



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.*

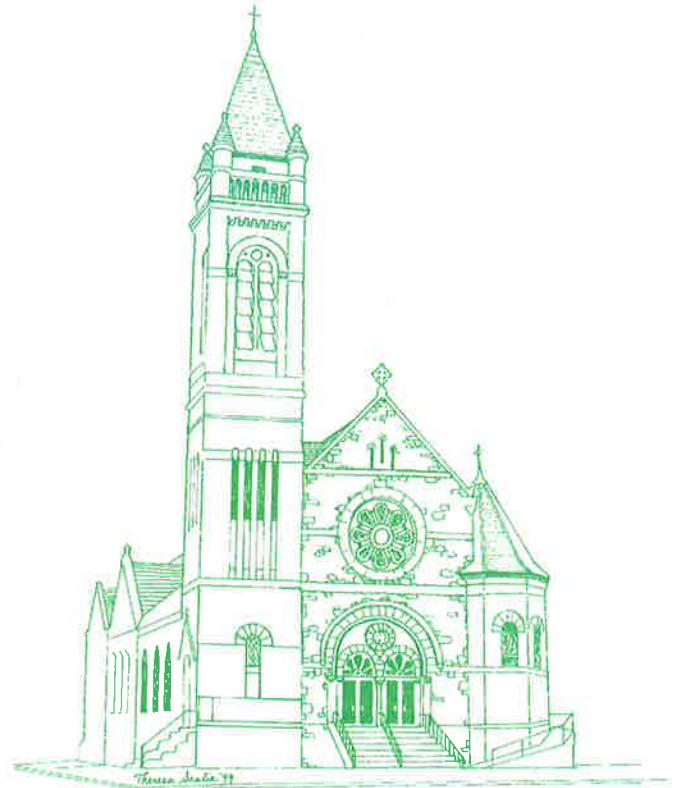
Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,

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

"If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever"

God offers his people abundant life, but we can miss it. What is the bread of life which Jesus offers? It is first the life of God himself - life which sustains us not only now in this age but also in the age to come. The Rabbis said that the generation in the wilderness have no part in the life to come. In the Book of Numbers, it is recorded that the people who refused to brave the dangers of the promised land were condemned to wander in the wilderness until they died. The Rabbis believed that the father who missed the promised land also missed the life to come. God sustained the Israelites in the wilderness with manna from heaven. This bread foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers.

Jesus is the "bread of life"

Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The manna from heaven prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist or Lord's Supper which Jesus gave to his disciples on the eve of his sacrifice. The manna in the wilderness sustained the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land. It could not produce eternal life for the Israelites. The bread which Jesus offers his disciples sustains us not only on our journey to the heavenly paradise, it gives us the abundant supernatural life of God which sustains us for all eternity.

The food that makes us live forever

When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood and partakers of his divine life. Ignatius of Antioch (35-107 A.D.), an early church father and martyr, calls it the "one bread that provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ" (Ad Eph. 20,2). This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward.

Do you hunger for the "bread of life"?

Jesus offers us the abundant supernatural life of heaven itself - but we can miss it or even refuse it. To refuse Jesus is to refuse eternal life, unending life with the Heavenly Father.

Stewardship Reflections

1 Corinthians 4:7

For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?



Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 P.M. (1) Happy Repose of the Soul of Archbishop Michael Ridgeway, req. by Martha Lewis Dorsey
(2) May the soul of Andrew Anthony Hall rest in peace, req. by Aunt Sissy

Sunday

8:00 A.M. God's healing mercy for Nadine Pulliam, req. by the family

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercy for all the sick in our parish, req. by Darleen Thomas

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. In Loving Memory of Napoleon Sykes, a phenomenal husband, dad, and pop-pop, req. by Brenda & Children

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's continued blessings and abundance of strength for our priests, req. by Darleen Thomas

Friday

8:00 A.M. Asking God for traveling mercies as I leave for my vacation, req. by Darleen Thomas

Today's Readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2
Gospel: John 6:41-51

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20
Gospel: John 6:51-50



SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

Please remember in your prayers, Nina Harper, Bernadette Morgan, Barbara Williams, Velva Foster, Jerrelle Francois, Lucretia Coates, Barbara Ann Brooks, Thelma Fly, Alice Lewis, Eleanor Hawthorne, Nadine Pulliam, James Dorsey, and all the other sick members of our parish. Ask God to grant them healing mercies.

Knights of Peter Claver Court #323

Come join us at National Harbor in Oxon Hill, MD for a shopping trip to the Tangier Outlets. The cost is \$45.00. We will only have one bus. The time is 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 18, 2018. You will have an opportunity to go to the Casino by shuttle for a cost on you for \$5.00 to be paid when you board the shuttle. Please see any lady for tickets.



The New Horizons of Men and Women will be going to Savannah, Georgia on October 11th through the 15th. Members of the organizations who plan on traveling with us, needs to get all money in as soon as possible for us to get the group discount. The cost of the train is \$200.00 round trip. Hotel is not included in the cost. Once we get the hotel details will be made available.

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.

Special Notices

Young Adult Bible Study

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

School Year “2018-2019 School Year Kickoff”

An event for parents and community members of St James and John Catholic School is scheduled for Sunday, August 19th from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church Undercroft. Light refreshments will be served.

Host:

Dr. Karmen Collins, Principal, St. James and John

SFX Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications for the 2018-2019 school year are in folders on the desk in the vestibule. Applications are for high school, elementary, middle and college. Requirements are spelled out for each one. In addition, there is a special \$300.00 book scholarship that will be available from Miles Fitzgerald family. You must apply for all. Please have all applications returned by August 30, 2018. Don't delay, get yours in today!!!

