

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.*

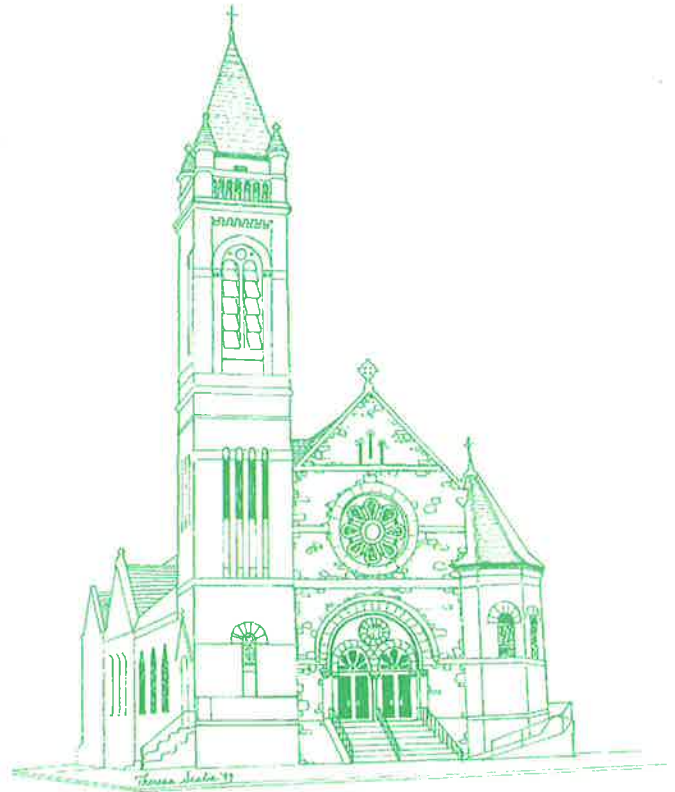
Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,

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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"The word of God came to John"

Gospel Reading: *Luke 3:1-6*

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Tracheitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, 2 in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; 3 and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; 6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Old Testament Reading: *Baruch 5:1-9* (Deuterocanonical)

1 Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. 2 Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; 3 for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. 4 For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." 5 Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. 6 For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. 7 For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. 8 The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. 9 For God will lead Israel with joy.

Stewardship Reflection

but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few from everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. *God's healing mercy for Jonathan Johnson, req. by Celeste Johnson*

Sunday

8:00 A.M. *People of the Parish*

11:00 A.M. *Happy Birthday and God's continued blessings for my mom, Doris Leach, req. by Sandy and family*

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. *Continued blessings and Happy Birthday to my nephew Durrell Burley, req. by Darleen and family*

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. *In loving memory of Napoleon Sykes, a phenomenon husband, dad and pop pop, req. by Brenda and children*

Thursday

8:00 A.M. *Happy Holidays and God's blessings to all of the sick in the parish, req. by D. Thomas*

Friday

8:00 A.M. *God's continue blessings to all of our priests, req. by the Parishioners*

Today's Readings

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 (C6C)

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a (9C)

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

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 | December 10, 2018 | Luke 5:17-26 |
| Tuesday | December 11, 2018 | Matthew 18:12-14 |
| Wednesday | December 12, 2018 | Matthew 11: 28-30 |
| Thursday | December 13, 2018 | Matthew 11:11-15 |
| Friday | December 14, 2018 | Matthew 11:16-19 |
| Saturday | December 15, 2018 | Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 |

Mother Mary Lange, OSP Awards Banquet

Let us remember that November is Black History Month. During this month we are asking each of you to nominate members in our parish that make a significant difference. Forms are available in the vestibule on the table in folders. There are three categories which includes: Leadership, Service, and Youth. Each application must be completed front and back. Please make sure you include examples of service and/or leadership that they have contributed to the church. All completed forms must be returned to the office no later than December 20, 2018. If you are nominating someone please make sure they will accept the nomination. The banquet will be held on Friday, February 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Martins West. The Banquet Tickets are \$60.00 per person.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



Prayer for the Beatification of Mother Mary Lange

Almighty and Eternal God, you granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust in Your providence. You endowed her with humility, courage, holiness and an extraordinary sense of service to the poor and sick. You enable her to fund the Oblate Sisters of Providence and provide educational, social, and spiritual ministry especially to the African American community. Mother Lange’s love for all enabled her to see Christ in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision.

