



St. Francis Xavier Church

The First African American Catholic Community in the Country
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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.*

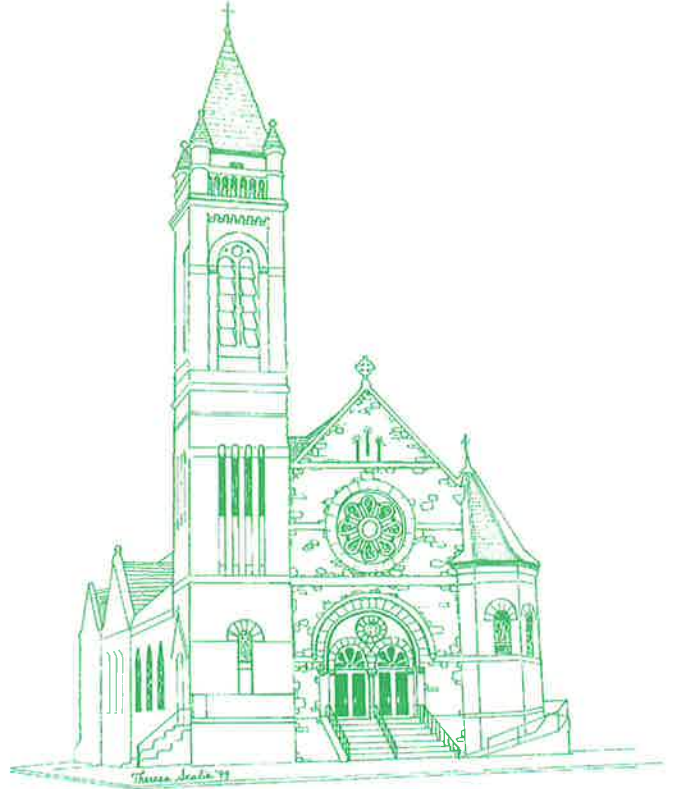
Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,

Pastor

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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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Meditation: How do you expect the Lord Jesus to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions.

The Lord's touch awakens faith and brings healing

When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, not doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers (onlookers). Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

What is the significance of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears? Gregory the Great, a church father from the 6th century, comments on this miracle: "The Spirit is called the finger of God. When the Lord puts his fingers into the ears of the deaf mute, he was opening the soul of man to faith through the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

The transforming power of kindness and compassion

The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: *He has done all things well.* No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did?

Stewardship Reflections

For if I do this voluntarily my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. *God's blessings on Charles Lewis and Martha Lewis Dorsey and family, req. by Dottie Mello*

Sunday

8:00 A.M. (1) *In loving memory of my husband and son Anthony J. Mello, req. by Dottie Mello*

(2) *Healing mercies for Nadine Pullium, req. by the family*

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

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. *In loving memory of Napoleon Sykes a phenomenal Husband, Dad and Pop-Pop req. by Brenda and Children*

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. *In loving memory of my parents Frank and Bertha Washington, req. by Dottie Mello*

Thursday

8:00 A.M. *Healing mercies and blessings for all the sick in the family, req. by Dottie Mello*

Friday

8:00 A.M. *Healing mercies for James Dorsey, req. by Dottie Mello*

Today's Readings

First Reading: *Isaiah 35, 4-7a, (128B)*

Second Reading: *James 2: 1-5*

Gospel: *Mark 7:31-37*

Next Week's Reading

First Reading: *Isaiah 50: 4c-9a (131B)*

Second Reading: *James 2:14-18*

Gospel: *Mark 8:27-35*

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	September 10, 2018	Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday	September 11, 2018	Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday	September 12, 2018	Luke 6:20-26
Thursday	September 13, 2018	Luke 5: 1-11
Friday	September 14, 2018	John 3:13-17
Saturday	September 15, 2018	John 19:25-27



Father Jim 's New Address

*Sacred Heart Home
2805 Queens Chapel Road- Room 108
Hyattsville, MD 20782
443-635-8914 (cell)
301-277-6500 (House)*

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

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Daily Masses

Tuesday -8:00 a.m. @ St. Wenceslaus

Wednesday -10:00 a.m. @ St. Francis Xavier

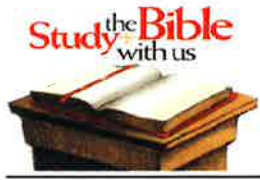
Thursday -7:00 p.m. @St. Ann

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 Notices



Young Adult Bible Study

*Time: Sunday 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.
Place: School Building beginning
September 23, 2018.*

Upcoming Events

- *The Squires and Ashanti groups of the New Horizons of Men and Women are accepting new and gently used clothing along with canned goods which are donated to area shelters.*
- *Just a reminder: Baltimore City Community College is free to high school graduates. After earning an Associate Degree from BCCC, students can attend Coppin State University tuition-free to get their Bachelor's Degree.*

Special Notices

Oliver Center

The second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m., the Oliver Center will be distributing free fresh fruit, vegetables and other food items. Please take advantage of this distribution of products. This was only made possible through a grant that was investigated and achieved through our very own St. Vincent De Paul group.

Please inform family and friends, if it is not utilized, the market will cease to exist. Fresh vegetables, for your family and friends, no cost to you.



SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

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

Day of Recollection

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,*

*Contact any Sodality member if
interested in attending or Lorraine
Bell (410) 889-9196 - Martha
Lewis Dorsey(410) 668-1258*

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.

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