

# 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*

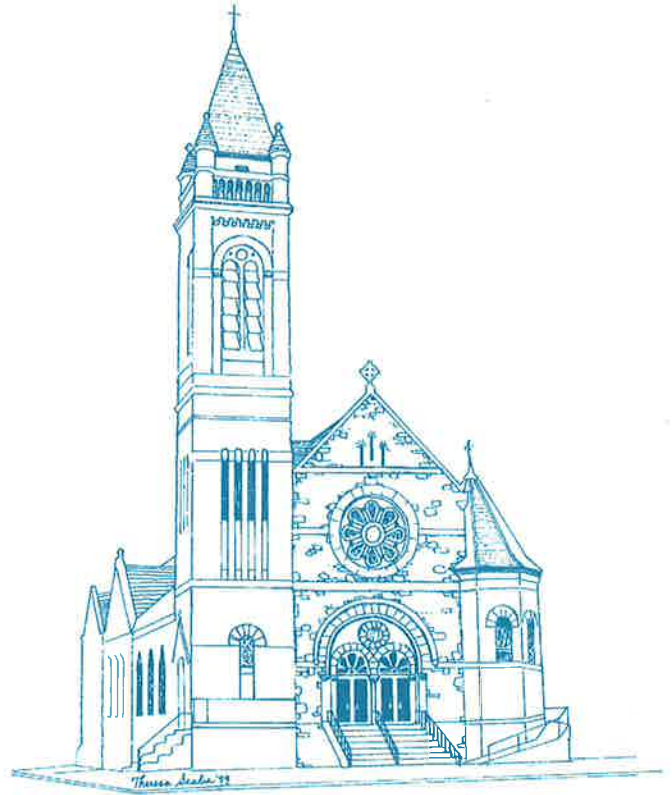
### **Funerals**

*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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## 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 6, 2019	John 6:22-19
Tuesday	May 7, 2019	John 6:30-35
Wednesday	May 8,	John 6:35-40
Thursday	May 9, 2019	John 6:44-51
Friday	May 10, 2019	John 6:52-59
Saturday	May 11, 2019	John 6:60-69

### SFX HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Come join SFX Holy Name Society for the 65<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Circle Club Winners

President: Kirk Gaddy # 92- \$500.00

V. President- Steven Futado- # 101- \$100.00

Treasurer- Lillian Gladden & Sharon Butler -# 15- \$100.00

Secretary- Lillian Smith- # 58- \$100.00

1<sup>st</sup> Bonus- Gracie Ferguson- # 63- \$ 50.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Bonus- Julie/ Woodrow Scott- # 127-\$25.00

3<sup>rd</sup>- Bonus- Jacquelyn Hart-# 48- \$25.00

## SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



Oblate Spirituality

*Recommitment Ceremony: All are Welcome! Each year, the Oblate Sisters of Providence, Lay Associates, Guild members and all people of faith, gather in unity to recommit themselves to the Cause of Mother Lange.*

*A Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday*

*When: June 30, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.*

*Where: St. Patrick Church, 492 Bramhall Avenue, Jersey City, NJ*

*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

*Please join us to celebrate the 190<sup>th</sup> 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.*

*Our Lady of Mount Providence*

*701 Gun Road*

*Baltimore, Maryland 21227*

# Special Notices

## Religious Education 2019 Faith

### Formation Calendar

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

#### May

5<sup>th</sup> Class

12<sup>th</sup> No Class – Mother's Day

19<sup>th</sup> Class

26 Class

#### June

2<sup>nd</sup> Class

8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation rehearsal 10:00 a.m.

9<sup>th</sup> 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.

Thank you to all for your generosity in your support of our Lenten service project of donating to a 40-bed homeless shelter for women and their children in downtown Baltimore. On any given night, there are almost 3,000 individuals who are homeless in Baltimore. Women and children are the fastest growing homeless population, comprising 43% of all individuals in need of shelter.

Pope Francis reminds us we are strengthened by the reception of Jesus in Holy Communion to go fourth and encounter Jesus in the poor. We're able to find Him in the hungry, the sick, the neglected, and the homeless. Lent is a time to open our eyes to God's love and our hearts joyfully to the poor and vulnerable. With your generous support, we were able to continue to spread God's love and mercy to all who need care.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. It is important for our church to provide an accurate count. We encourage all of our parishioners to make an effort to be present at one of the three Masses, the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and to complete the form that will be distributed to each family.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available from any member and are \$45.00 each.*



*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.*

## 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.*

## Meditation

"Do you love the Risen Lord Jesus above all else?"

Why didn't the apostles immediately recognize the Risen Lord Jesus when he greeted them at the Sea of Tiberias (also called the lake of Gennesaret or Galilee)? John gives us a clue. He states that Peter had decided to return to his home district of Galilee, very likely so he could resume his fishing career. Peter was discouraged and didn't know what to do after the tragedy of Jesus' death! He went back to his previous job as a fisherman out of uncertainty for his future. Six of the other apostles followed him back to Galilee.

The Lord Jesus renews Peter's faith and calling - and ours as well. Why did Jesus choose to reveal himself to the apostles at the Sea of Galilee - and right after they had spent a whole night of futile fishing? The Risen Lord was waiting on the shore for Peter and the other apostles. When their boat drew near the shore, Jesus questioned them and then gave a command to lower their nets into the sea. When their nets began to burst at the great haul of fish, John, the beloved disciple, recognized that it was the Lord who was speaking to them. Peter then immediately leaped from the boat and ran to the Lord. Do you run to the Lord Jesus when you meet setbacks and disappointments, and when your faith is being put to the test? The Lord Jesus is always ready to renew us in faith and to give each of us fresh hope in his promises for us.

Why did Jesus perform this miraculous catch of fish after his third resurrection appearance to the apostles? By looking back to the first miracle of the great catch of fish, we can recognize the significance of Jesus repeating this miracle again for his apostles. The first miracle took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee when the Lord called Peter to leave all and follow him. After Peter had fished all night and caught nothing, Jesus commanded him to lower his nets (see [Luke 5:4-11](#)). When his nets began to break under the weight of the great haul, Jesus then spoke to Peter and gave him a new calling and mission - from now on he would be "catching people" for the kingdom of God (Luke 5:10).

### Stewardship

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

## Mass Intentions



### Saturday

5:00 P.M. Healing mercies for Paige Bailey-Cooper and Brian P. Butler, req. by the Family

### Sunday

8:00 A.M. Happy Repose of the Soul of our dad, Charlie Lewis on the Anniversary of his death, req. by Martha Lewis Dorsey & Family

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

### Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Happy Birthday to all members of KPC Court # 323 celebrating birthdays this month.

### Wednesday

10:00 A. M. In memory of Katherine and Douglas Mac Arthur, req. by the family

### Thursday

8:00 A.M. Happy repose of the souls Foster and Annie Burley, req. by the family

### Friday

8:00 A.M. In loving memory of my nephew, Nathan Thomas, req. by Darleen Thomas

## Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 406-41

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

## Next Week's Readings

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

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 146-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30