



# 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*

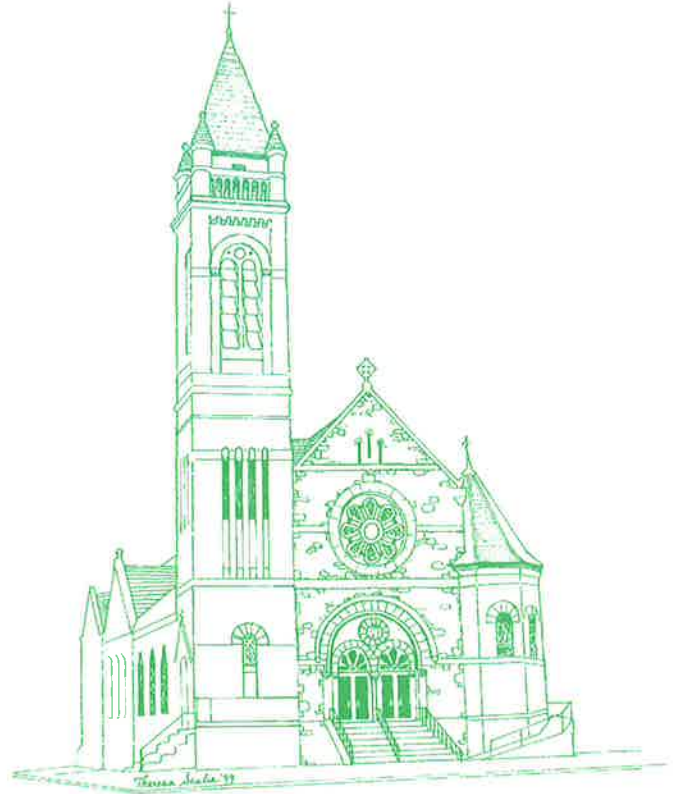
### **Funerals**

*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

*"Lord, give us this bread always"*

Is there anything in this life that can truly satisfy our deepest hunger and longing? Many sought Jesus out because he offered them something no one else could give - bread from heaven from the very hand of God himself. When Jesus had performed the miracle of multiplying five loaves of bread and two fish to provide a refreshing and satisfying meal for more than 5000 people (see John 6:1-15), they wanted to make him their king - no doubt because they wanted more. When Jesus withdrew from the crowd and quietly returned to Capernaum to be with his twelve disciples, they ran to seek him there (John 6:24-25). Jesus met them with a probing question - are you looking for physical food that perishes or food that gives eternal life?

### ***Jesus offers us the bread of heaven which produces spiritual life in us***

Do you hunger for the *bread of life*? The Jews had always regarded the manna in the wilderness as the *bread of God* (Psalm 78:24, Exodus 16:15). There was a strong Rabbinic belief that when the Messiah came he would give manna from heaven. This was the supreme work of Moses. Now the Jewish leaders were demanding that Jesus produce manna from heaven as proof to his claim to be the Messiah. Jesus responds by telling them that it was not Moses who gave the manna, but God. And the manna given to Moses and the people was not the real bread from heaven, but only a symbol of the bread to come.

Jesus makes the claim which only God can make: *I am the bread of life*. The bread which Jesus offers is none else than the very life of God. This is the true bread which can truly satisfy the hunger in our hearts. 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.

### ***Stewardship Reflections***

1 Corinthians 9:17

*For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me.*

## Mass Intentions



### Saturday

5:00 P.M. *Happy Repose of the Soul of my father, Charlie Lewis on his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, req. Martha Lewis Dorsey & Family*

(2) *Healing Mercies for our mom Alice Lewis, req. by Martha Lewis Dorsey & Family*

### Sunday

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

11:00 A.M. *God's healing mercies for Gracie Ferguson, req. by Darleen Thomas*

### Tuesday

8:00 A.M. *Traveling mercies and blessings for our priest, Fr. Xavier as he returns to St. Francis Xavier*

### Wednesday

10:00 A.M. *For recognition of Darleen Thomas Birthday, req. by the Family*

### Thursday

8:00 A.M. *Healing mercy for all the sick in our parish*

### Friday

8:00 A.M. *God's grace and mercy for all of the homeless and desolate people in our city, may they know that God is always with them, req. by Darleen Thomas*

## Today's Readings

*First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15*

*Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24*

*Gospel: John 6:24-35*

## Next Week's Readings

*First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8*

*Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30, 5-2*

*Gospel: John 6:41-51*



## 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
Monday	August 6, 2018	Mark 9:2-10
Tuesday	August 7, 2018	Matthew 14: -22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday	August 8, 2018	Matthew .15: 21-28
Thursday	August 9, 2018	Matthew 16:13-23
Friday	August 10, 2018	John 12:24-26
Saturday	August 11, 2018	Matthew 14:1-12

### ***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.*

### Squires and Ashanti

*The Squires and the 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.*

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## SPECIAL NOTICES

*Sodality of BVM’s annual trip to Emmitsburg, Maryland is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2018. We will tour the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Our Lady Grotto and have lunch at the Mountain Gate Restaurant. The cost of the trip is \$30.00 pp. which covers transportation, bus driver’s tip and donation to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s Shrine. The cost for lunch is \$16.50 pp this is to be paid individually at the restaurant. Fourteen (14) passengers Van will leave at 8:00 a.m. and return 5:00 p.m. If interested, please contact Martha Lewis Dorsey @ 410-668-1258 or any Sodality member. Money is due by August 5, 2018.*

*Mark your calendar, the Sodality’s Annual Shopping trip on Saturday, December 15, 2018 to Tangier 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.*

### *A Special Thank You!*

*The family of Bernard Fuller, thanks all the members and organizations of St. Francis Xavier for your support, cards, and expressions of sympathy during our time of bereavement.*

*Thank You*



*for your Kindness*

# Special Notices



## Young Adult Bible Study

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

Confirmation is just the beginning it is the **START** of life as a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, the Body of Christ.

Come join fellow St. Francis Xavier teen and young adult parishioners to read and discuss the Word together. This will be an opportunity after Confirmation that continues into high school and beyond for youth to continue to grow in their relationship with the parish community and with Christ. All are welcome!  
Joslyn Alexander, Director Religious Education



Ms. Nina Harper is in Future Care located at 4700 Harford Road Room # 271. Baltimore, MD 21214

### 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

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## 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.



## 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 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 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 18th through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.*