

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

Whoever humbles oneself will be exalted

Who doesn't desire the praise and respect of others? We want others to see us at our best with all of our strengths and achievements - rather than at our worst with all of our faults and shortcomings. God sees us as we truly are - sinners and beggars always in need of his mercy, help, and guidance.

Misguided zeal and pride

Jesus warned the scribes and Pharisees, the teachers and rulers of Israel, to teach and serve their people with humility and sincerity rather than with pride and self-seeking privileges and honor. They went to great lengths to draw attention to their religious status and practices. In a way they wanted to be good models of observant Jews. "See how well we observe all the ritual rules and regulations of our religion!" In their misguided zeal for religion they sought recognition and honor for themselves rather than for God. They made the practice of their faith a burden rather than a joy for the people they were supposed to serve.

True respect for God inclines us to humble ourselves and to submit to his wisdom and guidance. We cannot be taught by God unless we first learn to listen to his word and then obey his instruction.

One Father and Teacher

Was Jesus against calling anyone a rabbi, the Jewish title for a teacher of God's word (Matthew 23:7-8), or a father? The Law of Moses in Scripture specifically instructed all fathers to be teachers and instructors for their children to help them understand and obey God's instructions (Deuteronomy 6:7)? Why did Jesus rebuke the scribes and Pharisees, the religious authorities of the Jewish people, in the presence of his disciples? Jesus wanted to warn both his own disciples and the religious leaders about the temptation to seek honors and titles that draw attention to ourselves in place of God and his word. Pride tempts us to put ourselves first above others.

Stewardship Reflections

Matthew 25:29

"For to everyone who has more will be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. Happy Repose of the soul of Paulette Soares, req. by Aunt Dottie

Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. Happy Birthday to all members of KPC Court #323 celebrating Birthdays in November, req. by Grand Lady Renee Terry

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. God's Blessings on my granddaughter Breshya Diane Johnson on her 19th Birthday, req. by Ma-Ma&L Family

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. God's healing and blessings for Rosalyn Jackson, req. by Aunt Dottie

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's healing blessings for Alice Lewis, req. by Dottie Mello

Friday

8:00 A.M. God's healing blessings for Darleen Thomas, req. by Dottie Mello

Today's Readings

First Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:26, 8-10
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13
Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



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.	November 6, 2017	Luke 14:12-14
Tues.	November 7, 2017	Luke 14:15-24
Wed.	November 8, 2017	Luke 14:25-33
Thurs.	November 9, 2017	John 2:13-22
Fri.	November 10, 2017	Luke 16:1-8
Sat.	November 11, 2017	Luke 16:9-15

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

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 Reflection. "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 members of St Vincent DePaul Society and our Corporators

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Gracie Ferguson
Vanda Chambers
Venia Cheatham
Darleen Thomas
Sharon Butler

Corporators

Lawrence Mello
Sharon Butler

We would like to recognize each church ministry, please make sure that the office has a roster of your ministry.



Lady Sodality Bake Sale

Get your Thanksgiving Deserts on Sunday, November 19th, 2017 after 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses in the church undercroft.



Special Notices

Religious Education

Family Faith Formation

The Sacramental Catechists and I thank the parents, grandparents and guardians of children preparing for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation who attended the Family Faith Formation session on Saturday, October 28th, 2017.

Thank you to Dr. Kirk Gaddy for his generosity and time for preparing and presenting the Catechism class to our families.

The next class will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 11th, 2017 in the basement of the school building. The November 18th class will not be held due to the Office of Black Catholic Ministry event being held at St. Francis Xavier that day. As we continue to share the responsibility of your child's Faith Formation, let us pray that with our efforts we will achieve our goals. Joslyn Alexander

2017 Faith Formation Calendar

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

November

1st All Saints Day -Holy Day of Obligation

2nd All Souls Day- Holy Day of Obligation

5th Class

11th Parent Class for Sacramental Students

12th Class

18th Class Cancelled 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.

Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary, Court #323

The Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary, Court #323 are holding a contest. Guess the number of Jelly Beans in the jar for \$1.00. The closest guess will win the Angel Figurine (see the poster in the rear of Church). The jar will be displayed at all Masses. The winner will be announced on Sunday, December 17, 2017. See any member of the Auxiliary to submit your guess.



