

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

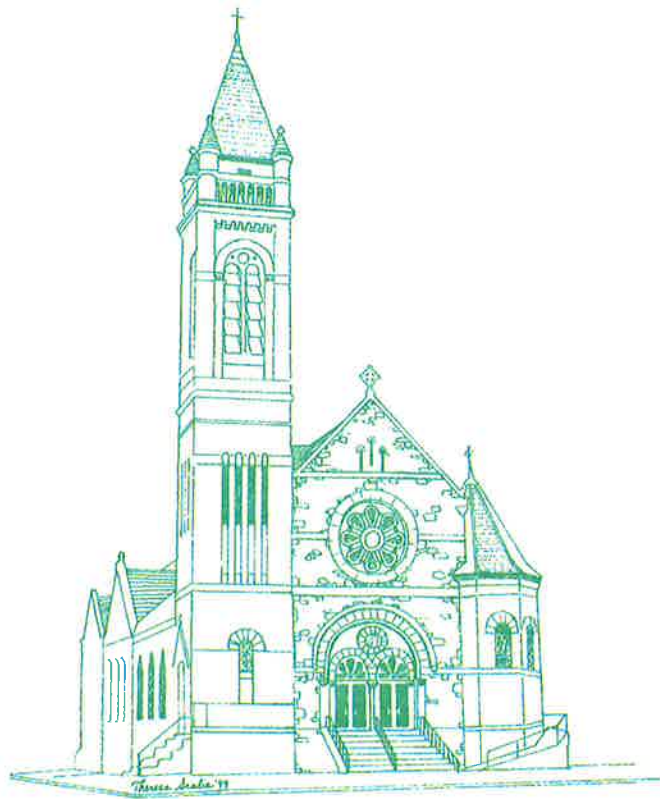
Funerals

*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

What is the greatest rule of life?

What is the purpose of God's law and commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the Law of Moses and the ritual requirements of the law. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Torah - the books of the Old Testament containing the Law of Moses - along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries on the law. The religious authorities tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose.

God's love rules all

Jesus summarized the whole of the law in two great commandments found in Deuteronomy 6:5 - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" - and Leviticus 19:18 - "you shall love your neighbor as yourself". God's love directs all that he does - His love is holy, just, and pure because it seeks only what is good, beneficial, and life-giving - rather than what is destructive, evil, or deadly. That is why he commands us to love - to accept and to give only what is good, lovely, just, and pure and to reject whatever is contrary.

God puts us first in his thoughts

God is love and everything he does flows from his love for us (1 John 3:1, 4:7-8, 16). God puts us first in his thoughts and concerns - do we put him first in our thoughts? God loved us first (1 John 4:19) and our love for him is a response to his exceeding goodness and kindness towards us. The love of God comes first and the love of neighbor is firmly grounded in the love of God. The more we know of God's love, truth, and goodness, the more we love what he loves and reject whatever is hateful and contrary to his will. God commands us to love him first above all else - his love orients and directs our thoughts, intentions, and actions to what is wholly good and pleasing to him.

Stewardship Reflections

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. *Thanking the Holy Family for their Healing Mercies for mom and my brother, req. by Martha Lewis Dorsey & Family*

Sunday

8:00 A.M. *Happy repose of the soul of David Hollingsworth, req. by Darleen Thomas*

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

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. *God's continued blessings for Ed and Melanie Holland, req. by Melanie Holland*

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. (1) *Blessings for Ina Boston, req. by Melanie Holland*

(2) *God's continue blessing and mercy on Cecilia Johnson 62nd Birthday, req. by her Family*

Thursday

8:00 A.M. *Happy repose of the soul of Reona Thomas, Req. by NANBPW, CLUBS, INC.*

Friday

8:00 A.M. *In memory of all the deceased members of our parish.*

Today's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:26, 8-10

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12



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
Mon.	October 30, 2017	Luke 13:10-17
Tues.	October 31, 2017	Luke 13:18-21
Wed.	November 1, 2017	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Thurs.	November 2, 2017	John 6:37-40
Fri.	November 3, 2017	Luke 14:1-6
Sat.	November 4, 2017	Luke 14:1, 7-11

SFX Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Day of Recollection

Come join the Sodality of BVM of SFX on Saturday, November 11, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on their Annual Day of Recollection. "The Blessed Virgin Mary in the Christian Life of Faith and Prayer". Our guest speaker is Father Godwin, SSJ. This is a free event. A continental breakfast and light lunch will be provided. Please contact Lorraine Bell (410) 889-9196 or Martha Lewis Dorsey (410) 668-1258 if interested in attending. We need a count to provide the right amount of food by November 5, 2017.

Sunrise Choir

If you are interested in enhancing a choir that will inspire our church family and yourself, please consider joining the Sunrise Choir at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We need basses, tenors, altos and sopranos. We sing on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays. We rehearse on 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the small meeting room in the undercroft. Please contact Harriet Brown, President (410-444-4441) or any of the choir members.

