

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.*

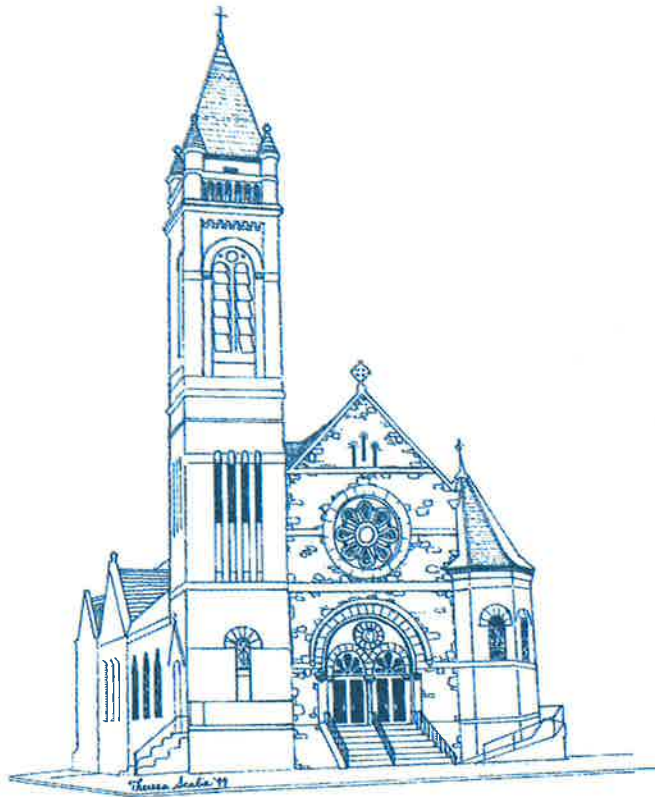
Notify the rectory at least 1 month in advance

Funerals

*Please notify the rectory before making
arrangements with funeral homes.*

*Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,
Pastor*

Religious Education
Joslyn Alexander, Director



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"

SVD-SFX Head Start Center (410) 685-7288

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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Scriptures for Daily Meditation

*"And the Scripture gives us hope and encouragement as we
Wait patiently for God's promise to be fulfilled" Rom. 15:4*

Day	Date	Gospel
Mon.	April 9, 2018	Luke 1:26-38
Tues.	April 10, 2018	John 3:7-15
Wed.	April 11, 2018	John 3: 16-21
Thurs.	April 12, 2018	John 3: 31-36
Fri.	April 13, 2018	John 6: 1-15
Sat.	April 14, 2018	John 6:16-21

A Special Thank You

To our Historic St Francis Xavier Family: we would like to extend sincere thanks for your generous response to our last minute request to provide Easter treats for our children. Your donations not only allowed us to provide our children with a treat for Easter, but also Sunday school's April 14th Retreat.

Special thanks to: Lynette Richardson, Antionette Shannon (St. Wenceslaus), Ann Brooks, Mary Watties and Joyce Logan for spending their Saturday morning helping to bag treats. We look forward to the continued support of our children. Kim Grays and Irma Bevans the Committee

SPECIAL NOTICES

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary Annual Fashion Show,
Annual Fashion Show, Sunday, May 20, 2018 from 3-6 p.m. Theme: Steppin Out. Tickets are \$15.00 per person Fashion Show is in need of Models if you are interested please contact Lorraine Bell (410) 889-9196.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Hosted by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas on April 8, 2018. Starting after Communion at 11:00 a.m. Mass.

March Financials

Total Income \$30,448.00

Expenses: \$ 40,072.43

Deficit: \$9,624.43

March was an unusual month, the church was dealing with winter month expenses, March's large expenses due to wind damage and water damage in this building and the Head start building. In addition supplies that had to be purchased for the Lenten season, salaries, administrative expenses, lease equipment expense, and utilities expense. Also, numerous misc. expenses.