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 the 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 6, 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



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.

Ready for a professional career in healthcare?

Caroline Center offers women living in Baltimore City the opportunity to pursue careers as:

- **Certified Nursing Assistants**
- **Certified Pharmacy Technicians**

We offer you:

- A 15-week, **tuition-free** program leading to CNA/GNA & PT/CPhT certifications
- A **supportive learning community**, career coaching & supervised externships
- Enriched learning & excellent opportunities for **academic & career advancement**
- **Great teachers**, caring staff & wrap-around services
- **Two convenient locations:**
 - > 900 Somerset Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
 - > St. Agnes Hospital
DePaul Pavilion, 5th Floor
900 S. Caton Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21229
(CNA/GNA Program only)

Caroline Center offers its scholarship-based program to women living in Baltimore City who are:

- At least 20 years of age & qualify financially for enrollment
- Graduates of an accredited high school or GED program
- Drug-free & can pass a criminal background check

Winter Session Begins on January 3, 2018

and ends with the closing ceremony on April 12, 2018.

APPLY: Applications are accepted **online only** at www.caroline-center.org now through **November 20, 2017**.

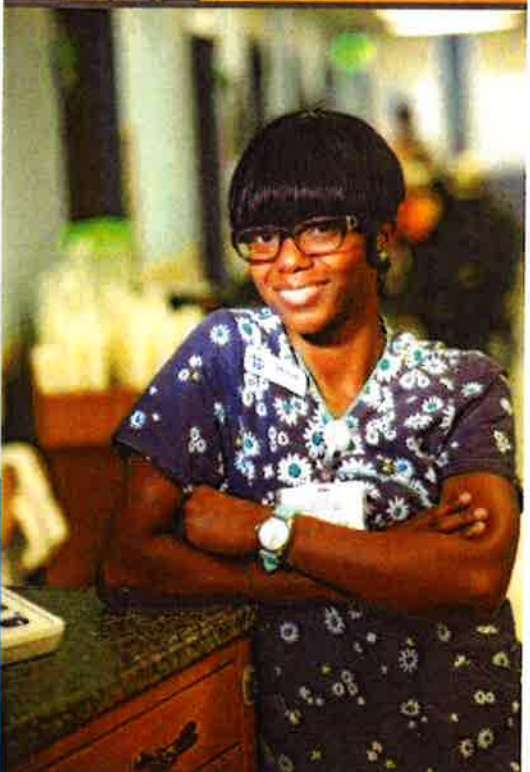
INFO: www.caroline-center.org or 410-563-1303



Caroline Center

Committed to Women. Committed to Work.

Caroline Center is a sponsored work of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.



JELLY BEAN CONTEST



*Guess the number of jelly beans in the jar for only \$1.00
and win the angel*



Submit your entry as follows:

Name

Contact information

Date

Time

Drawing Held on Sunday, December 17, 2017

Eastern United Methodist Church Presents a:

Christmas Extravaganza

Wednesday, December 13th ** 12 noon- 4 pm



5315 Harford Road



(corner of Harford Rd + Gibbons) Faith Community UMC

Luncheon, Crafts and Retail Vendors

And

Line Dancing with AJ Dease

Games Door Prizes

Cost: \$20.00 in advanced ** \$25.00 at door

For More Information Call



Darcia – 420-908-8755

Michele- 443-608-1650

Email- eumcxmas2017@yahoo.com

New Horizons of Men and Women, Convention 2018

August 16-20, 2018, Williamsburg, Virginia

Payment Plans

Theme: Women and Men of Faith Serving with Grace

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	JUN
Double Occupancy with bus and conference Total: \$380.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	80.00
Double Occupancy without conference But with bus Total: \$305.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	25.00	30.00
Double occupancy without bus and conference Total: \$180.00 PROVIDE OWN TRANSPORTATION, No meetings	100.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	
Double occupancy Without bus but with hotel and conference \$255.00	100.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	55.00

Single Occupancy

Room only- \$360.00

Room and Bus- \$484.60

Room, Bus, and conference- \$559.60

Room and conference- \$ 434.60

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path Proverbs 3: 5-6