

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

"Learn from me and you will find rest for your soul"

Do you want to know the mind and heart of God? Jesus thanks the Father in heaven for revealing to his followers the wisdom and knowledge of God. What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about our relationship with him? First, it tells us that God is both Father and Lord of the earth as well as heaven. He is both the Creator and Author of all that he has made the first origin of everything. His authority, wisdom, and gracious care extends to every living thing, and his boundless love and goodness is directed to the welfare of each person made in his image and likeness. He is the source of all human life. That is why all fatherhood and motherhood is ultimately derived from him (Ephesians 3:14-15).

Pride - the root of sin

Jesus' prayer contrasts the "wisdom of the world" with the wisdom which comes from above - from the Father of heaven who is all wise and good. Jesus' prayer contains an implicit warning that pride can keep us from the love and knowledge of God. What makes us ignorant and blind to the wisdom of God? Certainly intellectual pride, coldness of heart, and stubbornness of will shut out God and his wise rule and fatherly care for our personal lives. Pride is the root of all vice and evil and the strongest influence propelling us to sin against God and to do wrong to our neighbor. Sinful pride first vanquishes the heart, making it cold and indifferent towards God. It also closes the mind to God's truth and wisdom for our lives. What is pride's flaw? It is the inordinate love of oneself at the expense of others and the exaggerated estimation of one's own knowledge, power, importance and position over others.

Simplicity and lowliness of heart

Jesus contrasts pride with child-like simplicity and humility. The simple of heart are like "little children" in the sense that they see purely and simply without any pretense or falsehood.

Stewardship Reflections

Luke 12:20

'But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. Happy repose of the soul of Beau Rice, the brother of Howard Kane, req. by the NFM&W.

Sunday

8:00 A.M. In Loving Memory of Mary Booze and Katherine Brown, req. by Dottie Mello

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Happy Repose of the soul of Julia Matthews, req. by Martha Lewis Dorsey

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. In Memory of Katherine Brown and Mary Booze, req. by Dottie Mello

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Happy Repose of the Souls buried from our church, req. by Darleen Thomas

Friday

8:00 A.M. In Loving Memory of my husband Joseph Mello, req. by Dottie Mello

Today's Readings

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11
Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



SPECIAL NOTICES

Scriptures for Daily Mediation



"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.	7/10/2017	Matthew 9:18-26
Tues.	7/11/2017	Matthew 9:32-38
Wed.	7/12/2017	Matthew 10:1-7
Thurs.	7/13/2017	Matthew 10:7-15
Fri.	7/14/2017	Matthew 10:16-23
Sat.	7/15/2017	Matthew 10:24-33

Tune Your Radio



Tune your radio to *WVTO* 92.7 FM, Baltimore's station for "Talk Radio for Catholic Life" via the Relevant Radio network, prayers, devotions, and more. Broadcasting from the bell tower of St. Benedict Church in Southwest Baltimore from 2 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. daily, our signal reaches from two to six miles from the church. More info at <https://www.wvtoradio.com/>

Catholic Cruise Eastern Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 7 night Eastern Caribbean with Fr. John Harper December 10-17 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Ft. Lauderdale (Port Everglades), Florida. Port of call: Grand Turk Island, Turks and Caicos, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Philipsburg, St Maarten, Half Moon Cay, Bahamas. Prices begin \$1968.00 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of \$350.00 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug Or Eileen at 860-399-2781 or Doug@catholiccruiseandtours.com

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Oblate Sisters of Providence will host their annual Homecoming at Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD on Sunday, August 6, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. All students of all former Oblate schools and programs are invited. The cost of dinner is \$10.00, lots of Baskets Raffles and Silent Auction items, if you are a SFA graduate of 1967, please contact, Sister Helene Therese, OSP 410-536-5687.

**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.**

Church Picnic

Due to lack of interest the Saturday, June 17th, SFX Parish Picnic was postpone. The new date is Saturday, August 5th, same time and same location. If you have already paid and request a refund, please contact WY Chambers on 410-961-6198. Please save the date new information will follow!



Special Notices

Updating your Church records with changes in address, names, etc.

Several of you have experienced changes in your family and have failed to notify the office. If you have had a birth, wedding, name change, address change etc., please notify the office or use the form on the back of the bulletin. By not notifying the office, many of your children have not been added to your family census, and mail is coming back to me because you have not bothered to change mailing address or phone number. Please call the office or submit changed information via email or U.S. mail.

CDA Ct. SFX #2257 Annual Shrimp Feast

Come and join the CDA Ct. SFX#2257 at their Annual Shrimp Feast on Friday, August 18, 2017 from 7:00 pm.- Midnight at the Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave, Baltimore, MD 21236 (off the 8400 blk Belair Road). Tickets \$45.00 and can be purchased from any CDA member. Food, Dancing and Games.



Mark Your Calendar

Sodality's Annual Christmas Shopping trip, Saturday, December 16, 2017. More information forthcoming.

Special Notices

St. Francis Xavier New Website

St. Francis website: www.historicfrancisxavier.org. Please utilize the new website for your bulletin.

Shopping Trip

Join us in Saturday August 19, 2017 for shopping fun at The Mills at Jersey Garden Outlet Mall in Elizabeth, NJ. We are leaving St. Francis church at 8:00 a.m. and returning to Baltimore at 8:00 p.m.

There are over 200 stores including Coach, Michael Kors, Dress Barn, Sketchers, Burlington, Old Navy and many more for deeply discounted prices. There's a 20-screen AMC theatre and several mouth-watering restaurants. Tickets are only \$55.00 per person.

Contact Lady Rosalind Johnson at 410-979-9461 or any court member for tickets. Tickets are going fast! You don't want to miss it! Thank you!



Archdiocese of Baltimore Mobile App

The Archdiocese of Baltimore has developed a mobile version of its website and an App for Apple and Android device users, to make it easier for Catholics to stay connected to their local church, including parishes and schools, while on the go. For more information, visit www.archbalt.org Or download the app from the app store.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX

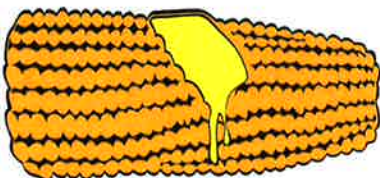
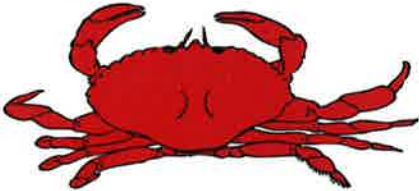
Important Notice!

Summer time is vacation time; it is also a time when offerings are reduced. If possible, please continue your weekly offering. The church still has expenses that continue throughout the summer.



Holy Name Society

Holy Name Society Crab Feast will be held on July 22, 2017, instead of July 29th, 2017. Donations are \$50.00. See any member for tickets.



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.