

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

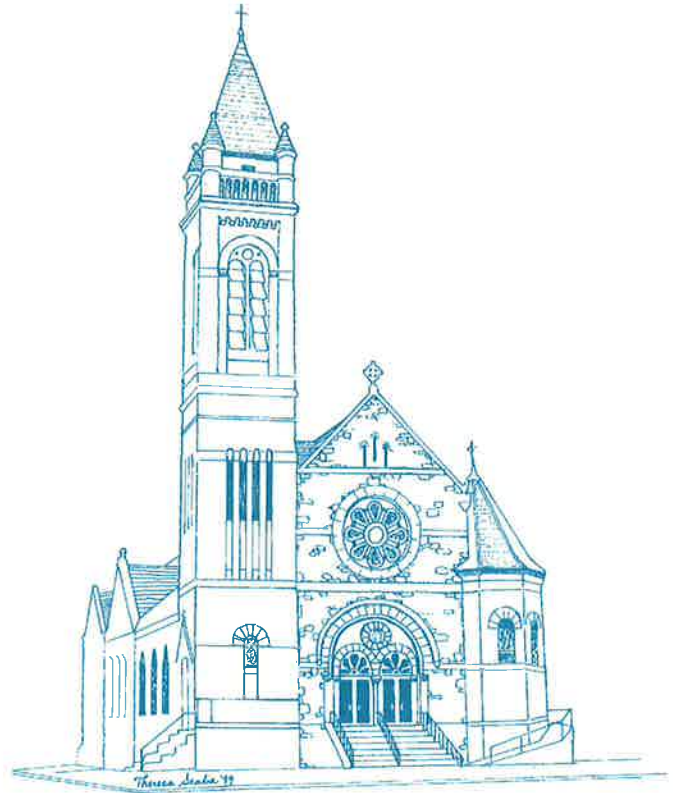
Funerals

*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

Scripture: *Mark 14:12-16,22-26 [Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ] (alternate reading: Mark)*

12 And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" 13 And he sent two of his disciples, and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, 14 and wherever he enters, say to the householder, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?' 15 And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." 16 And the disciples set out and went to the city, and found it as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. 22 And as they were eating, he took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." 23 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. 24 And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 25 Truly, I say to you, I shall not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." 26 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Meditation: Why did Jesus offer himself as "food and drink" to his disciples? Jesus chose the time of Passover to fulfill what he had announced earlier at Capernaum - giving his disciples his body and his blood (John 6:51-58). Jesus' passing over to his Father by his death and resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Last Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist or Lord's Supper, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the church in the glory of God's kingdom.

This is the most significant meal of Jesus and the most important occasion of his breaking of bread. In this meal Jesus identifies the bread as his body and the cup as his blood. When the Lord Jesus commands his disciples to eat his flesh and drink his blood, he invites us to take his life into the very center of our being (John 6:53). That life which he offers is the very life of God himself. Jesus' death on the cross, his gift of his body and blood in the Supper, and his promise to dine again with his disciples when the kingdom of God comes in all its fulness are inseparably linked. Jesus instructed his disciples to "do this in remembrance of me". These words established every Lord's Supper or Eucharist as a "remembrance" of Jesus atoning death, his resurrection, and his promise to return.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P. M. Happy repose of the soul of Rachel Danae Williams, req. by the family

Sunday

8:00 A.M. Asking God for healing mercies for Martha and James Dorsey, req. by Darleen Thomas

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. God's continued blessings for Doris M. James, req. by her daughter, Rosabyn Johnson

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. God's healing mercies for Harry M. Butler and Bob Washington, req. by Avis Butler

Thursday

8:00 A.M. In Loving memory of all the deceased members of the Burley, Stevenson and Thomas families, req. by Darleen Thomas

Friday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercies for Bernard Fuller, req. by Paula Fuller

Today's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

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

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13, 5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35



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.	June 4, 2018	Mark 12:1-12
Tues.	June 5 2018	Mark 12: 13-17
Wed.	June 6, 2018	Mark 12: 18-27
Thurs.	June 7, 2018	Mark 12: 28-34
Fri.	June 8,2018	John 19: 31-37
Sat.	June 9, 2018	Luke 2: 41-52

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.

May Financials

Income: \$29,058.00

Expense: \$ 39,458.00

Deficit \$ 10,399.96

Utility expense- was over (\$2,500.00)

Equipment rental and lease- (\$4,000.00)

*Repairs, maintenance and insurance
(\$14,536.30)*

Administration Expense (\$6,200.00)

There are other misc. expenses that include, but not limited to Liturgical supplies, benefits, worship expense, funds, donations, etc. Please consider increasing your offerings.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Attention:

Please return your Family Census Sheet. If there are no changes, just put no changes and return the sheet. You can place the completed form in an envelope and return to the church in the offering baskets to avoid postage. Please return by June 15, 2018



Circle Club Winners

President: Rhona Pack # 9- \$500.00:

V. President: G. Ferguson #63- \$100.00

Secretary: Celestia Drake # 85- \$100.00

Treasurer: James Dorsey # 30-\$100.00

1st Bonus-Tracey Pierce # 110- \$50.00

2nd Bonus: Darleen Thomas# 108- \$25.00

3rd Bonus: Irene Tackett # 129- \$25.00

Beginning with the month of June, there will be an increase in the winning amounts. We do not have enough to raise the President's amount, but the bonus will increase to the following:

1st Bonus -\$75.00, 2nd and 3rd will increase to \$50.00. we encourage you to get relatives and friends involved, so that the President bonus will increase to what it was.

Special Notices

Religious Education

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



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

There will be a brief but important meeting on Sunday, June 17. We will meet in the church (immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass). All Extraordinary Ministers are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend, please be sure to check with me or one of the other ministries for important information discussed at the meeting.

Celestine Johnson

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.

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

The Circle Club trip to see the play "Jesus" is filled. There are no available seats.



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.

The Knights of Peter Claver-
Ladies Auxiliary
Mother Mary Elizabeth Lang
Court # 323

You are invited to join with us in Catholic Action:

- **Worship Celebrations**
- **Service Projects**
- **Fellowship Events**

Come find out about us:

When: Saturday, May 12, 2018

10:30- 11:30 a.m.

Where: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

1501 E. Oliver Street (corner of Caroline
and Oliver Streets)

Undercroft-Small Meeting Room.

Contact: Carolyn Finney 443-570-9577 to confirm

**Come Join Us for a
“Chat & Chew”**