



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.*

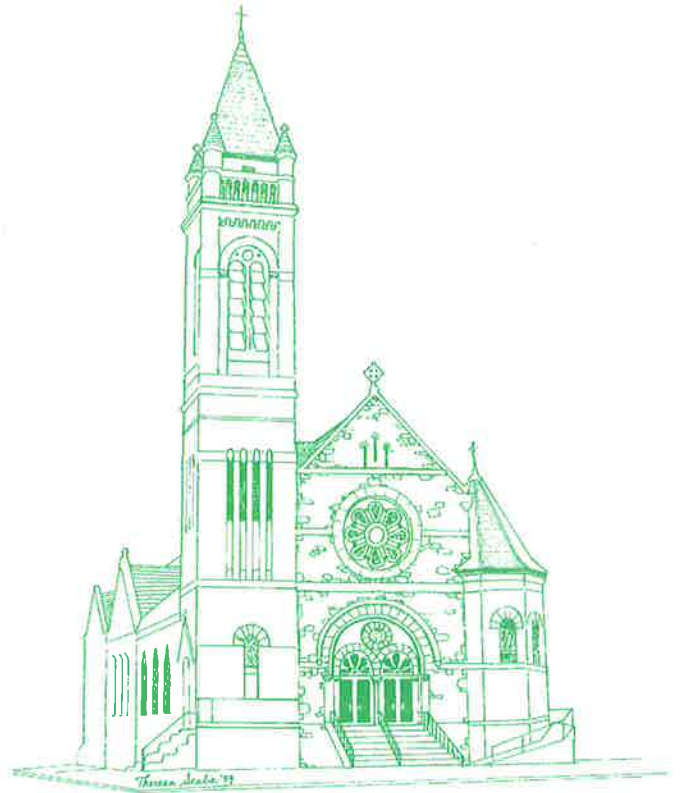
Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,

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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"What God has joined together, let no man put asunder"

Scripture: *Mark 10:2-16*

2 And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" 3 He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" 4 They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away." 5 But Jesus said to them, "For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. 6 But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 7 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two but one flesh. 9 What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." 10 And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. 11 And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; 12 and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

13 And they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 15 Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." 16 And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

Meditation: What is God's intention for our state in life, whether married or single? Jesus deals with the issue of divorce by taking his hearers back to the beginning of creation and to God's plan for humans. In Genesis 2:23-24 we see God's intention and ideal that two people who marry should become so indissolubly one that they are one flesh. That ideal is found in the unbreakable union of Adam and Eve. They were created for each other and for no one else. They are the pattern and symbol for all who were to come. Jesus explains that Moses permitted divorce as a *concession* in view of a lost ideal.

Stewardship Reflections

First Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. *Poor souls of Walters, Rutkowski families, req. by John Rutkowski*

Sunday

8:00 A.M. *Happy Belated Birthday to Sharon Butler, req. by Darleen Thomas*

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

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. *Healing mercy for Vincent Soares, the brother of Janet Wiggins req. by the Lovely Elegant Red Hatters*

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. *Continued good health and birthday wishes for Gracie Ferguson, req. by her family and friends*

Thursday

8:00 A.M. *In loving memory of Napoleon Sykes, a phenomenal husband, dad, and pop pop req. by Brenda and children*

Friday

8:00 A.M. *God's grace and mercy for the family of Lucretia Coates, and Hazel Thomas as they grieve the loss of their sister. req. by Darleen Thomas*

Today's Readings

First Reading: *Genesis 2:18-24 (140B)*

Second Reading: *Hebrew 2:9-11*

Gospel: *Mark 10:2-16 or 10:2-12*

Next Week's Reading

First Reading: *Wisdom 7:7-11 (143B)*

Second Reading: *Hebrews 4:12-13*

Gospel: *Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27*

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	October 8, 2018	Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday	October 9, 2018	Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday	October 10, 2018	Luke 11:1-4
Thursday	October 11, 2018	Luke 11:5-13
Friday	October 12, 2018	Luke 11:15-26
Saturday	October 13, 2018	Luke 11:27-28



Breast Cancer Awareness

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Court #323 will distribute breast cancer pins after Mass. During the month of October there are many campaigns to raise awareness of breast cancer risks, the value of screening, early detection, and available treatment options. The Ladies Auxiliary celebrate all breast cancer survivors and pray for them and those who have died due to this disease.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Daily Mass Schedule Changes

Please take note of changes to Mass schedules as it affects our Pastorate, St. Francis Xavier, St. Ann, and St. Wenceslaus. Effective September 2, 2018.

