

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.*

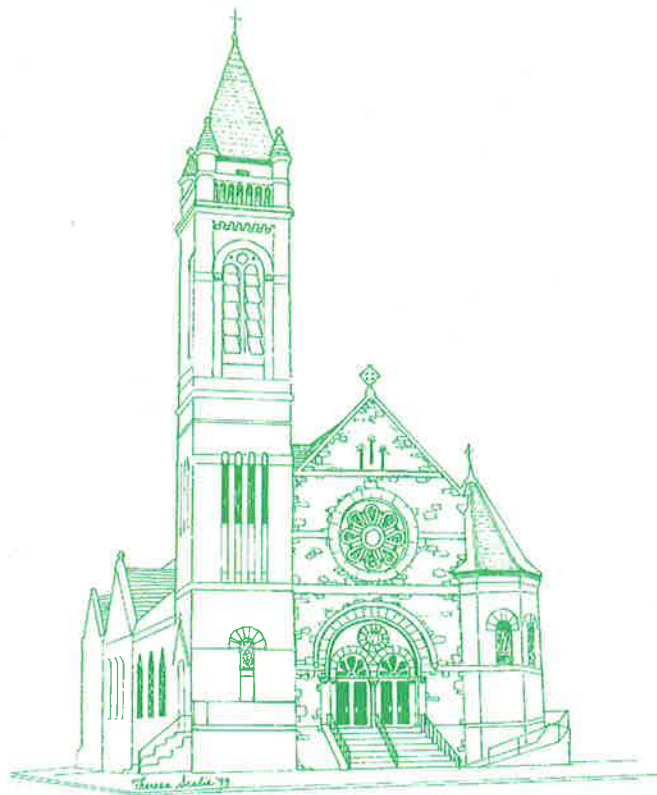
Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,

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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Out of the heart come evil thoughts"

Scripture: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

1 Now when the Pharisees gathered together to him, with some of the scribes, who had come from Jerusalem, 2 they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands defiled, that is, unwashed. 3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, observing the tradition of the elders; 4 and when they come from the market place, they do not eat unless they purify themselves; and there are many other traditions which they observe, the washing of cups and pots and vessels of bronze.) 5 And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with hands defiled?" 6 And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.' 8 You leave the commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men."

14 And he called the people to him again, and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him."

21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a man."

Meditation: Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart? The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments.

Allow God's word to shape your heart and intentions what is true religion.

Stewardship Reflections

For if I do this voluntarily my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. *Happy Birthday to my son Albert, and may God continue to bless him, req. by Darleen Thomas*

Sunday

8:00 A.M. *People of the parish*

11:00 A.M. *Congratulations and God's blessings to the newly installed officers of Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court # 2257, req. by Gracie Ferguson*

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. *Healing mercies for James and Martha Dorsey, req. by Darleen Thomas*

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. *Happy Birthday to all members of KPC Court # 323 celebrating birthdays this month.*

Thursday

8:00 A.M. *Happy repose for the soul of John Thomas Johnson, req. by The Family*

Friday

8:00 A.M. *Healing mercy for Jeanne Edmonds, req. by Darleen Thomas*

Today's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Second Reading James 1: 17-18, 21B-22, 27

Gospel Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Next Week's Reading

First Reading: Isaiah 35, 4-7a, (128B)

Second Reading James 2: 1-5

Gospel: Mark: 7: 31-37

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	September 3, 2018	Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday	September 4, 2018	Luke: 4: 31-37
Wednesday	September 5, 2018	Luke 4: 38-44
Thursday	September 6, 2018	Luke 5: 1-11
Friday	September 7, 2018	Luke 5: 33-39
Saturday	September 8, 2018	Luke 6: 1-5



Father Jim 's New Address

*Sacred Heart Home
2805 Queens Chapel Road- Room 108
Hyattsville, MD 20782
443-635-8914 (cell)
301-277-6500 (House)*

SPECIAL NOTICES

Daily Mass Schedule Changes

Please take note of changes to Mass schedules as it affects our Pastorate, St. Francis Xavier, St. Ann, and St. Wenceslaus. Effective September 2, 2018.

