

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

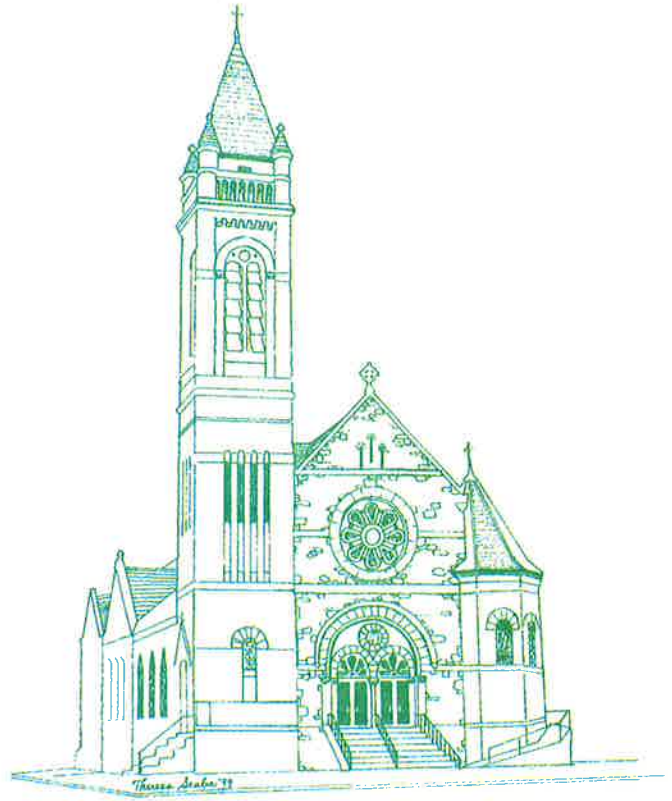
*Please notify the rectory before making
arrangements with funeral homes.*

*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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REFLECTION

The stone which the builders rejected

What is the message of the parable of the vineyard? Jesus' story about an absentee landlord and his not-so-good tenants would have made sense to his audience. The hills of Galilee were lined with numerous vineyards, and it was quite common for the owners to let out their estates to tenants. Many did it for the sole purpose of collecting rent.

The Lord's vineyard in the house of his people

Why did Jesus' story about wicked tenants cause offense to the scribes and Pharisees? It contained both a prophetic message and a warning. Isaiah had spoken of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord" (Isaiah 5:7). Jesus' listeners would have likely understood this parable as referring to God's dealing with a stubborn and rebellious people.

This parable speaks to us today as well. It richly conveys some important truths about God and the way he deals with his people. First, it tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end.

Gift of the kingdom

Jesus foretold both his death on the cross and his ultimate triumph. He knew he would be rejected and put to death, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come in glory - the glory of his resurrection from the grave and his ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven.

The Lord blesses his people today with the gift of his kingdom - a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Stewardship Reflections

Acts 20:35

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M.

Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. God's healing mercies for the Hardy Family, req. by S. Parrish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. God's healing mercies for Roslyn Jackson, req. by Dottie Mello

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. God's continued blessing on Catherine Wesson, req. by Dottie Mello

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's Love and Mercy for all of the victims of the Las Vegas shooting and their families, req. by Darleen Thomas

Friday

8:00 A.M. God's Love and Mercy for all of our brothers and sisters impacted by the storms and hurricane, req. by Darleen Thomas

Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



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 |
|------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Mon. | October 9, 2017 | Luke 10:25-37 |
| Tues. | October 10, 2017 | Luke 10:38-42 |
| Wed. | October 11, 2017 | Luke 11:1-4 |
| Thurs. | October 12, 2017 | Luke 11:5-13 |
| Fri. | October 13, 2017 | Luke 11: 15-26 |
| Sat. | October 14, 2017 | Luke 11:27-28 |

100th Anniversary of the Apparitions at Fatima

Come join the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 14th, 2017 in honoring Our Lady of Fatima's Apparition of the Miracle of the Sun by reciting 5 decades of the Rosary. We will recite in church and some of us may stay for 5:00 Mass. Come and be blessed. Rosaries will be provided.



Sunrise Choir

If you are interested in enhancing a choir that will inspire our church family and yourself, please consider joining the Sunrise Choir at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We need basses, tenors, altos and sopranos. We sing on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays. We rehearse on 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays after the 8:00 Mass in the small meeting room in the undercroft. Please contact Harriet Brown, President (410-444-4441) or any of the choir members.