Sunday Masses

*5:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier
(Saturday)
8:00 a.m. at St Francis Xavier
9:00 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus
11:00 a.m. at St. Ann
11:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier*

Daily Masses

*Tuesday -8:00 a.m. @ St. Wenceslaus
Wednesday -10:00 a.m. @ St. Francis Xavier
Thursday -7:00 p.m. @St. Ann
Friday -8:00 a.m. @ St. Francis Xavier*

For now, until further notice!

Any Holy Day of obligation: one Mass at St. Francis Xavier @ 10:00 a.m., information will be published in the bulletin.

Special Blessings

*Please join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2257 as we host a special **Prayer Blessings for Father Xavier on Sunday, October 14, 2018** at the 11:00 A.M. Mass. This invitation is for members of St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, St. Ann Catholic Church and St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. We have invited Superior General Thompson to give this special blessing. Please join us as we wrap him in prayer for the huge assignment for which he has been charged. There will be a reception following the Mass. For additional information, please call Marsha Powell: 443-467-2841*

Special Notices

Religious Education

Young Adult Bible Study

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

*Place: School Building beginning
September 23, 2018.*

Confirmation is just the beginning it is the start of life as a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, the body of Christ.

Come join fellow St. Francis Xavier teen and young adult parishioner to read and discuss the word together. This will be an opportunity after Confirmation that continues into high school and beyond for youth to continue to grow in their relationship with the parish community and with Christ.

All are welcome.

Attention: Parents or guardians of children preparing for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

We extend warm greetings at the beginning of our Faith Formation classes. I hope that we can work closely throughout the days ahead to help you nurture your child's faith.

Special Notices

Religious Education Continued

The first year of class participation is considered Level I Sacramental prep. The second consecutive year of class participation involves more detailed sacramental preparation: this is referred to as Level II SCRAMENTAL Prep. Parents or guardians of children preparing for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation (1st, 2nd, 8th and confirmation) will be required to attend 4 catechetical sessions in preparation of the sacrament.

Dr. Kirk Gaddy classes will continue October 13th, 20th and 27th. from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday and Saturday classes will cover the same content.

Additional classes will be offered during Lent in the Spring. As we continue to share the responsibility of your child's Faith formation, let us pray that with our efforts we will achieve our goal.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

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



It's the giving time of the 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 in your bulletin or you can find them in the back of the room. Please contact Suzonne Vickers by email at svickers21@yahoo.com with the requested information. One form per child. Children should be in high school or younger. All forms are due back no later than October 21, 2018. Please make sure the forms are filled out entirely for them to receive a gift.

Thanks:

Angel Project Team

Janet Wiggins

Renee Terry

Kim Grays

Suzonne Vickers

Mary Wattie

Joyce Logan



If your child received a scholarship, please return the required information to the office as soon as possible so the funds can be sent to their school. We need the Child's ID, school address, and contact to forward check to.

HOME COMING

It's that time of the year again! Time to plan for Home Coming. This year's event will be held on Sunday December 2, 2018 after 11:00 a.m. Mass. There will only be one meal. If you would like to help please, contact Lynette Richardson 410-802-3888. We will hold meetings on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in person or via conference call. Let's make this year's event a success.

Lynette Richardson, Chairperson

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.

**" And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap,
if we do not lose heart." Galatians 6:9**

Please Join

Historic St. Francis Xavier Church

and the

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #2257

As we join hands to pray for our beloved

Rev. Xavier Edet, S. S. J.,

Pastor of:



St. Ann's Catholic Church

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

On Sunday, October 14, 2018

1501 N. Caroline Street

Baltimore, MD

11:00 a.m. Mass

Contact Marsha Powell at 443-467-2841 for more information



Have the Fun Time
of Your Life!

NORDIC LODGE

LOBSTER & SEAFOOD FEAST

FRI - SUN

3 DAYS - 2 NIGHTS

MAY 31 - JUNE 2, 2019

\$420⁰⁰ per person
double occupancy

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * 2 Nights lodging
- * 2 Breakfasts
- * Nordic Lodge Lobster & Seafood Buffet
- * Foxwoods Casino with Bonus
- * Mohegan Sun Casino
- * Souvenir gift
- * Luggage handling
- * Taxes and meal gratuities
- * Motorcoach transportation



Cancellation insurance available upon request

FOR INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

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*Sodality of Blessed Virgin Mary
The Sacred Name of Mary*



Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Historic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Day of Reflection

Saturday, October 27, 2018

In the SFX undercroft from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This is a free event. Continental Breakfast will be served and a light lunch.

Guest Speaker Father Fred Nnebue, SSJ

Contact any Sodality member if interested in attending.

Or Lorraine Bell (410) 889-9196 –Martha Lewis Dorsey (410) 668-1258