Apply Scholarship

Special Notices

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The second Tuesday of each month, 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.

A Special Notice

On behalf of the members of the SFX Holy Name Society we would like to let you all know how much we appreciate your outstanding support of our annual crab feast. All attendees had a wonderful time and we look forward to seeing you all again next year. Thank you and may God bless you and keep you all in the light of his presence.

St. Vincent de Paul

The parishioners of St. Francis Xavier have been very supportive of St. Vincent de Paul Outreach programs. We have supported the Hungry Bowls program, sent kids to summer camp, provided BGE assistance, and Eviction Prevention service. St Francis Xavier is a viable part of the Oliver Community. The food program is another effort to give back.

WE ARE A
COMMUNITY

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	August 13, 2018	Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday	August 14, 2018	Matthew 18:1-5,10, 12-14
Wednesday	August 15, 2018	Luke 1:39-56
Thursday	August 16, 2018	Matthew 18:21-19:1
Friday	August 17, 2018	Matthew 19:3-12
Saturday	August 18, 2018	Matthew 19:13-15

Holy Day of Obligation Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Holy Day of Obligation, Wednesday, August 15, 2018. Mass at 10:00 a.m.

CDA Ct. SFX #2257

Annual Shrimp Feast, Friday, August 17, 2018 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at the Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave. Baltimore, MD 21236 (off the 8400 block of Belair Road), Dancing and Games. All you can eat on the premises! Food served 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Music by DJ Derrick White. Ticket cost \$50.00, tickets can be purchased from any CDA member.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

Mark your calendar, the Sodality's Annual Shopping trip on Saturday, December 15, 2018 to Tanger Outlets and Rockvale Outlets, PA. Ticket costs will be \$55.00. Tickets will go on sale in September. Money due by November 4, 2018. See any Sodality member for tickets.



Squires and Ashanti

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.

Upcoming Events-August

*AFRAM- August 11, from 12-8pm and August 12 from 12-6 pm.
Where: Druid Hill Park,
3001 East Drive*

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.

Catholic Middle/Elementary School Application

St. Francis Xavier Parish Scholarship Program

*Application for Catholic Middle/Elementary School for the 2018-2019
School Year*

Part I Student and Family Information

Student's Name _____

Catholic Middle/Elementary School Planning to Attend _____

Parent (s)/Guardian Name _____

Address/City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Is the family registered member of St. Francis Xavier? *Yes* *No*

Part II Student's Parish Participation

Please list your involvement in Parish Programs and Organizations: (For example: Sunday School/CCD; Youth Ministry; Choir), present and past few years.

Catholic Middle/Elementary School Application

Part III The Parish Scholarship Program wants to learn more about you. Please share with us how your \$500.00 scholarship award can help you.

For grades 1st – 2nd - 25 word essay or art work,

For grades 3rd - 5th – 50 word essay

For grades 6th – 8th – 100 word essay

Please print/write/type – whatever you wish to tell us about yourself and why you feel deserving of the Award.

Please share with the Scholarship Committee a picture of yourself.

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) are asked to review the student's application and sign below the statement:

To the best of my knowledge this application is truthful and expressive of the student's mind.

Signature _____ Date _____

Catholic High School Application

St. Francis Xavier Parish Scholarship Program

Application for Catholic High School for the 2018-2019 School Year

Part I Student and Family Information

Student's Name _____

Catholic High School Planning to Attend _____

Parent (s)/Guardian Name _____

Address/City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Is the family registered member of St. Francis Xavier? ___ Yes _____ No

Part II Student's Parish Participation

Please list your involvement in Parish Programs and Organizations: (For example: Sunday School/CCD; Youth Ministry; Choir), present and past few years.

Please continue on the back of this application.

Catholic High School Application

Part III The Parish Scholarship Program wants to learn more about you. You are requested to write a 150 word essay as to why you deserve to receive this \$1000.00 scholarship award. How will the award assist the student and their family? What other funding will assist in your Catholic High School Education? Please assist members of the Scholarship Committee in gaining a better understanding of yourself and your goals in life. The Essay should be attached to this Application.

Please print/write/type – whatever you wish to tell us about yourself and why you feel deserving of the Award.

Please share with the Scholarship Committee a picture of yourself.

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) are asked to review the student's application and sign below the statement:

To the best of my knowledge this application is truthful and expressive of the student's mind.

Signature _____ *Date* _____

University/College Level Application

St. Francis Xavier Parish Scholarship Program

Application for University/College for the 2018-2019 School Year

Part I Student and Family Information

Student's Name _____

Catholic High School Planning to Attend _____

Parent (s)/Guardian Name _____

Address/City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Is the family registered member of St. Francis Xavier? *Yes* *No*

Part II Student's Parish Participation

Please list your involvement in Parish Programs and Organizations: (For example: Sunday School/CCD; Youth Ministry; Choir), present and past few years.

Please continue on the back of this application.

University/College Level Application

Part III The Parish Scholarship Program wants to learn more about you. You are requested to write a 200 word essay as to why you deserve to receive this \$1500.00 scholarship award. How will the award assist the student and their family? What other funding will assist in your College/University Education? Please assist members of the Scholarship Committee in gaining a better understanding of yourself and your goals in life. The Essay should be attached to this Application.

Please print/write/type – whatever you wish to tell us about yourself and why you feel deserving of the Award.

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