

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

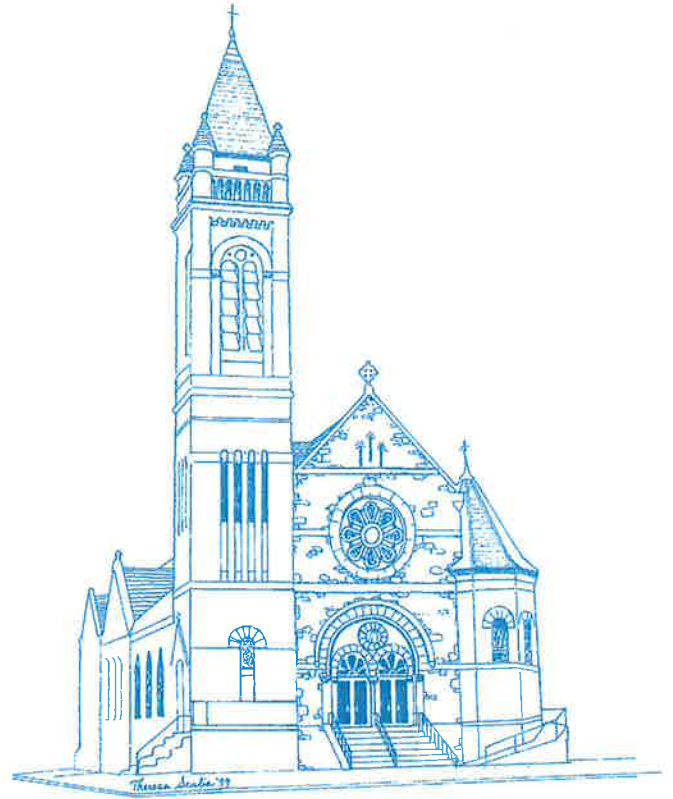
*Please notify the rectory before making
arrangements with funeral homes.*

*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

"May they become perfectly one"

When you pray what do you ask for - God's help, blessing, guidance, and wisdom? One of the greatest privileges and responsibilities we have been given by God is to pray not only for ourselves, but for others as well. The Lord Jesus lived a life full of prayer, blessing, and gratitude to his Father in heaven. He prayed for his disciples, especially when they were in great need or danger. Mark tells us in his Gospel account (see chapter 6:46-51) that when Jesus was praying alone on the mountain, he saw that his disciples were in great distress due to a life-threatening storm that was beating against their boat. Jesus immediately came to their rescue - walking on the waves of the rough waters before he calmed their fears and calmed the raging waters as well! Luke records in his Gospel account the words of Jesus to Simon Peter shortly before Jesus' arrest and Peter's denial of the Lord three times. "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers" (Luke 22:32). Jesus' prayers were personal, direct, and focused on the welfare and well-being of others - especially that they might find peace and unity with God and with one another.

Jesus prays for all Christians to be united

The longest recorded prayer of Jesus is found in the Gospel of John, the "high priestly" prayer which Jesus prayed aloud at his last supper meal with his disciples (John 17). This prayer most clearly reveals the heart and mind of Jesus - who and what he loved most - love for his Father in heaven and love for all who believe in him. His prayer focuses on the love and unity he desires for all who would believe in him and follow him, not only in the present, but in the future as well.

Jesus' prayer concludes with a petition for the unity among all Christians who profess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Jesus prays for all men and women who will come after him and follow him as his disciples (John 17:20). In a special way Jesus prays here for each one of us that as members of his body the church we would be one as he and his Father are one. The unity of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, with the eternal Father is a unity of mutual love, service, and honor, and a oneness of mind, heart, and spirit. The Lord Jesus calls each one of his followers into this unity of mutual love, respect, service, honor, and friendship with all who belong to Christ.

Stewardship

Matthew 19:21

Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. In loving memory of Aretha and Elisha Powell, Sean Scott, and Annette and Lois Majette, req. by Georgia Brooks and Family

Sunday

8:00 A.M. Pray for our Priests
11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Happy repose of all the departed family members in the Mello family, req. by Dottie Mello

Wednesday

10:00 A. M. Happy repose for the souls of Katie and James Brown, req. by Dottie Mello

Thursday

8:00 A.M. In memory of all the deceased members of the Washington Family, req. by Dottie Mello

Friday

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

Today's Readings

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

Second Reading: Revelation 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:36-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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.



