha Lewis Dorsey and her husband, req. by Darleen Thomas*

Friday

8:00 A.M. *God's healing mercy for Harry Butler, req. by the family*

Today's Readings

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 (69c)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 or 12:12-14

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 31-13:13 or 13:4-13

Gospel Luke 4:21-30

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

<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>January 28 2019</i>	<i>Mark 3: 22-30</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>January 29, 2019</i>	<i>Mark 3: 31-35</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>January 30, 2019</i>	<i>Mark 4: 1-20</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>January 31, 2019</i>	<i>Mark 4: 21-25</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>February 1, 2019</i>	<i>Mark 4: 26-34</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>February 2, 2019</i>	<i>Luke 2:22-40</i>

Feast Day of St. Blaise

Feast Day of St. Blaise is on Sunday, February 3, 2019, The Priest will be blessing throats after each Mass, including, Saturday, February 2, 2019 after 5:00 p.m. Mass.



February 3, 2019 is National Day of Prayer for African American Families, it is also the birthday of Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange.

Tim

SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



Oblate Spirituality

Oblate Spirituality, founded in and relying upon a loving Providence, is revealed in a deep, personal relationship with God and a manifest live, trust and respect for all.

Oblate Spirituality rests upon three Gospel truths which embrace our whole being:

- 1) God has provided, does provide and will provide*
- 2) Jesus, our Brother and Redeemer has suffered, died and risen to enable us to live not only for ourselves, but for others*
- 3) The Holy Spirit will guide and strengthen us in all situations*

Oblate Spirituality is expressed by:

- Participation in the Eucharistic Liturgy*
- Continuing and deep reflection on the Word of God*
- Communal and personal prayer*
- An active discernment which seeks the will of God in Obedience to the Spirit*
- Love and compassion for one another*
- Reaching out to heal the needy, especially victims of racism, injustice, prejudice, and greed*

Special Notices

Religious Education

2019 Faith Formation Calendar

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

February

3 Class African American History Program

10 Class

17 Class-

23 First Penance 10:00 A.M.

24 Class

Important Notice!

Unsung Black Catholic Women

Unsung Black Catholic Woman Award sponsored by The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court # 2257 nomination forms will be in the back of the church Sunday.

Oliver Food Drop

The next date for the Oliver food drop is February 18, 2019. If you know of anyone impacted by the Government shut down, please refer them to the food drop for assistance or St. Vincent DePaul.

Funeral Arrangements for Nadine Pulliam

Family Time at Vaughn Green York Road will be Monday, January 28th, from 4: 00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Wake Tuesday January 29, 2019 from 10:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

Funeral Mass- Tuesday January 29, 10:30 a.m.

Funeral arrangement for Andrew Tackett the husband of Irene Tackett

Vaughn Green York Road- January 31, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Viewing

Wake- Friday, February 1, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m.

Funeral- Friday, February 1, 2019 @ 10:30 a.m.



National Catholic School Week at St. James and John Catholic School

In recognition of National School Week, SSJJ will be celebrating from January 27-February 2, 2019. They have all types of activities planned, starting this Sunday with worship at St. Francis Xavier. For information on the fundraisers, check online at <http://ssjjschool.org/events/calendar>.

A Special Thank You

On behalf of the Education Committee of the KPC Ladies Auxiliary Mother Lange Court # 323 extends a hardy thank you to the Resilience Workshop panel guests; generosity of the KPC members and, all who supported this splendid workshop.

Sincerely,

KPC Education Committee



Please Join

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 2257

Education Committee

For a Session on

“Finding Strength and Embracing Life”

“What lies behind us and what lies before us is

Nothing compared to what lies within us.” Ralph W. Emerson

A Time for Sharing – Bereavement

Sunday, February 10, 2019

1:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

1501 N. Caroline Street

Undercroft

Contact Person: Lynette Richardson – 410-802-3888

If you are interested, please complete the form below.

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please return to any member of the Education Committee

Regent: Avis Butler

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.

*Dorothy Addison-
GBMC Rehab, 5th fl. (elevator B) Room 5422*



Important Envelope Information

Your 2018 offering statements are available in the back of the church. If you take your statement, please sign the sheet. They are in alphabetical order. Please only take your own. It is privacy issue.

