

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

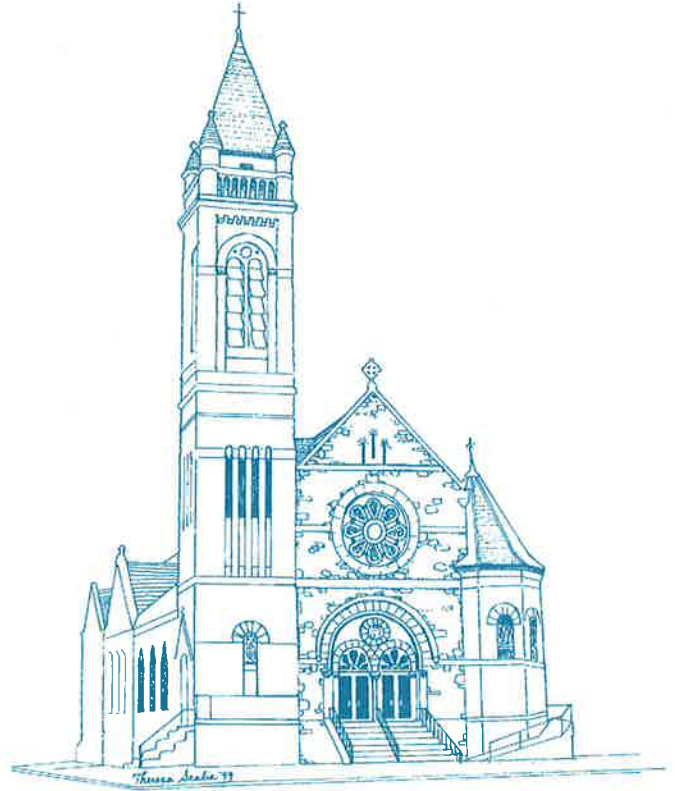
Funerals

*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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REFLECTION

"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit "

How can we know who God is? Jesus revealed to his disciples the great mystery of our faith - the triune nature of one God in three persons and the inseparable union of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus' mission is to reveal the glory of God to us - a Trinity of persons - God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and to unite us with God in a community of unbreakable unity and everlasting love. The ultimate end, the purpose for which God created us, is the entry of God's sons and daughters into the perfect unity of the blessed Trinity.

Jesus, the Son of God, reveals the Father's true nature

The Jews understood God as Creator and Father of all that he made (Deuteronomy 32:6) and they understood the nation of Israel as God's firstborn son (Exodus 4:22). Jesus reveals the Father in an unheard-of sense. He is eternally Father by his relationship to his only Son, who, reciprocally, is Son only in relation to his Father (see Matthew 11:27). The Spirit, likewise, is inseparably one with the Father and the Son.

Through baptism we share in the life of the Trinity

The mission of Jesus and of the Holy Spirit are the same. That is why Jesus tells his disciples that the Spirit will reveal the glory of the Father and the Son and will speak what is true. Before his Passover, Jesus revealed the Holy Spirit as the "Paraclete" and Helper who will be with Jesus' disciples to teach and guide them "into all the truth" (John 14:17,26; 16:13). In baptism we are called to share in the life of the Holy Trinity here on earth in faith and after death in eternal light.

Clement of Alexandria, a third century church father, wrote:

"What an astonishing mystery! There is one Father of the universe, one Logos (Word) of the universe, and one Holy Spirit, everywhere one and the same; there is also one virgin become mother, and I should like to call her 'Church'."

We can have a personal relationship with the Father and the Son through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit

How can we personally know the Father and his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ? It is the Holy Spirit who reveals the Father and the Son to us and who gives us the gift of faith to know and understand the truth of God's word. Through the Holy Spirit, we proclaim our ancient faith in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ until he comes again. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit as our divine Teacher and Helper that we may grow in the knowledge and wisdom of God. Do you seek the wisdom that comes from above and do you willingly obey God's word?

Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P. M. (1) God's continued blessings for our youth as they start a new phase of their lives, req. D. Thomas

(2) God's healing mercies for my husband Jonathan T. Johnson, req. by Cecilia Johnson

Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. In loving memory of Joseph Mello and our son CPL. Anthony Joseph Mello, req. by Dottie Mello

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. (1) God's healing mercy for Jerrelle Francois, req. by Darleen Thomas

(2) God's blessings and his love for Jonathan and Cecilia Johnson's 42nd anniversary, req. by the family

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. God's healing mercies for James P. requested by Sandy

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Asking God for his mercy for our young brothers and sisters that are lost, may He direct them back to his church.