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

KPC LADIES AUXILARY

*KPC LADIES AUXILARY 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.

Pastorate Oriole Game

The Baltimore Orioles will host the children and youth of St. Ann, St Wenceslaus, and St. Francis Xavier parishes at a game against the Boston Red Sox at Camden Yards on Saturday, July 20th at 7:05 p.m. The Orioles will provide 3 buses and all 3 buses will be at St. Wenceslaus at 5:30 p.m. on the evening and depart at 5:45 p.m. They will also provide participants with a hot dog, drink, bag of chips and Orioles gear to wear at the game. There will be a signup sheet that must be filled out completely in order to participate in the back Of the church.

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.

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	June 3, 2019	John 16:29-33
Tuesday	June 4, 2019	John 17:1-11a
Wednesday	June 5, 2019,	John 17:11b-19
Thursday	June 6, 2019	John 17:20-26
Friday	June 7, 2019	John 21:15-19
Saturday	June 8, 2019	John 21:20-25

SFX HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Come join SFX Holy Name Society for the 65th 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 sign the sheet in the back of the church if you would like to attend.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



Oblate Spirituality

Come celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Pierre Toussaint and Mother Mary Lange Information and Service Center. A Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday June 30, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. St Patrick Church 492 Bramhall Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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

Save the Date

Join us to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Archbishop Lori will be the celebrant at this special liturgy. Reception will follow in the Sacred Heart Hall. Tuesday July 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Providence, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD.

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 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Location TBD
Registration Fee: \$30.00 (includes morning hospitality and lunch)*

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

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

Come enjoy liturgy, sessions, hospitality and fellowship. Registration online at Everbrite 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,

Special Notices

Religious Education 2019 Faith

Formation Calendar

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

June

2nd Class Last Day

8th Confirmation rehearsal 10:00 a.m.

9th Confirmation 11:00 a.m.

September

1st Registration

8th Registration

15th Catechetical Sunday

22nd Class begins

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.

This Sunday ends Religious education classes for the 2018-2019 year. On behalf of Fr. Xavier and the entire parish we thank our dedicated volunteer catechist who generously gave their time and talents during this past year to guide and pass along our Catholic faith to our children. We are blessed to have you and are most grateful for your service.

Joslyn Alexander

Church Happenings

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.

Circle Club Winners

President: Theresa Boseman- # 95- \$500.00

V. President- Diane Lewis # 64- \$100.00

Treasurer- Sara Johnson- # 43- \$100.00

Secretary- Mary English- # 46 - \$100.00

1st Bonus -Joanne O'Neal- #16- \$50.00

2nd Bonus- Kirk Gaddy - # 92- \$25.00

3rd Bonus- Mary Parker II- # 83- \$25.00



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Come go with Faith Builders on a Crab Feast/ Casino Trip

Saturday, August 3, 20129, buses leave 9:00 a.m. and return 10:30 p.m. not responsible for lateness. The bus leaves from St. Francis Xavier Church, 1501 E. Oliver Street. Tickets are \$110.00 and can be purchased from any member of Faith Builders. Additional details on insert in the bulletin

Growing in FAITH™

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

June 2019

Historic St. Francis Xavier Church
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One Minute Meditations

St. John Fisher

Born in Beverley, England, St. John Fisher became a

renowned scholar and bishop. He even served as chaplain to

the mother of King Henry VIII. Things with the royal family soured when St. John denounced the king's divorce from Queen Catherine and refused to recognize King Henry as Head of the Church of England. He was arrested twice but remained loyal to the Catholic Church, even to death. He shares his feast day with St. Thomas More.



St. Joseph's way

In St. Joseph's life, God found the silence he needed to be heard over the noise of a carpenter's routine and was able to establish an immediate rapport. When God spoke, St. Joseph immediately obeyed. God will speak to us, too, in the silence of our lives.

"If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing"
(1 John 1:9).



Is sin real?

The world tells us that sin doesn't really exist and we should just try to be good people. Frankly, that isn't enough. Sin results when we don't follow God's laws. Dealing with sin is uncomfortable but the consequences are eternal.

God's rules rule. While we may think we are "good" and others may look up to us, eventually God will decide if we have been what he considers "good." Since his opinion is the one that matters, his rules rule.

