

# St. Francis Xavier Church

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## 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*

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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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*"Go, and do not sin again"*

**Meditation:** Are you ready to be changed and transformed in Christ-like holiness? God never withholds his grace from us. His steadfast love and mercy is new every day (Lamentations 3:22-23). Through the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit we can be changed and made new in Christ. He can set us free from our unruly desires and passions.

***Unjust accusations against Jesus***

The Gospel accounts frequently describe how Jesus had to face unjust accusations made by the Pharisees, the ruling elders of Israel. They were upset with Jesus' teaching and they wanted to discredit him in any way they could. They wanted to not only silence him, but to get rid of him because of his claim to speak with God's authority. When a moral dilemma or difficult legal question arose, it was typical for the Jews to take the matter to a rabbi for a decision. The scribes and the Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. John writes that they wanted to "test" Jesus on the issue of retribution so "they might have some charge to bring against him" (John 8:6).

Jewish law treated adultery as a serious crime since it violated God's ordinance and wreaked havoc on the stability of marriage and family life. It was one of the three gravest sins punishable by death. If Jesus said the woman must be pardoned, he would be accused of breaking the law of Moses. If he said the woman must be stoned, he would lose his reputation for being the merciful friend of sinners.

Jesus then does something quite unexpected - he begins to write in the sand. The word for "writing" which is used here in the Gospel text has a literal meaning "to write down a record against someone" (for another example see Job 13:26). Perhaps Jesus was writing down a list of the sins of the accusers standing before him. Jesus now turns the challenge towards his accusers. In effect he says: *Go ahead and stone her! But let the man who is without sin be the first to cast a stone.* The Lord leaves the matter to their own consciences. ***Pardon, restoration, and new life*** When the adulterous woman is left alone with Jesus, he both expresses mercy and he strongly exhorts her to not sin again. The scribes wished to condemn, Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health and forgiveness. Do you know the joy of repentance and a clean conscience?"

**Mass Intentions**



**Saturday**

5:00 P.M. *Happy repose of the soul of Barbara Thomas, req. by Roger Ford*

**Sunday**

8:00 A.M. *May my daughter Kiah have a successful career as a Registered Nurse, req. by Roger Ford*

11:00 A.M. *People of the Parish*

**Tuesday**

8:00 A.M. *Special birthday blessings for Marsha Powell, req. by Her Family*

**Wednesday**

10:00 A. M. *Healing mercies for Darleen Thomas, req. by The Elegant Red Hatters*

**Thursday**

8:00 A.M. *Happy repose of the soul of Bernice Hardy, req. by the Family*

**Friday**

8:00 A.M. *In loving memory of Rosie Lee Smoot, req. by the Grandchildren*

**Today's Readings**

*First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21*

*Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14*

**Next Week's Readings**

*First Reading: Luke 19:28-40*

*Second Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7*

*Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56*

## 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	April 1, 2019	John 8:12-20
Tuesday	April 2, 2019	John 8:21-30
Wednesday	April 3, 2019	John 8: 31-42
Thursday	April 4, 2019	John 8:51-59
Friday	April 5, 2019	John 10:31-42
Saturday	April 6, 2019	John 11:45-56

### 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 want to learn more. RCIA is open to anyone interested in exploring Catholicism.

#### Community Faith Formation

**Welcomes You to: A Lenten and Easter Season  
Journey of Faith**

**“Monday Nite Catechism” with Dr. Kirk Gaddy will  
not be held on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Sessions will resume on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and additional sessions scheduled for Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the undercroft

We invite you to come walk with us. ALL ARE WELCOME

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



### Oblate Spirituality

During the month of March, we will continue to highlight ministries of the Oblate Sister of Providence

#### The Guild:

The Mother Mary Lange Guild was established in 1991. The Mother Mary Lange Guild is the effort to tell the world about the life, the works and legacy of Mother Mary Lange. The work of the Guild is focused on communicating how God used Mother Lange to change the thoughts and attitudes of His people towards being people of courage, justice, hope and love for all.