Deign to raise her to the highest honors of the altar in order that, through her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper understanding and more fervent love of you.

Heavenly Father, glorify your heart by granting also this favor (here mention your request) which we ask through the intercession of Your faithful servant, Mother Mary Lange.

Did You Know...

After the founding of the of Oblate Sisters of Providence, Mary Lange became the first Mother Superior, she held that post for nine years. Mother Lange gave permanence to her vision of healing and peace. She affirmed her trust and faith in the providence of God. The Latin word for Oblates means dedicated to a certain work, Providence is defined as the manifestation of God’s care over his people.

Special Notices

Religious Education

2018-2019 Faith Formation Calendar

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

December

2nd- Class/Homecoming

9th Class

16th Class

23rd Class

24th Christmas

25th Christmas



Annual Bake Sale sponsored by The Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be held on Sunday, December 23, 2018, after both Masses.

Annual Retreat Sponsored by Sodality of SFX of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be April 5-7, 2019 at Loyola at the Potomac. Theme "God's Dream." Cost for first time retreat attendees is \$195.00 for former attendees the cost is \$245.00. To register contact Lorraine Bell (410-899-9196) or Martha

Dorsey (410-668-1258). Registration fee deposit of \$115.00 is non-refundable and due in January. More information will be given about the cost for transportation.

Revival Chances Winners

1st Place- Sam Butler- \$200.00

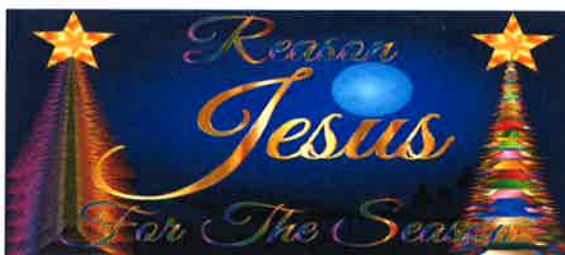
2nd Places - Alexis Hammond - \$100.00

3rd Places- Keslyn Massey - \$50.00

Special Notices

Mass Schedule Events

MONDAY, DEC. 17TH PENANCE SERVICE AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER AT 7:00 P.M.



Advent Begins with Mercy

The four weeks before Christmas encompass the Advent season, one of preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ.

This year, Advent began December 2, 2018, Giving time, talent, and resources via spiritual and corporal works of mercy offers a way for Catholics to serve while preparing for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord. Remember the less fortunate, provide food, hats, gloves, coats and Special Prayers.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Penance Service @ SFX Wednesday December 19, 2018 @7:00 p.m.

Tuesday December 24, 2018

Christmas Vigil: SFX 5:00pm and Mid-night, St. Ann-7:30 p.m., St. Wen-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday December 25, 2015

Christmas Day: SFX 10:00 a.m., St. Ann- No Mass, St. Wen. 9:00 a.m.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

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



Reminder

If you are interested in going on the Nordic Lodge trip hosted by SFX Circle Club. Deposits are due. This is a wonderful trip, please try to attend.



A Pastorate Event, Saturday December 15, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Cost \$5.00. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Ticket includes: Pancakes, sausages, eggs, fruit, coffee, tea, hot chocolate a juice. Arts and craft, coloring, meet Santa, and a gift. Breakfast served 9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Representatives from Each of the churches are:

Denise Brown- St. Ann- 410-336-3253

Kim Grays- St. Francis Xavier- 443-604-0730

Antionette Shannon- St. Wenceslaus- 443-928-1650

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.