

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.,

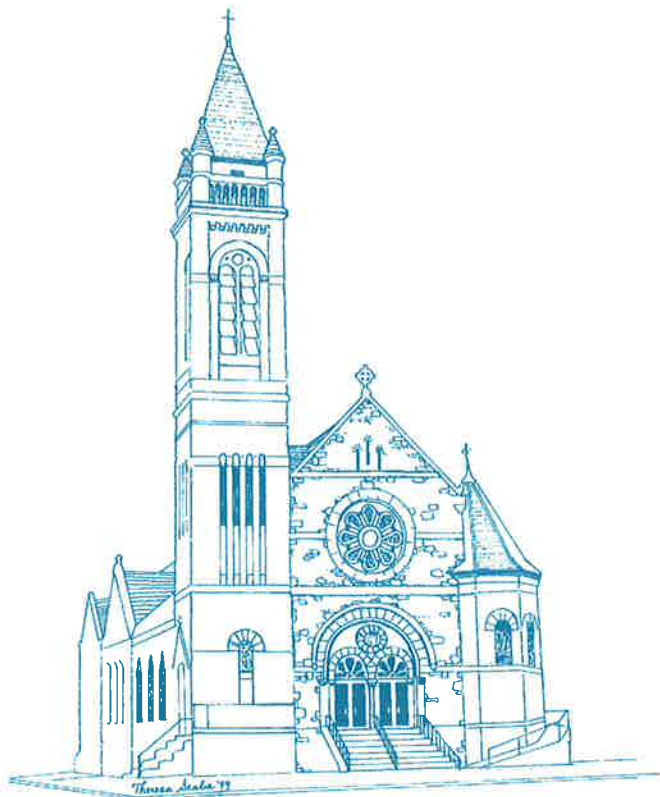
Pastor

Religious Education

Joslyn Alexander, Director

SVD-SFX Head Start Center

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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

"My sheep hear my voice"

How secure is your faith and trust in God? Jesus speaks of the tremendous trust he has in God his Father and the tremendous trust we ought to have in him because he is our good shepherd (John 10:11). What is the significance of Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd? Shepherds were very common in the land of Jesus' time. A shepherd could have hundreds or thousands of sheep under his care. Sheep without a shepherd were vulnerable prey for predators, such as wolves and thieves. If a sheep strayed from the fold it could easily get lost, fall into a ravine, or become injured. Shepherds had to keep a constant watch over their folds by day and by night. That is why shepherds had to literally live with their sheep so they could lead them out to good pasture for grazing during the day and bring them to a safe place at night for rest and shelter. Shepherds got to know their sheep well and kept a careful count each evening. They also called their sheep by name so the sheep could recognize the shepherd's voice when he called them to follow him.

The Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

God used the image of a shepherd to describe his covenant relationship and care for his chosen people who were called by his name (Psalm 80:1 and 100:3). God called David, who shepherded his father's flock in his youth, to be the anointed king and shepherd for his people Israel (Ezekiel 37:24). Jesus, God's anointed Messiah and King, born from the tribe of David, called himself the Good Shepherd of the people whom his Father had entrusted to his care (John 10:29).

Peter the Apostle tells us that the Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls (1 Peter 2:25). He keeps a close and personal watch over every one of his sheep - his followers (disciples) who belong to him. He calls each of us personally by name to follow him. And he promises to be our guardian and protector from the snares of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). The Lord leads us each day to good pastures - places where we can feed on his word and drink from the well-springs of living water which is his Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39, John 4:14). If we feed on his word and drink from the living water of the Holy Spirit, we will find the nourishment and strength we need to live each day for his glory and honor. Do you recognize the voice of your Shepherd and Guardian who calls to you each day?

Stewardship

Acts 20:35

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. (1) Healing mercies for Celeste Johnson, req. by her daughter.

(2) Happy birthday to Avis Butler, req. by her family

Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. In loving memory of my parents, Bertha and Frank Washington, req. by Dottie Mello

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. In memory of Nina Harper and Barbara Thomas, req. by Dottie Mello

Wednesday

10:00 A. M. Happy repose of the soul of Dennis Stokes, req. by Aunt Dottie

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's blessings for all of the sick members of the Lady Sodality, req by Dottie Mello

Friday

8:00 A.M. In memory of Beverly Allen and Katherine Brown, req. by Dottie Mello

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

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	May 13, 2019	John 10:1-10
Tuesday	May 14, 2019	John 15:9-17
Wednesday	May 15,	John 12:44-50
Thursday	May 16, 2019	John 13:16-20
Friday	May 17, 2019	John 14:1-6
Saturday	May 18, 2019	John 14:7-14

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.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



Oblate Spirituality

During the month of May, the Mother Lange Corner will share information about the Lay Associate. Those who are interested in sharing this journey are encouraged to contact the Oblate Sisters of Providence Lay Associate Director for more information. The Lay Associate Director can be contacted at 410-242-8500.

In November 1980, the National Conference of Bishops published a document entitled “Called and Gifted: The American Catholic Laity”. In this document, they reiterated the call to Adulthood, the call to Holiness, the call to Ministry, and the call to Community. Thus, began the idea of inviting lay people to take part in a religious order, It was from this invitation that in the 1980’s, the Oblate Sisters of Providence opened their doors to lay men and women who were searching for spiritual enrichment and felt called to follow the charism, share the spirituality, and join the mission of the Community. (Sharon Knecht, The Finger of God, p.91).

The Oblate Sisters of Providence Lay Associate Program offers the laity an opportunity to participate in the spirituality, mission and ministry of the Community and share in the religious ideals of Mother Mary Lange. By sharing in the spiritual life, prayers and apostolic works of the Community. Lay Associates have the opportunity for spiritual and personal growth and share their gifts while experiencing the mutual support of a faith community. The Non-Resident Oblate Lay Associates live in their own homes, according to their own lifestyles, reaching out to others as their gift’s and talents allow. They volunteer services and collaborate with the Oblate Sisters in a variety of ways. (Sharon Knecht, The Finger of God, p.91)

Special Notices

Religious Education 2019 Faith

Formation Calendar

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

May

12th No Class – Mother’s Day

19th Class

26 Class

June

2nd Class

8th Confirmation rehearsal 10:00 a.m.

9th Confirmation 11:00 a.m.

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.

Church Happenings



Fashion Show

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary Annual Fashion Show, Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 3-6 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and can be purchased from any Sodality member.



During the month of May, we honor Mary, the Mother of God and ours, too. Turn to her for guidance and protection and she will bring you to her son.

Archdiocesan Mass Attendance Count

One Sunday each year, we are asked to take a count of the number of people attending Mass to send to the Archdiocese. This year our study will be the weekend of May 18th and 19th. It is important for our church to provide an accurate count. We encourage all our parishioners to try to be present at one of the three Masses, the weekend of the 18th and 19th and to complete the form that will be distributed to each family.

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.

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.

Father's Day SPECIAL

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 AUXILIARY

*KPC LADIES AUXILIARY 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.

St. Ann's Health and Wellness Fair

St. Ann's Annual Community Health and Wellness Fair for the community and church family, the date for the fair is Saturday, May 18, 2019, 12 p.m. -3:00 p.m. The fair will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 2201 Greenmount Ave. Baltimore, MD 21218.

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.

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.