Mother Lange Guild chapters have been established in Baltimore, MD, Washington, DC, Philadelphia, PA, New York City, NY, Camaguey and Havana, Cuba, St. Indigoes, MD, York, PA, Detroit, MI and Jersey City, NJ.



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#### Knights of Peter Claver Raffle

The Knights of Peter Claver are selling Raffle Tickets for a 65-inch Smart TV. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. See any Knight for tickets.

# Special Notices

## Religious Education 2019 Faith Formation Calendar

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

### April

7<sup>th</sup> Class

13<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project

14<sup>th</sup> Class- Psalm Sunday

18<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday

21<sup>st</sup> No Class- Easter

28<sup>th</sup> Class

### 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

9<sup>th</sup> Confirmation 11:00A.M. Mass

*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.*

## Church Happenings

*CRS Rice Bowls were distributed to all Sunday School Children. The children's Lenten sacrifices to CRS will honor Jesus' call to serve our neighbors who have less than we do. Please have the children return their Rice Bowls on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>.*

*Sunday School Annual Lenten Project, Parents please help us with our yearly donation to the women and children shelter. Please read insert for suggested toiletries items. They should be unopened and unused items starting Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>, until April 14<sup>th</sup> for drop off.*

### Junior Catholic Daughters Easter Candy Project



*It is that time of year that we ask our parishioners to donate bags of unopened candy. We always make small baskets for our children, please help to make this a pleasant activity for our kids.*

### Seven Sorrows of Mary

*Catholic Daughters Annual Meditation to Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows will be held on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at SFX church.*

## SPECIAL NOTICE!

*Please Keep in Your Prayers  
All sick and shut-in SFX Parishioners*

*Please inform the parish office if you know that one of our parishioners is ill or in need of assistance.*

*Dorothy Coleman wishes to Thank everyone for visits, gifts and phone calls she received at Future Care, 4700 Harford Road, rm. 277, Baltimore, MD 21224 410-401-3728.*

### Stations of the Cross Devotions



*Will be celebrated each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during the Lenten Season. Parishioners are encouraged to make the Stations of the Cross as part of their Lenten Devotions. Many graces are given for those who walk the final hours of Jesus' life on earth. Confessions during Lent will be held on Friday evening from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. and after Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross will be led by the different organizations in the Church.*

#### Schedule for the Stations of the Cross

- *April 12, 2019-Lectors, Eucharistic and Hospitality Ministers*
- *Good Friday -April 19, 2019 Youth Ministry*

#### Our Faith, Our Future Annual Appeal

*If you missed the opportunity to pledge over the commitment weekend, you can make your gift online at <http://www.archbalt.org/appeal/give/> or by completing the in-pew pledge form available in the back of the church.*

## 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.*



## ***Holy Week/Easter Triduum Schedule***

### ***Palm Sunday, April 14***

***9:00 am at St. Wenceslaus***

***10:00 am in the Park (near St. Ann) followed by 11:00 am Mass***

***8:00 am and 11:00 am at St. Francis Xavier***

### ***Monday of Holy Week, April 15***

***7:30 pm Chrism Mass at Cathedral of Mary Our Queen***

### ***Pastorate Lenten Penance Service, Tuesday, April 16***

***7:00 pm at St. Wenceslaus - Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare us for the Easter***

### ***Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17***

***7:00 pm Seder Meal at St. Ann – Seton Academy Hall***

### ***Holy Thursday, April 18***

***7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Ann***

### ***Good Friday, April 19***

***3:00 pm Service of the Lord's Passion at St. Wenceslaus***

### ***Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20***

***7:00 pm Easter Vigil at St. Francis Xavier***

### ***Easter Sunday, April 21***

***9:00 am at St. Wenceslaus***

***11:00 am at St. Ann***

***8:00 am and 11:00 am at St. Francis Xavier***

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