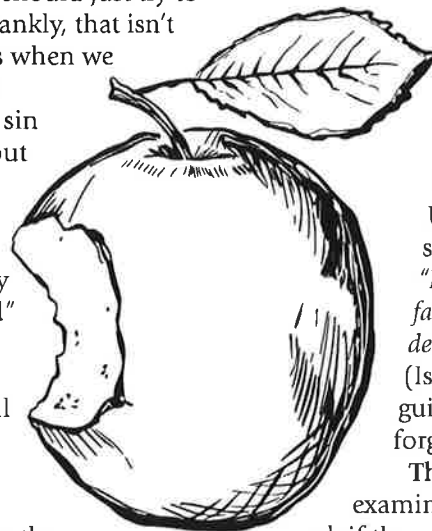
Sin is real. The world tells us that sin doesn't exist but Catholics know that "sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed, or omission contrary to the eternal law of God" (*Catechism of the*

Catholic Church). The law can be found in the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and in Scripture. The law says sin is real.

No guilt, no forgiveness.

Unconfessed sin separates us from God. *"For you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt"* (Isaiah 64:6). Avoiding guilt means losing God's forgiveness.

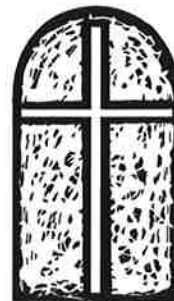
The plan. Each evening, examine the day's actions and ask if they please God or not. Resolve to do better and take steps to change. Seek absolution through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Then when you meet God he will say, *"Well done, my good and faithful servant"* (Matthew 25:23).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics believe the Church is holy?

The Church is holy, not because of her individual members, but because God, who created, guides, sustains, and purifies her, is holy. She also has the means to grow in holiness: the sacraments, the Ten Commandments, prayer,



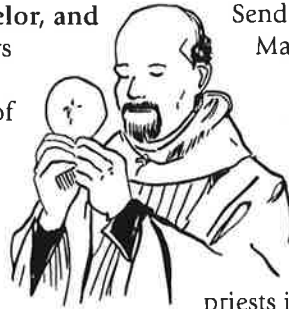
and the virtue, charity. This holiness comes from the lives of the saints, who followed Christ faithfully and practiced heroic virtue. *"The Church, then, is 'the holy People of God,' and her members are called 'saints'"* (*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)*, 823).

We can help our priests help us.

The parish priest is celebrant, teacher, counselor, and financial manager. He works more than 60 hours weekly, doing everything from administering Sacraments to taking out the trash, yet nine out of ten priests report being happy in their ministry. Our support can help them stay strong:

Pray for a priest every day. Let him know, and the knowledge of your prayers will strengthen him in difficult times.

Express appreciation. Tell your priest when something he has done or said makes a difference to you.



Send an encouraging note or e-mail, or mention it after Mass.

Wait for the facts. A priest's visible position can attract misunderstanding. Until you have the facts, give your priest the benefit of the doubt.

Roll up your sleeves. A priest's job is easier if we each use our gifts in our parishes. Ask how you can help.

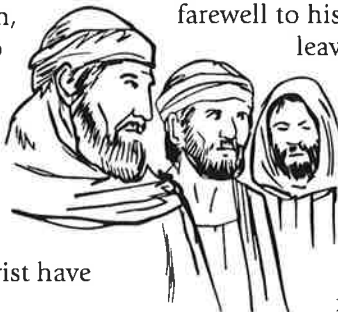
Attend Mass. The best way to support our priests is to attend Mass every weekend and Holy Day. Acting in the person of Christ is the greatest job benefit.

from Scripture

Luke 9:51-62, The profile of a disciple

This Gospel passage is all about the requirements of discipleship. The first man, filled with enthusiasm, blurted out his intention to follow Jesus. Jesus reminded him that he had no home, no family, and no place to sleep. The difficulties of having to "let go" and, if needed, "do without" to follow Christ have turned many away.

For the second man in the story, the problem was priorities. Jesus called him personally, but instead, the man wanted to fulfill his duty to his dying father first. Whenever God invites us to follow him, we can't delay him. Our



duty, as disciples, is to obey.

The third man wanted to say farewell to his family at home before leaving. Jesus knew that looking back while plowing can ruin the job. He used that example to help the third man understand that, if we are serious about following Christ, we can't constantly be changing our decision.

We will have to make sacrifices to follow Jesus, but he promises us that the rewards will be worth much more than anything we leave behind.

Q & A What is "Catholic guilt?"

