

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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The Transfiguration of the Lord

REFLECTION

Listen to my beloved Son

Are you prepared to see the glory of the Lord and to share in his glory as well? The Lord Jesus is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when some of the disciples see Jesus transfigured in glory on a high mountain. [In many churches of the east and west this event is celebrated as a major feast on August 6.] Jesus often went to a lonely place to pray - to seek solitude and sanctuary away from the crowds. But on this occasion, Jesus' face became radiant like the sun and his clothing became dazzling white (Matthew 17: 2 and Luke 9:29).

This vision of radiant light and glory is prefigured in the prophecy of Daniel. In chapter 7 of the Book of Daniel in the Old Testament we see a vision of the "Son of Man who came with the clouds of heaven" and was presented before the royal court of heaven and the "Ancient of Days" who is clothed in a radiant garment "white as snow" (Daniel 7:9,13). The prophet Daniel foretold that God would send his Anointed One, the Son of Man who would come on the clouds of heaven to bring God's reign of glory and righteousness on the earth (see Daniel 7:13-15). Daniel's vision describes a royal investiture of a human king before God's throne. The Son of Man is a Messianic title for God's anointed King, the Lord Jesus Christ. The New Testament word for "Messiah" is "Christ" which literally means the "Anointed One" or the "Anointed King". God sent us his Son not to establish an earthly kingdom but to bring us into his heavenly kingdom - a kingdom ruled by truth, justice, peace, and holiness. The kingdom of God is the central theme of Jesus' mission. It's the core of his Gospel message.

The Lord Jesus came to fulfill all that Moses and the prophets spoke. Jesus on three occasions told his disciples that he would undergo suffering and death on a cross to fulfill the mission the Father gave him. As the time draws near for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the cross, he takes three of his beloved disciples to the top of a high mountain.

Stewardship Reflections

Ephesians 6:7

With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. Healing mercy for all of the sick in our parish

Sunday

8:00 A.M. In Loving Memory of my mother Phoebe Brown, req. by Leonard Brown

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. God's continued blessings for Darleen Thomas as she celebrate her Birthday, req. by the family

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Loving Memory of Dorothy & Frank Rutkowski req. by John Rutkowski

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's continued blessings for Charles Lewis Jr. req. by Dottie Mello

Friday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercies for Laurentia Strawder, req. by Dottie Mello

Today's Readings

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33



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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.	8/07/2017	Matthew 14:13-21
Tues.	8/08/2017	Matthew 14:22-36
Wed.	8/09/2017	Matthew 15:21-28
Thurs.	8/10/2017	John 12:24-26
Fri.	8/11/2017	Matthew 16:24-28
Sat.	8/12/2017	Matthew 17:14-20

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 keep our house of worship clean and shining. The Cleaning Crew:

*Michael Allen
Martha and James Dorsey
Celestia Drake
Mary English
Chris Gaddy
Carolyn Miles
Venia Cheatham
Regina Mello
Jerome Jenkins*



SPECIAL NOTICES

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

SFX Scholarships 2017-2018

Scholarship Applications for Catholic Elementary/Middle Schools, Catholic High Schools, and University / Colleges are located in folders in the vestibule on the table.

Red Folder-Catholic Elementary and Middle schools

Pink Folder- Catholic High School, and

Purple Folder- University/College

Applications should be return by August 20th, 2017 to the office. Remember if your child received a scholarship last year, they may not receive one this year based on availability.

Scholarships

Special Notices

Updating your Church records with changes in address, names, etc.

Several of you have experienced changes in your family and have failed to notify the office. If you have had a birth, wedding, name change, address change etc., please notify the office or use the form on the back of the bulletin. By not notifying the office, many of your children have not been added to your family census, and mail is coming back to me because you have not bothered to change your mailing address or phone number. Please call the office or submit changed information via email or U.S. mail.

CDA Ct. SFX #2257 Annual Shrimp Feast

Come and join the CDA Ct. SFX#2257 at their Annual Shrimp Feast on Friday, August 18, 2017 from 7:00 pm.- Midnight at the Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave., Baltimore, MD 21236 (off the 8400 blk Belair Road). Tickets \$45.00 and can be purchased from any CDA member. Food, Dancing and Games.



You've Got Mail

All ministries and organizations, please clean out your mailboxes.

Mark Your Calendar

Sodality's Annual Christmas Shopping trip, Saturday, December 16, 2017. Tickets will go on sale in September, 2017 \$50.00

Special Notices

St. Francis Xavier New Website

St. Francis website: www.historicfrancisxavier.org. Please utilize the new website for your bulletin.

Shopping Trip

Join us on Saturday, August 19, 2017 for shopping fun at The Mills at Jersey Garden Outlet Mall in Elizabeth, NJ. We are leaving St. Francis church at 8:00 a.m. and returning to Baltimore at 8:00 p.m.

There are over 200 stores including Coach, Michael Kors, Dress Barn, Sketchers, Burlington, Old Navy and many more for deeply discounted prices. There's a 20-screen AMC theatre and several mouth-watering restaurants. Tickets are only \$55.00 per person.

Contact Lady Rosalind Johnson at 410-979-9461 or any court member for tickets. Tickets are going fast! You don't want to miss it! Thank you!



A medical 911 form has been inserted in the bulletin. Use it to record your medications, place a copy on your refrigerator and carry a copy with you in the event of an emergency.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX

All Ministries and Organizations

If you are using the church's Tax ID for your bank account. It is imperative that you complete the form that is in your mailbox and return it asap.

Read your Catholic review, there is an article showing our youth involvement in the 12th National Black Catholic Congress in Orlando, Fla.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Will be celebrated on Tuesday August 15th, 2017. There will be two Masses. At 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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.