Sunday Masses

*5:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier
(Saturday)*

8:00 a.m. at St Francis Xavier

9:00 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus

11:00 a.m. at St. Ann

11:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier

Daily Masses

Tuesday -8:00 a.m. @ St. Wenceslaus

Wednesday -10:00 a.m. @ St. Francis Xavier

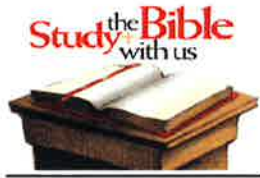
Thursday -7:00 p.m. @St. Ann

Friday -8:00 a.m. @ St. Francis Xavier

For now, until further notice!

Any Holy Day of obligation: one Mass at St Francis Xavier @ 10:00 a.m., information will be published in the bulletin.

Special Notices



Young Adult Bible Study

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

*Place: School Building beginning
September 23, 2018.*

Upcoming Events

- *The Squires and Ashanti groups of the New Horizons of Men and Women are accepting new and gently used clothing along with canned goods which are donated to area shelters.*
- *Just a reminder: Baltimore City Community College is free to high school graduates. After earning an Associate Degree from BCCC, students can attend Coppin State University tuition-free to get their Bachelor's Degree.*

Special Notices

Oliver Center

The second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m., the Oliver Center will be distributing free fresh fruit, vegetables and other food items. Please take advantage of this distribution of products. This was only made possible through a grant that was investigated and achieved through our very own St. Vincent De Paul group.

Please inform family and friends, if it is not utilized, the market will cease to exist. Fresh vegetables, for your family and friends, no cost to you.



SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

*Funeral arrangements for John T Johnson,
the son of Barbara L. Williams that was
funeralized from our parish three weeks ago
will be buried from St Francis. Details are as
follows;*

*Wake: September 4, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to
11:00 a.m.*

Funeral Service: 11:00 am

Thank You



Special Thank you!

*Special Thanks to Fr. Xavier, Sonya
Johnson, Wy Chamber, Sharon Butler,
Vanda Chamber, Mr. Charles, Sharon
Johnson and Mary English for the
awesome job, they did for our family.
Thank you to St Francis Xavier church
family, for their support and words of
comfort.*

The Ballard and Cooper family

*Thank
You*

*Faith Builders would like to thank
everyone who supported our latest trip to
the casino and crab feast. It was very
successful and everyone that participated
enjoyed a day of fun and fellowship.
Thanks Again.*

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.*

THE DANIEL RUDD SCHOLARSHIP FUND



*Sponsored by the Office of Black Catholic Ministries,
Archdiocese of Baltimore*

OCTOBER 14, 2018

Featuring the Bobby Rucks Group
3p.m. - 7 p.m.
Admission: **\$25.00**

Milbrook Park Community Center
6806 Milbrook Park Drive
Baltimore, MD 21215

Bring Your Own Food & Beverage

For Ticket Sales Contact...

Office of Black Catholic Ministries
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Tickets available for sale until October 5, 2018, All sales final

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND!!!



The Daniel Rudd Scholarship Fund for Catholic Grade School Students is administered by the Office of Black Catholic Ministries of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

In 1889 Daniel Rudd and Delegates of the very first Black Catholic Congress raised concern regarding the need for Catholic education of Black youth. Delegates at the Congress made a motion on the floor to facilitate action to achieve this goal. Today, the sons and daughters of the National Black Catholic Congress movement active in the Archdiocese of Baltimore through the Office of Black Catholic Ministries pick up this cause by establishing this Daniel Rudd Scholarship Fund.

TEA TIME
WITH THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE.
WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE
TO JOIN US.



PLEASE POST AND SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

11:30 am - 3:00 pm

Tickets \$35

Table of Seven \$245



August 23, 2018

Saint Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church
1501 E. Oliver Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21213

To Whom It May Concern,

The Baltimore Healthy Start program is a non-profit agency with a 501© (3) status. The goal of the program is to reduce infant mortality in Baltimore City. Healthy Start operates as a multi-faceted organization providing more than 900 clients with services such as case management, substance abuse referral, GED, and surplus food. Healthy Start is located at 610 N Chester Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21205.

The letter is an effort to request your organization to provide donations of commodities such as pampers, milk, wipes, baby clothing, etc., so that we may assist our clients. Many of the clients we serve have incomes below the poverty level and they are in critical need of the items mentioned. With the holidays quickly approaching, I would appreciate any assistance that you can provide.

Feel free to call me with any questions @ 410-675-2125. Thank you very much for your time, and I anticipate hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Gloria Johnson
Entitlements Specialist