

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



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"

SVD-SFX Head Start Center (410) 685-7288

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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"He who is mightier than I is coming"

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:10-18

10 And the multitudes asked him, "What then shall we do?"
 11 And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." 12 Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" 13 And he said to them, "Collect no more than is appointed you." 14 Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." 15 As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, 16 John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." 18 So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people.

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! 15 The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. 16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. 17 The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing 18 as on a day of festival.

Meditation: Why did thousands come out to hear John the Baptist preach? And what was so unusual about his message? When John the Baptist appeared on the public scene and began to prophesy the whole nation of Israel took notice. It had been many hundreds of years since a prophet had spoken out and performed signs in the land of Israel. John broke the long silence with the sudden announcement that the Messiah (God's Anointed One) was about to appear. God had long ago promised his people through the patriarchs of the old covenant (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob),

Stewardship Reflections

'They shall therefore keep My charge, so that they will not bear sin because of it and die thereby because they profane it; I am the LORD who sanctifies them.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. In remembrance of our father Grady C. Hill on the anniversary of his 95th birthday, req. by Joyce Turnipseed and Family

Sunday

8:00 A.M. Happy repose of the soul of Nathan Thomas, req. by the Family

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. In memory of Foster Burley on the anniversary of his death., req. by the Burley Family

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. In loving memory of Michael Mello,, son and brother req. by Lawrence & Regina and Family

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Happy Birthday and God's continued blessings to Kevin and Brian Butler, req. by The Family

Friday

8:00 A.M. Happy Birthday blessings for Natlie Thomas, Amber Myers and Durell Burley, req. by Darleen Thomas and Family

Today's Readings

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

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a (12C)

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

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 17, 2018	Matthew 1:1-17
Tuesday	December 18, 2018	Matthew 1: 18-25
Wednesday	December 19, 2018	Luke 1: 5-25
Thursday	December 20, 2018	Luke 1: 26-38
Friday	December 21, 2018	Luke 1: 39-45
Saturday	December 22, 2018	Luke 1: 46-56

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

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



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.

Special Notices

December Schedule

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

This is an opportunity for us to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Christmas day by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Monday December 24, 2018 Christmas Vigil **Masses**

St. Francis Xavier ----- 5:00 pm
St. Wenceslaus -----6:00 pm
St. Ann -----7:30 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier ----- Midnight Mass beginning
with Carols at 11:15 pm

Tuesday December 25, 2018 Christmas Day Masses

St. Wenceslaus ----- 9:00 a.m.
St. Francis Xavier ----- 10:00 am

SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

Special Thanks!

Special thanks to my SFX Family for prayers and many expressions of Get Well, for Martha and James Dorsey doing their recovery, God Bless!



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.

Youth Voice Contest

A call for entries: Tell us how you would improve interactions between police and youth.

Entries must be submitted by January 15, 2019. Submissions can be : an essay, a drawing, a cartoon, an animated cartoon, a painting, a photograph, a sculpture, a collage or a video

*Two prizes will be awarded:
\$1,000 for a winner (age 12-14)
\$1,500 for a winner (age 15-18)*

Written entries and photos or scans of artwork should be emailed to :contest@strategiesforyouth.org

*Art submissions may also be mailed to:
Strategies for Youth Contest
PO Box 390174
Cambridge, MA 02139*

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.

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