SFX Circle Club Winners

President: Irene Tackett #51- \$500.00

Vice President: Mary English # 46-\$100.00

Treasurer- Theodora Butler #114- \$100.00

Secretary- Arnetta Boyd- 47- \$100.00

1st Bonus- Georgia Brooks-#31- \$50.00

2nd Bonus- Cornelia Johnson- #113-\$25.00

3rd Bonus- Ryan Massey- # 44- \$25.00

"Unless I see - I will not believe"

Scripture: *John 20:19-31*

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26 Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Meditation: Do you know the joy of the resurrection? The Risen Lord Jesus revealed the glory of his resurrection to his disciples gradually and over a period of time. Even after the apostles saw the empty tomb and heard the reports of Jesus' appearance to the women, they were still weak in faith and fearful of being arrested by the Jewish authorities. When Jesus appeared to them he offered proofs of his resurrection by showing them the wounds of his passion, his pierced hands and side. He calmed their fears and brought them peace, the peace which reconciles sinners and makes us friends of God.

Live and proclaim the Gospel of mercy in the power of the Holy Spirit
Jesus did something which only love and trust can do. He commissioned his weak and timid apostles to bring the good news of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. This sending out of the disciples is parallel to the sending out of Jesus by his heavenly Father. Jesus fulfilled his mission through his perfect love and obedience to the will of his Father. He called his first disciples and he now calls each one of us to do the same. Just as he gave his first disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit, so he breathes on each of us the same Holy Spirit who equips us with new life, power, joy, and courage to live each day as followers of the Risen Lord.

The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of trial and adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles.

Through the gift of faith we recognize the Risen Lord and receive new life
reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God! Through the gift of faith we, too, proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in the good news of the Gospel and in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring you new life, hope, and joy?

Psalm 118:1-4, 13-15, 23-24

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. In memory of Edmund and Marion Martin, req. by John Rutkowski, and Jeff Martin

Sunday

8:00 A.M. Happy repose of the soul of Aloma Butler Taylor, req. by the Butler Family

11:00 People of the Parish

Tuesday 8:00 A.M. Happy Birthday blessing to Marsha Powell, req. by Taya, Taylor and Logan

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. In memory of my grandmother Rosie Lee Smoot, req. by Darleen Thomas

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercies for Rosalyn Jackson and Jeanne Britton, req. by Dottie Mello

Friday

8:00 A.M. God's healing mercy for Jeanne Edmonds, req. by Darleen Thomas

Daily Reflection

How deep is your relationship with Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit? Is it something more intellectual? Is it based only on the fact that you believe in them, for the most part? Or is it something that goes much deeper? The goal must be to come to know God in a real and tangible way.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35, (44B)
Second Reading: 1 John 5 1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19 (47B)
Second Reading: 1 John 2: 1-5a
Gospel: Luke 24:34-35



Special Notices

Religious Education

April

8th Class

14th Student Field Trip 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

15th Class

22nd Class Confirmation Retreat 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

29th Class

May

6th Class

13th No class Mother's Day

20th Class

26th First Communion/Confirmation rehearsal @ 10:00 a.m. – Noon

27th Class First Communion / Confirmation

Religious Education Lenten Service Project

CRS

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 Bowl on Sunday April 8th.

"Blessed are they who Hunger and Thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."



Religious Education

Sunday School Field Trip

The Sunday School will take a field trip to The Basilica and National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. We will also visit The National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes both located in Emmitsburg, MD on Saturday April 14, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. Parents please complete the field permission form with the \$10.00 payment and return it as soon as possible before the deadline date. Thank you.



Ecumenical and Interfaith Prayer Service

During the Easter season, we will be blessed to welcome Rev. Raphael Gamaliel Warnock, Ph.D., Senior Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA. He will deliver a special message at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen during a 7 p.m. Ecumenical and Interfaith Prayer service, Thursday April 12th commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