Pastorate Core Team Members

During the last several months the Pastoral Councils of each parish in the Pastorate of St. Ann, St. Wenceslaus, and St. Francis Xavier have been engaged in a thorough selection process to assemble Collaborative Body known as the Core Team. The Core Team will function to work with the Administrative team to provide oversight, effective communication, planning and implementation of collaborative activities and initiatives. The Core Team nominees that will represent St. Francis Xavier Church are: Celestia Drake, Marsha Powell, Dr. Kirk Gaddy, Regine LaForest- Sharif. The first introductory meeting for the Pastorate Core Team will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at St. Ann's Church 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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.



Nomination Form for the 2019
Unsung Black Catholic Woman Award

**She's A Special Kind of Lady
Who Has Made Outstanding Contributions
To Her Family, Church and Community!**

**She's Young or Seasoned
Whatever the Reasons!**

She's An Unsung Black Catholic Woman

Take time to nominate a deserving Catholic woman. TELL WHY SHE SHOULD BE SELECTED. On a sheet of paper write the attributes of the nominee for her service to her family, church and community. Leave form with a photograph in a sealed envelope in the CDA box in the Rectory. The entries must be in by Sunday, February 3, 2019.

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Telephone # : _____

Nominee's Address: _____ Zip Code _____

Nominated By: _____

Telephone # _____ Email: _____

For questions or concerns contact: Marsha Powell: 443-467-2841

Email: marsha14993@gmail.com or any member of the Education Committee

Thanks for taking the time to show you care!

Regent – Avis Butler

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Discovering **hope and joy** in the Catholic faith.

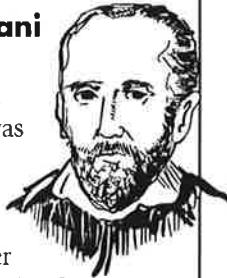
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One Minute Meditations

St. Jerome Emiliani

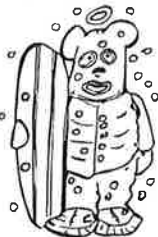
St. Jerome led a wayward life while a soldier until he was captured in battle and turned back to God. Soon after returning to Venice, he began studying for the priesthood and was ordained in 1518. With the devastation from the war came famine and plague. At his own expense, St. Jerome cared for the victims left behind, especially the children. For this purpose, he and some companions founded the Clerks Regulars of Somascha, in Somascha, Italy.



Make it a good day

A good day is one spent in God's presence. Start the morning by offering your efforts to God. Throughout the day, look for evidence of his nearness to you as you go about your business. Don't let minor irritants affect your mood.

"I don't care to inquire why they cannot believe an earthly body can be in heaven, while the whole earth is suspended on nothing." St. Augustine, *City of God*



Make every Sunday the Lord's Day

"This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). God wants us to have a day of rest each week. He felt it was so necessary that he made it a **Commandment**.

While it is non-negotiable for God's people, a busy person may find it hard to do Sunday right. Try these tips for making Sunday the Lord's Day:

Attend Mass. Both Jesus' Resurrection and Pentecost occurred on Sunday. There's no better way to celebrate the Lord's Day than to worship him during Mass on Sunday.

Schedule chores. It's not very restful to stand in line at the grocery store or change the oil in your car. Try to

accomplish chores and errands another day so you can spend time relaxing on Sunday.

Alternate entertainment. Instead of turning on the TV or zoning on the smartphone, take a nice long drive, curl up with a good book, or visit friends or family. Do whatever it takes to recharge your spirit.

Create a unique prayer habit. Offer prayers that you only say on Sundays. Read Scripture. Listen to sacred music. Take time to thank God for your blessings.

Protect the day. Make Sunday a priority. Don't let anything interfere with your rest, peace, or worship. Let the Holy Spirit guide your day.



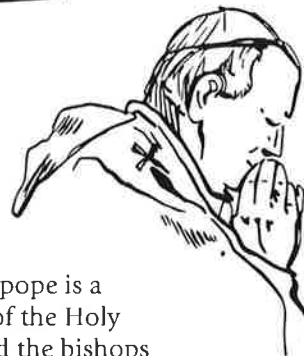
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe the pope is infallible?