Popular culture often refers negatively to "Catholic guilt," implying that Catholics are weighed down by a regretful awareness of having done



wrong. Actually, guilt has a purpose. Our conscience is like the compass in our car, and guilt is what tells us we're going the wrong way. It helps us to get back on the road—in this case, to Heaven.

There's good guilt and bad guilt. Good guilt is what someone feels if he did something he knew was wrong on purpose, i.e. if he sinned. Sin hurts our relationship with God and is harmful to us. "Healthy" guilt calls for a contrite heart and a change of behavior. For Catholics, guilt should disappear when we're forgiven in Confession.

However, guilt with no corresponding sin, or lingering guilt over confessed sins, is bad guilt. This "useless" guilt denies God's goodness, mercy, and power to save. It also robs us of peace and joy. If you struggle with bad guilt, talk to a priest, counselor, or trusted friend for help.

Feasts & Celebrations

June 5 - St. Boniface (754). The "Apostle of Germany," St. Boniface was a monk dedicated to spreading the Gospel in Germany. He converted many to Christianity and restored dioceses in Bavaria, Thuringia, and Franconia.

June 17 - St. Emily de Vialar (1856). Born into the French aristocracy, St. Emily used her inheritance to found a religious order—the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition. They cared for the sick and started schools in Europe, Africa, and Asia.

June 23 - Corpus Christi Sunday. On

this solemnity, we celebrate the transformation of the bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. This solemnity was established by Pope Urban IV in 1264 in response to the need for a Eucharistic feast day.

June 29 - SS. Peter and Paul (1st century). Peter, an ordinary fisherman made extraordinary by God's grace, was chosen by Jesus to lead the Church. An early persecutor of the Church, Saul became the Great Apostle Paul, also transformed by grace.



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 Buses Leave
 9:00 a.m. and return 10:30 p.m.
 (Not responsible for Lateness)
 From
 St. Francis Xavier Church
 1501 E. Oliver Street
 21213
 Ticket Price \$110
(Payment Plan Available)

It's a Crab Feast



Harris Crab House
 Gransonville, Maryland

(Steamed Maryland Blue Crabs, Famous Fried Chicken, Hot and Buttered Corn on the Cob, Fresh Tomatoes w/sliced Onions, Homemade Potato Salad, Pasta Salad and Cole Slaw, Assorted Fresh Breads and Rolls, Ice Cold Watermelon and Cantaloupe, Iced Tea and Lemonade)

It's a Casino Trip



Delaware Park Casino
 Wilmington, Delaware



Rebate \$30



For Tickets Contact Lillian Smith 443 562-1929, Jackie Hart 410 598-6258 or
 Polly Hargrove 667 218-1202
 Proceeds to benefit St. Francis Xavier Church Fund

St. Wenceslaus/St. Ann and
St. Francis Xavier Parish
Senior Citizens Appreciation Luncheon

When: Saturday, June 15, 2019

Time: 12 pm to 2 pm

Where: St. Francis Xavier Hall
1501 E. Oliver Street
Baltimore, Md 21213



**Must be 65 years or older and a member of
St. Wenceslaus/St. Ann Parish/St. Francis Xavier**

If you have any question please contact
Edith Pumphrey 410-488-7069
Or
Regelio D'Almedia 410-235-8169

Please sign the sheet in the back of the church if
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ST. WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL

“ALL YOU CAN EAT CRAB FEAST”

FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT

THE LUCIELLE FITZGERALD OUTREACH CENTER

FOOD PANTRY



Saturday, August 10, 2019

7 pm – 11 pm

Rosedale Gardens

8037 Philadelphia Rd

Baltimore, MD 21237

MENU

Steamed Crabs, Macaroni & Cheese, Corn-on-the-Cob, Beef Bar-B-Que, Fried Chicken, Oven Baked Beans, Maryland Style Crab Soup, Assorted Cheese Display with Crackers & Dip, Assorted Vegetable Display with Dip Chips & Pretzel, Homemade Cole Slaw, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Watermelon, Sheet Cake, Soft Drinks, Iced Tea, Coffee, Hot Tea & Draft Beer

50/50 Raffles

Basket of Cheer

Instant Bingo

Donation: \$60 per person

Music by DJ Nick

PLEASE BRING A NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR OUR PANTRY

**For ticket information contact
Alicia Champlin @ 443-722-6652
Church Rectory @ 410-675-7304**

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