

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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Meditation

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit!"

Do you know and experience in your own life the gift and power of the Holy Spirit? After his death and resurrection Jesus promised to give his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit! (John 20:22) Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit was conditional upon the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father. That is why Jesus instructed the apostles to wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49). Why did they need power from on high? The Gospels tell us that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized at the Jordan River:

"And John bore witness, 'I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him... this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit'" (John 1:32,33; Mark 1:8; Matthew 3:11).

"And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness... and Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee" (Luke 4:1,14). Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry, so the disciples needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:7), and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26) and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires (2 Corinthians 3:17; Romans 8:21). The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins.

Stewardship

2 Timothy 1:14

Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. God's healing mercies for my husband Tobey and my sister-in-law Celeste, req. by Sissy

Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. In memory of La Verna Scruggs, happy repose of her soul, req. by Darleen Thomas

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Happy birthday to all members of KPC-Ct. #323 celebrating birthday's this month

Wednesday

10:00 A. M. In memory of my mother Elizabeth J. Hughes on the 5th anniversary of her death, req. by Glendora Hughes

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercies for Sharon Butler and family

Friday

8:00 A.M. Happy repose of the soul of Mr. Calvin Butler

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Proverb 8:22-31

Second Reading: Psalm 8:4-9

Gospel: John 16:1-15

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	June 10, 2019	John 19:25-34
Tuesday	June 11, 2019	Matthew 5:13-16
Wednesday	June 12, 2019,	Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday	June 13, 2019	Matthew 5: 20-26
Friday	June 14, 2019	Matthew 5:27-32
Saturday	June 15, 2019	Matthew 5:33-37

SFX HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Come join SFX Holy Name Society for the 65th Annual Baltimore Archdiocesan Holy Family Night with the Orioles. Friday, July 12, 2019 at 7:05 p.m. against the Tampa Bay Rays. Tickets are available for Section (68) Left field lower box seats. Tickets are \$33.00 each. Please contact Leonard Brown at (443) 473-9212 for tickets. Thank You.

Senior Luncheon Reminder

The annual Senior Appreciation Luncheon for Pastorate members 65 and older will be held at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, June 15, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event is hosted by St. Wenceslaus Sunday School staff.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



Oblate Spirituality

Come celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Pierre Toussaint and Mother Mary Lange Information and Service Center. A Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday June 30, 2019 at 12:30 p.m. St Patrick Church 492 Bramhall Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

The Toussaint and Lange Center publish “The Lange Magazine” to encourage everyone to support the Cause of Servant of God, Mary Lange.

Save the Date

Join us to celebrate the 190th anniversary of the founding of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Archbishop Lori will be the celebrant at this special liturgy. Reception will follow in the Sacred Heart Hall. Tuesday July 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Providence, 701 Gun Road, Baltimore, MD. 21227

Mother Mary Lange: A Legacy of Hope

Oblate Sisters of Providence- 190th Anniversary Symposium: Still Standing under God’s Mantle of Providence:

November 23, 2019- 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Location TBD
Registration Fee: \$30.00 (includes morning hospitality and lunch)

Keynote Speakers: Sharon Knecht, Archivist: Oblate Sister of Providence

Diane Batts Morrow- Arthur, Persons of Color and Religious at the Same Time

Come enjoy liturgy, sessions, hospitality and fellowship.

Registration online at Everbrite or contact the Guild Office at 410-242-6861 or the Motherhouse at 410-242-8500.

This is a wonderful opportunity to engage others. Please stay tuned for additional details in the months ahead,

Special Notices

Religious Education 2019 Faith

Formation Calendar

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

June

9th Confirmation 11:00 a.m.

September

1st Registration

8th Registration

15th Catechetical Sunday

22nd Class begins

Children's Envelopes- Envelopes have been distributed to all Sunday School children. Start your child on a lifetime path to stewardship practice by using their envelopes weekly.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? Are you an adult Catholic who has not yet been confirmed? Perhaps you just want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or have questions about it. RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process for preparing adults for full communion with the Catholic Church and for instructing adults returning to their faith or who simply want to learn more. RCIA is open to anyone interested in exploring Catholicism.

We meet every Thursday, 6:30 p.m. in the undercroft October through May. Contact the parish office if you or someone you know may be interested.

This Sunday ends Religious education classes for the 2018-2019 year. On behalf of Fr. Xavier and the entire parish we thank our dedicated volunteer catechist who generously gave their time and talents during this past year to guide and pass along our Catholic faith to our children. We are blessed to have you and are most grateful for your service.

Joslyn Alexander

Church Happenings

INVITATION TO JOIN THE KPC

The Knights of Peter Claver is the oldest predominantly African American Catholic Lay organization in the nation. Our goals are to encourage lay apostolic, community actions and fellowship within our Catholic Community. We support worthwhile causes through volunteerism and charitable contributions. Ladies Auxiliary-Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange Court #323 is seeking new members including young ladies between the ages of 7-21. If you are interested in joining, please contact Carolyn Finney at 443-570—9577. Please leave a message.



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Come go with Faith Builders on a Crab Feast/ Casino Trip

Saturday, August 3, 2019, buses leave 9:00 a.m. and return 10:30 p.m. not responsible for lateness. The bus leaves from St. Francis Xavier Church, 1501 E. Oliver Street. Tickets are \$110.00 and can be purchased from any member of Faith Builders.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

Please inform the parish office if you are aware of parishioners that are ill or in need of assistance.



New Horizons of Men and Women Annual Father's Day Shrimp and Bull Roast is scheduled for Sunday June 16th

Knights of Peter Claver Council #323

Join the Knights for a weekend of Fun in Foxwood, Ct. August 24, 25, and 26, 2019. The cost is \$350.00 payable in installments. First deposit of \$50.00 was due on May 19, 2019. Second payment \$100. due June 2, 2019; Third payment \$100. due July 7, 2019; Final payment \$100. due August 4, 2019. For more information contact Sonny Owens, Michael Allen, Keith Bridgeforth,, Thedrick Tapp or Fred Conway.

SFX SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE!

Applications for SFX scholarships are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. The scholarships on the table are only for high school and college. Elementary and Middle School applications can be obtained from Joselyn Alexander, Director of Religious Education in the Sunday School Building.

Pastorate Oriole Game

The Baltimore Orioles will host the children and youth of St. Ann, St Wenceslaus, and St. Francis Xavier parishes at a game against the Boston Red Sox at Camden Yards on Saturday, July 20th at 7:05 p.m. The Orioles will provide 3 buses and all 3 buses will be at St. Wenceslaus at 5:30 p.m. on the evening and depart at 5:45 p.m. They will also provide participants with a hot dog, drink, bag of chips and Orioles gear to wear at the game. There will be a signup sheet that must be filled out completely in order to participate in the back of the church.

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.