As visible head of the Church on earth, the pope has the gift of infallibility. This means that by gift of the Holy Spirit, the pope can't err in teaching the faith.

That's not to say that a pope is a perfect person. This gift of the Holy Spirit helps the pope, and the bishops

with him, guide the Church in staying faithful to Christ. The pope is only infallible when he solemnly declares a teaching on faith and morals as St. Peter's successor (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #890-891).



“Please forgive me!”

Throughout history, there has been only one person who never made mistakes. The rest of us make plenty but few of us are comfortable with asking for forgiveness for them. Yet owning up to our mistakes is a big step toward preventing their recurrence. Try this:

Start by looking at the other person when you apologize. This communicates that you know you have caused harm and are ready to accept the consequences of your behavior.



Assure the other person that the actions won't happen again and detail the steps you will take to rectify any harm you caused. Remember – true contrition involves making amends for your sin.

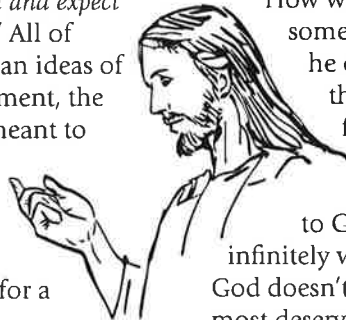
Give some visible sign that you are sincerely sorry. Shake hands or give a touch on the shoulder. Such an action will help start the healing of your relationship.

Taking steps to achieve sincere contrition and forgiveness will help you grow in holiness as you work to eliminate an occasion of sin.

from Scripture

Luke 6:27-38; Being merciful as God is merciful

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells us to “love your enemies...lend and expect nothing back...and forgive.” All of these go against our human ideas of fairness. In the Old Testament, the “eye for an eye” rule was meant to make sure the punishment wasn't excessive. Likewise, the idea of getting favors was meant to show gratitude for a favor already given.



appreciation to simply owing favors. How would you know if the good someone did you was because he or she loved you or because they wanted something from you?

Jesus “updates” the old understanding of justice to God's justice, which is infinitely wiser and more perfect. God doesn't dole out his love to the most deserving, but freely to everyone. His goodness includes mercy as well as justice. His love is generous, selfless, simple, and compassionate. The surest sign of being God's children is if we love others the way he does.

The problem is that “an eye for an eye” can result in a vicious cycle of violence and destroyed relationships. The “favor for favor” idea reduces the value of giving gifts out of kindness and

Q & A What is the difference between a basilica, a cathedral, and a shrine?

Different church buildings serve different purposes. Basilicas are traditionally large, rectangular churches that have a historical and spiritual



importance, such as St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The ancient Romans originally used them to house kings or judges. Later, Christians used the style for places to worship God, the King of Kings.

The pope can raise important church buildings of historical and spiritual significance, for example a cathedral, to the status of “minor basilica.” When you visit, you'll know you're in a minor basilica if the conopaeum (a red-and-yellow umbrella), a special bell, and the Vatican seal (papal crown and crossed keys) are on display.

A cathedral is the chief church in a diocese and is where the bishop presides. The name “cathedral” comes from the word cathedra, which is Latin for “the chair.” This refers to the bishop's chair, which represents his authority. A shrine is a sacred place where a saint's relic is preserved, an apparition took place, or a place to encourage a specific belief or devotion.

Feasts & Celebrations

Feb. 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858). A heavenly “lady” appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor and sickly girl from a small village in France. Soon after the first vision, a spring with miraculous, healing waters emerged from a nearby cave. The “lady” revealed herself as the “Immaculate Conception” – the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Feb. 22 – St. Peter's Chair (1st century). We celebrate the establishment of the Holy See and pray for the preservation of God's Church. The “Chair of Peter” refers to the relic of an actual chair of St. Peter and to the

spiritual authority of the Church, symbolized by the chair.

Feb. 26 – St. Porphyry (420). Born to a wealthy Greek family in Macedonia, St. Porphyry lived as a hermit. His quiet life was interrupted when he inherited a fortune, which he quickly gave to the poor. He worked as a shoemaker before becoming a priest, then the Bishop of Gaza (against his will). Despite initial resistance, St. Porphyry successfully evangelized Gaza.



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