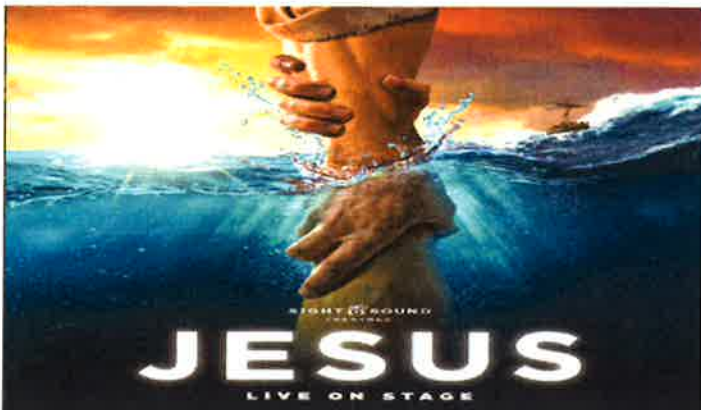
*Please Keep In Your Prayers
All sick and shut in SFX Parish*

Important Note, Envelope Users

When submitting one check for multiple envelopes, please include the amount on each envelope. In addition, please make sure that the amount you are recording on the outside of the envelope is the same as the funds that you are placing inside of the envelope. Both of these things are very important to ensure that your offering is accurately recorded. Please write or print legibly. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We are still receiving envelopes being returned because of change of address. Please call the office if you have moved or if you no longer want to receive your envelopes.

Sight and Sound

SFX Circle Club is hosting a day trip to Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre to see the production of "Jesus" on Saturday, June 30th, 2018. Deposit of \$50.00 is due by April 15th, with final payment due May 13th. No exceptions, the trip has to be paid 45 days before departure. The cost of the total trip is \$165.00. Weekend rates are higher. Accepting deposits now. Darleen Thomas 410-727-3103



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.



KPC LADIES AUXILIARY PRESENTS
PENNIES FROM HEAVEN
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

STARTING APRIL 8, 2018 ENDING MAY 6, 2018
**TO BENEFIT THE CENTER FOR PREGNANCY CONCERNS
OF GREATER BALTIMORE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
ESTHER PAYTON AT 443-799-3714 OR CHECK OUT THEIR WEBSITE AT
[HTTP://WWW.CPCFORHELP.ORG](http://www.cpcforphelp.org)

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #323 members will be handing out empty baby bottles after the 8am and 11am Sunday masses to any interested parishioner. The bottles can be filled with pennies, or any other coins, as well as, bills or checks. The filled bottles must be returned to St. Francis Xavier by Sunday May 6, 2018 and given to any member of the KPC Ladies Auxiliary. We appreciate your generosity!!!



Make checks payable to CPC

You are Invited!

To join the **GOSPEL CHOIR** for the Interfaith Prayer Service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Featuring: Rev Raphael Warnock, Ph. D.
Senior Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church; Atlanta, Georgia
(See Attached Flyer.)

on

Thurs, April 12, 2018 at 7 pm
Cathedral of Mary Our Queen
5200 N Charles Street; Baltimore, MD 21210



Conductor: Kenyatta Hardison, Cardinal Shehan School
*(Director of Young Artists Training To Achieve Success—
as seen on Good Morning America!)*

Register now at:
<http://www.archbaltchoir.org/>

REHEARSAL DATES:

Mon. Apr 9 (7-9 pm)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
5401 Loch Raven Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21239

Thurs. Apr 12 (5:30 pm)

(prior to Prayer Service)
Cathedral of Mary Our Queen
5200 N Charles St.; Baltimore, MD 21210

Song Selections:

We've Come this far by Faith
Lift Every Voice and Sing
Rise Up (performed by Cardinal Shehan Choir)
Every Praise

ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION
OF REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

featuring

The Reverend Raphael Gamaliel Warnock, Ph. D.



Senior Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia

ALL ARE WELCOME

CATHEDRAL OF MARY OUR QUEEN
5200 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018 AT 7PM

The Rev. Dr. Raphael Gamaliel Warnock serves as Senior Pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, spiritual home of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Dear Friends of Mother Mary Lange,

You are cordially invited to the

RECOMMITMENT CEREMONY

Sponsored by the
MOTHER MARY LANGE GUILD BOARD



WHEN:

Saturday, April 28, 2018

TIME:

2:00 pm

PRESIDER

Father Donald Fest, SSJ
St. Joseph in Alexandria, VA

WHERE: Our Lady of Mount Providence Chapel

701 Gun Road

Baltimore, MD 21227

410-242-8500

RECEPTION FOLLOWS THE CEREMONY

This is not a Mass.