

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

"He who loves father and mother more than me is not worthy of me"

Who or what takes first place in your life - in your daily thoughts, cares, and concerns? God has put us first in his thought, care, and concern for our well-being and future. God loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding kindness and mercy towards us. Even while we were hopelessly adrift through our own sinful pride, rebellion and unbelief, he choose to give us his own beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for our sake - to set us free from slavery to sin, Satan, and death.

Proof of God's unfailing love for us

There is no greater proof of God's love for us than the free-will offering of his Son who shed his blood for us on the cross. His death broke the curse of guilt and condemnation, and won for us pardon and adoption as beloved sons and daughters of God our Father. Through the victory of his cross and resurrection, the Lord Jesus offers us abundant new life through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us.

The love of God comes first

The Holy Spirit reveals to us the love of the eternal Father and the eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who come to make their home with us and to unite us in a bond of peace and friendship. That is why the Lord Jesus commanded his disciples to give him their undivided loyalty and love above all else. We owe him a debt of gratitude for what he has done for us. The Lord Jesus gives us the assurance and promise that he will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his so that we may fully share in his resurrection for all eternity.

God has no equal - that is why we owe the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit our undivided loyalty, trust, and obedience. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for the Lord Jesus who calls us to follow him. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies, if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do.

God's compelling love knows no rival

The love of God compels us to choose who or what will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or anything else above God is a form of idolatry.

Stewardship Reflections

Ephesians 6:7

With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. Happy Repose of the Soul of our uncle Alfred Brown Sr. req. by Martha Lewis Dorsey & Family

Sunday

8:00 A.M.) People of the 4 Parish

11:00 A.M. (1) In Memory of my siblings Norma Davis and Frank, Jr., req. by Dorothy Mello

(2) Happy Repose of the Soul of Julia Matthews, req. by Darleen Thomas

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. God's Blessings on Doris Russell, req. by Dottie Mello

Wednesday

10:00 A.M Happy Repose of the soul of Alfred Brown, req. by the family

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's continued blessings on all of God's messengers, our priests, req. by Darleen Thomas

Friday

8:00 A.M. God's healing mercy for all of the sick in our parish and their families, req. by Darleen Thomas

Today's Readings

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30



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.	7/03/2017	John 20:24-29
Tues.	7/04/2017	Matthew 8:23-27
Wed.	7/05/2017	Matthew 8:28-34
Thurs.	7/06/2017	Matthew 9:1-8
Fri.	7/07/2017	Matthew 9:9-13
Sat.	7/08/2017	Matthew 9:14-17

Tune Your Radio



Tune your radio to WVTO 92.7 FM, Baltimore's station for "Talk Radio for Catholic Life" via the Relevant Radio network, prayers, devotions, ad more. Broadcasting from the bell tower of St. Benedict Church in Southwest Baltimore from 2 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. daily, our signal reaches from two to six miles from the church. More info at <https://www.wvto.com/>

Catholic Cruise Eastern Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 7 night Eastern Caribbean with Fr. John Harper December 10-17 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Ft. Lauderdale (Port Everglades), Florida. Port of call: Grand Turk Island, Turks and Caicos, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Philipsburg, St Maarten, Half Moon Cay, Bahamas. Prices begin \$1968.00 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of \$350.00 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug Or Eileen at 860-399-2781 or Doug@catholiccruiseandtours.com

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Oblate Sisters of Providence will host their annual Homecoming at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD on Sunday, August 6, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All students of all former Oblate schools and programs are invited. The cost of dinner is \$10.00, lots of Baskets Raffles and Silent Auction items, if you are a SFA graduate of 1967, please contact, Sister Helene Therese, OSP 410-536-5687.

**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.**
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.

Church Picnic

Due to lack of interest the Saturday, June 17th, SFX Parish Picnic was postpone. The new date is Saturday, August 5th, same time and same location. If you have already paid and request a refund, please contact WY Chambers on 410-961-6198. Please save the date new information will follow!



Special Notices

Summer Camp

Camp St. Vincent, Baltimore's only summer camp dedicated to serving homeless children. In just a few short weeks, Camp St. Vincent will launch its 110th season. We hope you will consider supporting the Camp this summer and help provide campers an unforgettable summer experience.

This summer we anticipate serving more than 250 children ages 5-14 at Camp St. Vincent. Each child is provided transportation to and from camp, breakfast, lunch and snacks, and enrichment activities like dance, music, art, sports and swimming instructions. Most importantly, Camp St. Vincent provides programming to help reduce the negative impact of homelessness on children. Camp St. Vincent runs for 8 full weeks. Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All this is made possible by generous support of Camp sponsors. If you are interested in learning more about supporting this camp and the work of SVD, please contact Jennifer Summers at 410-662-0500 ext 212 or Jennifer.summers@vincentbaltimore4.org



Circle Club Winners for June 2017

President- #31- Georgia Brooks-\$500.00
Vice President - #95-Theresa Boseman-\$100.00
Secretary- #19-Theresa Butler-\$100.00
Treasury- #83-Mary Parker-\$100.00

Bonus

1st Bonus- #118-Annamaria Joyner-\$50.00
2nd Bonus- #86-Yvonne Campbell-\$25.00
3rd Bonus- #119-Patricia Williams-\$25.00

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St. Francis Xavier New Website

St. Francis has a new website you can go there to retrieve the weekly bulletin. The website is: www.historicfrancisxavier.org. Please utilize the new website for your bulletin.

St. Vincent De Paul Church

The Resource Exchange is a program of the Social Action Committee at St. Vincent de Paul Church. We place homeless persons in apartments in cooperation with Health Care for the Homeless. We are always looking for gently used small furniture pieces and household items. The complete list is on our website at stvchurch.org.

For more information contact Pat Frascati at 410-663-5542 or 410-917-2214 or Frascati00@comcast.net

Archdiocese of Baltimore Mobile App

The Archdiocese of Baltimore has developed a mobile version of its website and an App for Apple and Android device users, to make it easier for Catholics to stay connected to their local church, including parishes and schools, while on the go. For more information, visit www.archbalt.org Or download the app from the app store.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX

*Julia Matthews's funeral arrangements:
Wake 10:00 am-11:00 a.m. Funeral following
at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday July 5th, 2015 at
St. Francis Xavier. Viewing Monday at
Calvin Scruggs Funeral Home from 3:00 p.m.
Until 7:00 p.m.*

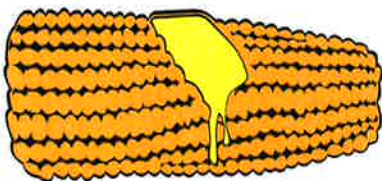
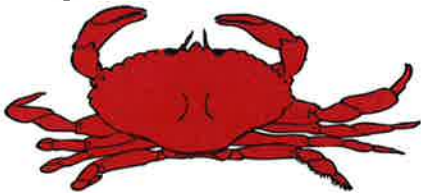
Important Notice!

*Summer time is vacation time; it is also a time
when offerings are reduced. If possible, please
continue your weekly offering. The church has
no vacation and expenses continue throughout
the summer.*

SUMMER Vacation

Holy Name Society

*Holy Name Society Crab Feast will be held on
July 22, 2017, instead of July 29th, 2017.
Donations are \$50.00. See any member for
tickets.*



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.*