SFX Circle of Recognition

We have so many unsung heroes that give of both their time and talents. This month we are recognizing those parishioners that are the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Iteha Barnes	Obie Barnes
Mary Harmon	Theresa Butler
Rhona Pack	Theodrick Tapp
Suzonne Vickers	Deborah Woods
Cecilia Johnson	Celestine Kellam
Jackie Langley	John Wheatland
Keith Bridgeforth	Vanda Chambers
Catherine Gray	Pauline Hargrove
Elizabeth Eley	Diane Lewis
Ronald Lewis	Donna Booth
Gracie Ferguson	Stacy Brown
Michael Allen	Cecilia Hargrove
Patricia Williams	Yvette Wylie
Pia Butler	

Hospitality Ministry

St. Francis Xavier Family, with sincere appreciation and gratitude the Minister's of Hospitality say thank you for your support! Our 2nd Annual Anniversary could not have been a success without you! We will present a donation of \$1,000.00 to our Church as well as present a gift of \$100.00 to SFX Sunday school. Again, words could never express our thanks for your support.

Sincerely, all members of SFX Minister's of Hospitality.

PS. Thank you so much for culinary skills of Mr. James & Jeffrey Williams and Mrs. Gwen Williams.

Mass Schedules

All Saints Day Nov. 1, 2017 Mass- 10:00 a.m.
All Souls Day Nov. 2, 2017 Mass – 10:00 a.m.

Special Notices



2017 Faith Formation Calendar

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

September

24th Class Begins

October

1st Class

8th Class

15th Class

22nd Class

28th Parent Class for Sacramental Students

29th Class/Fall Festival

November

1st All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation

5th Class

11th Parent Class for Sacramental Students

12th Class

18 Parent Class for Sacramental Students

19th Class

26th NO CLASS-Thanksgiving

December

3rd Class/Homecoming

8th Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

10th Class

17th Class

24th Class 3 p.m. followed by Mass

Special Notices

Home Coming Planning Committee

Home Coming Celebration/St. Francis Xavier Feast Day, December 3rd, 2017 -11:00 a.m. Mass with dinner immediately following. The Planning Committee will be meeting on the following dates: Tuesday's 11/7, 11/21 @ 6:30 p.m. in the undercroft meeting room. All interested persons please contact Lynette Richardson (410) 802-3888. For those that are interested but unable to physically attend a conference call will be set up. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talents.

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #323

The Knights of Peter Claver is the oldest Black Catholic organization in the country. Our goal is to encourage lay apostolic and community action. We support worthwhile causes through volunteerism and charitable contributions. Ladies Auxiliary-Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange Court #323 is seeking new members. If you are interested in joining please contact Carolyn Finney at 443-570-9577.

Circle Club Winners for October 2017

President-Pauline Hargrove #11-\$500.00

Vice President-Darleen Thomas #66-\$100.00

Treasurer-Sharon Butler #38-\$100.00

Secretary-Theresa Boseman #95-\$100.00

Bonuses

1st Bonus-Arnetta Boyd #12-\$50.00

2nd Bonus-Theodora Butler #114-\$25.00

3rd Bonus- Alan Wiggins #81-\$25.00

Please Keep In Your Prayers

All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Annual Christmas Shopping Trip

Sodality's Annual Christmas Shopping trip, is Saturday, December 16, 2017, at Reading, PA. Outlets and Rockvale outlets in Lancaster, PA. The cost will be \$50.00. Contact any Sodality member for tickets or Martha Lewis Dorsey for tickets (410 668-1258). Tickets have to be purchased by November 5th 2017



The Angel Project

It is giving time of year and we would like to help a child have a good Christmas. As always, the children associated with the Angel Project are a part of our immediate church community. To apply, please fill out the forms located at the back of church or you can contact Suzonne Vickers by text or phone call at 443-857-7016 with the requested information. Use SUBJECT: Angel Project. There should be one form for each child. Children should be age 18 and in high school or younger. All forms are due back no later than **November 5, 2017**. Important-Please make sure you complete the parent information section. If you do not complete it, your child will not receive a gift under this project.

Thanks, Angel Project Team,

- Mary Burton
- Kim Grays
- Joyce Logan
- Renee Terry
- Suzonne Vickers
- Janet Wiggins

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to set your time back for November 5th



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.

SYLVIA L.
HARDISON
FOUNDATION

EMPOWERING OTHERS
ANYWAY

First Annual Fall
Benefit Concert-
It's a Family Affair

Sunday, November 5, 2017

St. Francis Xavier Catholic
Church

1501 N. Caroline St.

Baltimore, MD 21202

4:00pm



Help us serve more than warm meals this winter!