Friday

8:00 A.M.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



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.	May 28, 2018	Mark 10:17-27
Tues.	May 29, 2018	Mark 10:28-31
Wed.	May 30, 2018	Mark 10:32-45
Thurs.	May 31, 2018	Luke 1:39-56
Fri.	June 1, 2018	Mark 11:11-26
Sat.	June 2, 2018	Mark 11:27-33

Special Announcements

No impromptu announcements. Please make sure that if you have any announcements they have been approved by Father Xavier first.

Bereavement Committee

Bereavement Ministry Meeting with Father Xavier. Please mark your calendar for a breakfast meeting with members of the Bereavement ministry and those intended to join this ministry. Fr. Xavier will hold an overhaul meeting on Saturday, June 9, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the undercroft meeting room.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Attention:

Please return your Family Census Sheet. If you have any questions, please call the office. It is an effort to clean up our database, we are asking each family to complete one per family indicating any deceased members. You can place the completed form in an envelope and return to the church in the offering baskets to avoid postage. Please return by May 30, 2018.



Remembering those that have served our Country and our dearly departed.



Special Notices

Religious Education

May

26th First Communion/Confirmation
rehearsal @ 10:00 a.m. – Noon

27th Class - First Communion /
Confirmation



CRS Rice Bowls

Thank you for your Lenten sacrifices to CRS to everyone who returned their Rice Bowls. We collected \$200 (mostly coins. CRS will honor "Jesus" call to serve our neighbors who have less than we do.

Young Adult Bible Study

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

Confirmation is just the beginning it is the **START** of life as a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, the Body of Christ.

Come join fellow St. Francis Xavier teen and young adult parishioners to read and discuss the Word together. This will be an opportunity after Confirmation that continues into high school and beyond for youth to continue to grow in their relationship with the parish community and with Christ. All are welcome!

Joslyn Alexander, Director Religious Education

Special Notices

Important Note, Envelope Users

When submitting one check for multiple envelopes, please include the amount on each envelope. In addition, please make sure that the amount you are recording on the outside of the envelope is the same as the funds that you are placing inside of the envelope. Both things are very important to ensure that your offering is accurately recorded. Please write or print legibly. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We are still receiving envelopes being returned because of change of address. Please call the office if you have moved or if you no longer want to receive your envelopes.

Prayer to Mary

We honor Mary, the Mother of God (and ours, to). Trust her for her guidance and protection. "Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided."

Knights of Peter Claver Court #323

The Knights of Peter Claver is the oldest predominantly African Catholic fraternal organization in the country. Our goals are to encourage lay apostolic, community action and fellowship. 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.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

Employment Opportunity

Needed! Choir Director! St. Ann's Church is seeking an experienced Director of Music for their Gospel Choir. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office @410-235-8169 or email St. Ann's Church @STANN528@comcast.net.

SIGHT AND SOUND

SFX Circle Club is hosting a day trip to Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre to see the production of "Jesus" on Saturday, June 30th, 2018. A few seats are still available, if interested contact Darleen Thomas, 40-727-3103



Pastoral Council meeting

Thursday June 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. To place an item on the agenda, please contact Paula Fuller, Leonard Brown, Lynette Richardson, or any Pastoral Council member

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

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

June 3, 2018

Rhonda Acree	Hilda Langley
Avonda Barnes	Charles Lewis Jr.
Dorothy Bennett	Mildred Mattison
Nina Bonaparte	Dorothy Mello
Garland Burley	Stephanie Washington-Merritt
Harry Butler	Shelia Hurtt-Moore
Xavier Church	Bernardette Morgan
Dorothy Coleman	Yvonne Newby
Candace Coates	Marlene Patterson
Lucretia Coates	Nadine Pulliam
Esther Davis	Frances Sears
John Davis	Helen Singleton
Thelma Fly	Antoinette Soares
Bernard Fuller	Mabel Smirth
Velva Foster	Vickie Smith
Thomas Grays	Wanda Smith
Rochelle Hagans	Andrew Tackett
Frances Hance	Barbara Williams
Bertha Johnson	Peggy Williams
Cornelia Johnson	
Marian Quickley Johnson	

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
DURING 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