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 are the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

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| <i>Iteha Barnes</i> | <i>Obie Barnes</i> |
| <i>Mary Harmon</i> | <i>Theresa Butler</i> |
| <i>Rhona Pack</i> | <i>Thedrick Tapp</i> |
| <i>Suzonne Vickers</i> | <i>Deborah Woods</i> |
| <i>Cecilia Johnson</i> | <i>Celestine Kellam</i> |
| <i>Jackie Langley</i> | <i>John Wheatland</i> |
| <i>Keith Bridgeforth</i> | <i>Vanda Chambers</i> |
| <i>Catherine Gray</i> | <i>Pauline Hargrove</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth Eley</i> | <i>Diane Lewis</i> |
| <i>Ronald Lewis</i> | <i>Donna Booth</i> |
| <i>Gracie Ferguson</i> | <i>Stacy Brown</i> |
| <i>Michael Allen</i> | <i>Cecilia Hargrove</i> |
| <i>Patricia Williams</i> | <i>Yvette Wylie</i> |
| <i>Pia Butler</i> | |

September Financials:

Envelope Offering: \$25,467.00

Expenses: \$28,252.27

Deficit: \$2785.27

Expenses included but not limited to:

- Candles*
- Office Supplies*
- Operating Expense*
- Mailings*
- Administration/Salaries*
- Benefits*
- Contracts*

Special Notices



2017 Faith Formation Calendar

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

September

24th Class Begins

October

1st Class

8th Class

15th Class

22nd Class

28th Parent Class for Sacramental Students

29th Class/Fall Festival

November

1st All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation

5th Class

11th Parent Class for Sacramental Students

12th Class

18 Parent Class for Sacramental Students

19th Class

26th NO CLASS-Thanksgiving

December

3rd Class/Homecoming

8th Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

10th Class

17th Class

24rd Class 3 p.m. followed by Mass

Special Notices

Home Coming Planning Committee

Home Coming Celebration/St. Francis Xavier Feast Day, December 3rd, 2017 -11:00 a.m. Mass with dinner immediately following. The Planning Committee will be meeting on the following dates: Tuesday's 10/3/10/17, 11/7 and 11/21 @ 6:30 p.m. in the undercroft meeting room. All interested persons please contact Lynette Richardson (410) 802-3888. For those that are interested but unable to physically attend a conference call will be set up. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talents.

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.

Save The Date

TEA TIME WITH THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE

Saturday, October 21, 2017, 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Hall, 701 Gun Road, Donation; \$35.00.



SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX

Breast Cancer Awareness

Family and Friends:

I am committed to helping find the cure for Breast Cancer. Each year 1 in 8 women in Maryland are diagnosed. Breast Cancer does not discriminate; it affects all ages, ethnic groups and also men. Please support me in my race for cure. Once again I am taking part in the 2017 Komen Maryland Race for the Cure on Sunday, October 15th. I appreciate any contributions towards this year's walk to help find a cure for Breast Cancer. Contributions are due by Sunday October 8th. Checks can be made payable to "Komen MD Race for the Cure" and place my name in the memo. Cash donations are accepted or go to the Susan G. Komen Maryland 2017 website, click "Donate", select participant, type in my name click, "go" and make donation.,

Thank you

Itetha Barnes, 20 Year Breast Cancer Survivor and Captain of Team Happy Feet

Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary Annual Christmas Shopping Trip

Sodality's Annual Christmas Shopping trip, Saturday, December 16, 2017, at Reading, PA. Outlets and Rockvale outlets in Lancaster, PA. Tickets will go on sale in September; the cost will be \$50.00. Contact any Sodality member for tickets or Martha Lewis Dorsey for tickets (410 668-1258). Tickets have to be purchased by November 1st, 2017.

CDA COURT #2257

Please join CDA Court #2257 as we celebrate National CDA Day on Sunday October 15, 2017 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We are inviting ladies to join us at our meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the small meeting room. Our guests will receive information on CDA'S charities. For more information please contact Regent Valerie Grays at 410-967-1695

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.



SAVE THE DATE

The OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES, ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE
INVITES ONE AND ALL TO ITS

Celebration of Black Catholic History Gospel Concert Brunch

at

Historic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
1501 East Oliver Street, Baltimore, MD 21213
(Oliver @ Caroline Street)

Saturday, November 18th, 2017

10:00 AM-Continental Breakfast / 2:30PM Closing Prayer

Featuring:

Opening Remarks: Most Reverend Denis J. Madden, DD
A Presentation on: "Wisdom from Black Catholic History"
Paula Manchester, Professor at St. Joseph's College
Gospel Choir Concert

Register by: Monday, November 6, 2017

[To order sufficient food and materials, you need to be counted.]

Mail registration to OBCM, 320 Cathedral St., Baltimore, MD 21201

For more information call (410) 625-8472 **Offering: \$10.00**

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Gospel Concert Brunch REGISTRATION

Name _____

Parish: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please return this form by Monday, November 6, 2017