The Franciscan Center is asking churches, organizations, local businesses and concerned individuals to help us collect new and unwrapped winter clothing and personal hygiene items for the hundreds of homeless and poor men, women, and children who come through our doors each day. We will be distributing these donations from our Center during the Christmas season and throughout the coldest winter months. We are looking for:



Men, Women, and Children

(Adults: All sizes. Children: S to 4XL)

Coats

Hooded Sweatshirts

Sweatpants

Flannel Shirts

Hats

Gloves

Scarves

Thermals

Undershirts

Underwear

Socks

Babies

Coats and Winter Clothing

Diapers

Baby Formula and Baby Food

Everyone

(No mouthwash, please)

Soap

Deodorant

Hand Towels

Wash Cloths

Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

Disposable Shaving Kits



Items can be dropped off between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Franciscan Center, 101 W. 23rd Street, Baltimore, MD 21218. However, for holiday distribution, we ask that items be dropped off by the week of December 10th. Depending on your location, we may also be able to help with your pick up.

If you would like to help, please contact Angela Hall

at (410) 467-5340, Ext. 113 or ahall@fcbmore.org.

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

Adiele, Alex	11/19	Hanson, Erin	11/19	Sheppard, Raymond	11/15
Alexander, Guy	11/05	Harlee, Kandis M.	11/21	Shuler, Thelma	11/03
Alston, Jaaron	11/23	Harlee, Ashley B.	11/26	Smith, Randolph	11/21
Ausby, Micheal	11/21	Harris, Cecelia	11/08	Stern, Stanley	11/22
Barnes, Itetha	11/24	Harris, Tera	11/26	Stevens, Mark	11/30
Barnes, Obie	11/23	Hill, Jr. Shelton	11/04	Stokes, Todd	11/23
Bell, Gladys R.	11/12	Johnson, Breshya	11/07	Tapp, Margaret	11/03
Bellamy, Alicia	11/04	Johnson, Cecelia	11/01	Taylor, Jack	11/23
Blake, Jamila	11/27	Johnson, Floyd	11/28	Taylor, Jessica	11/13
Boyd, Nicholas	11/08	Johnson, Sara	11/12	Terrell, Agnes	11/09
Brimley, Dallas	11/19	Johnson, Sonya	11/15	Vick, Tavia	11/09
Butler, Delvin	11/23	Jones, Donnetta	11/19	Walker, Ann	11/14
Carter, Atwon	11/22	Jones, Lamont	11/21	Walker, Everett	11/19
Chambers, Angela	11/07	Jones, Yvonne	11/06	Washington, Elizabeth	11/16
Cheatham, Anthony	11/19	Jordan, Della	11/12	Wheatland, Roxanne	11/11
Coleman, Christina	11/13	Kane, Christopher	11/14	Williams, Donnetta	11/16
Coleman, Dionne	11/29	Kane, Esther	11/29	Wilson, Bobby	11/18
Coleman, Shakiara	11/25	Kane, Howard J.	11/27	Wilson, Gregory	11/08
Coleman, Wayne	11/17	Kane, Patrick	11/20	Wilson, Jordan	11/11
Cosom, Cleveland	11/27	Laws, Christian	11/13	Wilson, Robert	11/13
Custus, Mark	11/16	Locks, Thomas	11/22	Wylie, Evette	11/11
DeGross, Gregory	11/09	Lyons, Diane	11/29	Young, Nigel Aaron	11/13
DeGross, Mona Lisa	11/24	Martin, April Lenora	11/09		
Dennis, Frances	11/12	McNeal, Christian	11/30		
Diggs, Emeka	11/12	McNeal, Christopher	11/21		
Diggs, Isaiah	11/27	McNeil, Donna	11/15		
Dixon, Shemia	11/14	Mello, Ariell G.	11/06		
Dorsey, James	11/30	Melton, Naomi	11/16		
Douglas, Ronald	11/08	Mitchell, My'yah J.	11/07		
Drake, Dennis	11/07	Moore, Ashley C.	11/01		
Drewery, Rachel	11/24	Morgan, Lamont	11/22		
Early, Leah	11/21	Nealy, George	11/23		
Evans, Shanda	11/05	O'Neal, Joanie	11/26		
Feaster-Brockman, Timothy	11/12	O'Neal, Joanne	11/26		
Fisher, Krystle	11/08	Palmer, John Jr.	11/26		
Flowers, Flander	11/13	Palmer, John	11/24		
Fly, Avondre	11/19	Reinsch, LaShawn	11/22		
Fly, Hunter	11/25	Robinson, Jessica	11/29		
Fly, Jadun	11/17	Rogers, Kierra	11/15		
Garrett, Cameron	11/27	Rollins, Danielle	11/19		
Gilbert, Magdala Marie	11/22	Satchell, Christina	11/20		
Green, Annalisa	11/06	Sellers, Andrea	11/03		

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

November 5, 2017

Rhonda Acree
Theresa Baker
Avonda Barnes
Dorothy Bennett
Nina Bonaparte
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
Janice Hargrove
Bertha Johnson
Betty Johnson
Cornelia Johnson
Marian Quickley Johnson

Alice King
Mildred Lane
Hilda Langley
Charles Lewis Jr.
Mildred Mattison
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
Jeanette Sykes
Andrew Tackett
Barbara Williams
Peggy Williams

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

Cyril and Veronica Boodoo 11/10
George and Stanya Garrett 11/22
Jack and Marilyn Taylor 11/05