

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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"I must be in my Father's house"

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; 43 and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44 but supposing him to be in the company they went a day's journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; 45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; 47 and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." 49 And he said to them, "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. 51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 (Deutero-canonical)

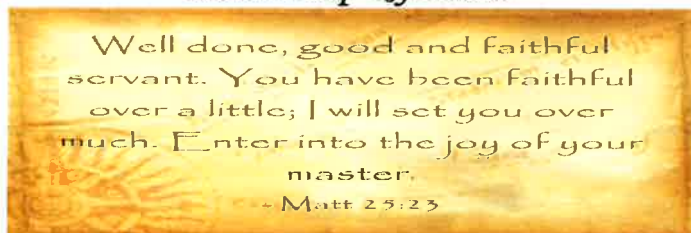
2 For the Lord honored the father above the children, and he confirmed the right of the mother over her sons. 3 Whoever honors his father atones for sins, 4 and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. 5 Whoever honors his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. 6 Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother.

12 O son, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives; 13 even if he is lacking in understanding, show forbearance; in all your strength do not despise him. 14 For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.

Meditation: How can families grow together in mutual love, harmony, and care for one another? When God made a covenant with his people, he taught them his way of love:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength - And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart - and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise"
(Deuteronomy 6:5-7).

Stewardship Reflections



Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. God's healing mercy for Andrew Tackett, req. by Irene Tackett

Sunday

8:00 A.M. Happy belated 84th birthday and God's healing mercy to our father Russell Dandridge, req. by Renita and Cathy Dandridge

11:00 A.M. People of the parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. God's blessings for peace in our city, req. by Darleen Thomas

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Happy repose for the soul of Randolph Parker, req. by Cecelia Johnson,

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's healing mercies for James and Martha Dorsey, req. Darleen Thomas

Friday

8:00 A.M. Asking God for his blessings for the Government employees that are affected by the shutdown.

Today's Readings

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6 (20ABC)

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2—3a, 5-6

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

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 31, 2018	Mark 4:1-25
Tuesday	January 1, 2019	Luke 2:16-21
Wednesday	January 2, 2019	John 1:19-28
Thursday	January 3, 2019	John 1: 29-34
Friday	January 4, 2019	John 1:35-42
Saturday	January 5, 2019	John 1:43-51

Mother Mary Lange, OSP Awards Banquet



The 22nd Annual Mother Mary Lange Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, February 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Please come out to support our awardees. It is with great pride that we announce our awardees in the three categories.

*Leadership_ Sharon Butler
Service- Jacquelyn Hart
Youth- Terence Hare*

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

2019 Faith Formation Calendar

January

23 First Penance 10:00 a.m.

24 Class

March

3 Class

6 Ash Wednesday

10 Class

17 Class-Community Service Project

24 Class

31 Class-Student Retreat 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

April

7 Class

14 Class- Psalm Sunday

18 Holy Thursday

21 No Class- Easter

28 Class

May

5 Class

12 No Class- Mother's Day

19 Class

26 Class

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 Circle Club Winners

President- Crystalyn Gaddy- 61- \$500.00
V. President- Sarah Johnson- #43- \$100.00
Treasurer- Jeanne Edmonds # 59- \$100.00
Secretary- Anthony Gaines- # 77- \$100.00
1st Bonus- Arnetta Boyd- # 12- \$50.00
2nd bonus- Lillian Smith- # 58- \$25.00
3rd Bonus- Rhona Pack- # 69- \$25.00



Its Gets cold inside too!! Please remember your church requires funding to heat it.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

Please inform the parish office if you know that one of our parishioners is ill or in need of assistance.



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.

**ST. FRANCIS XAIVER PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY
OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS!**

Adiele, Andy	1/06	Howard, Sherry	1/01	Smith, Bianca B.	1/07
Adiele, Brian	1/26	Hughes, Tyrone	1/17	Strawder, Verna L.	1/15
Allen, Joyce	1/04	Jefferson, Latarsha	1/17	Tackett, Irene B.	1/29
Alston, Justin T.	1/25	Jenkins, Chalissee	1/01	Terrell, Kimberly	1/14
Alston, Latea	1/19	Johnson, Darlene	1/31	Thomas, Valerie	1/25
Ayres, Marvin L.	1/02	Johnson, Elizabeth	1/23	Thompson, Carlos Moulden A.	1/23
Bailey-Culmer, Kim	1/13	Johnson, Naisha	1/26	Tunson, Scott	1/25
Baker, Lydia T.	1/08	Jones, Florence	1/26	Uche, Cynthia	1/14
Bell, Ronald	1/18	Jones, Shantel	1/27	Walker, Broderick	1/08
Bevans, Ericka	1/14	Kane, Cynthia	1/07	Whitaker, Gabrielle D.	1/26
Booth, Michael A.	1/04	Kane-Knight, Nadine	1/06	Whiters, Terrance	1/27
Brooks, Alana D.	1/20	King, Alice A.	1/06	Whittington, Robert	1/08
Brown, Cameron K.	1/09	Laforest-Shariff, Regina	1/14	Wiggins, Alan D.	1/07
Brown, Francine M.	1/04	Lang, Sherry	1/26	Williams, Delores	1/17
Brown, Kobe J.	1/25	Latham, Myles A.	1/22	Wylie, Darryl	1/23
Burton, Irving O.	1/14	Latham, Orlando R.	1/15		
Burton, Keesha L.	1/05	Lee, Mary Elizabeth	1/04		
Cawthorne, Eleanor	1/31	Lewis-Dorsey, Martha	1/24		
Chambers, James M.	1/16	Lewis, Nakita	1/17		
Cooper, Michael Jr.	1/11	Logan, Joyce L.T.	1/18		
Cornish, Carl C.	1/04	Lowman, Catherine	1/01		
Cunningham, Brielle	1/16	Mack, Avon	1/09		
Dance, Jocelyn	1/05	Mackall, Takeria A.	1/17		
Davis, Erika	1/10	Martin, Melanie Louise	1/19		
Davis, Mekia	1/06	Massey, Keslynn	1/21		
Drummond, Natasha	1/26	Massey, Kooper	1/03		
Ferguson, Walter	1/22	Matthews, Edward G.	1/17		
Fly, Tyrik	1/30	Matthews, Russell	1/29		
Frank, Hassaan	1/25	Mattison, Mildred	1/25		
Franklin, Jr. Eric	1/18	McGuire, Patricia	1/31		
Franklin, Sheeaa	1/25	Mello, Dorothy M.	1/23		
Franklin, Sherrie	1/07	Mello, Henry Jr.	1/19		
Fuller, Paula	1/09	Moore, Shamicka	1/02		
Gaddy, Crystalyn M.	1/17	Morris, Chanel L.	1/10		
Garrett, Stanya	1/22	Pango-Davis, Cindy K.	1/12		
Guyton, Sakai	1/16	Pango, Nelly	1/01		
Hagans, Robert G.	1/21	Pasley, Christopher	1/18		
Hance, Elizabeth	1/05	Perrin Jr. Mark	1/15		
Hanson, Damien G.	1/06	Price, Latoya M.	1/16		
Hare, Daniel T. N.	1/30	Rogers, Crystal S.	1/09		
Harris, Aajah	1/14	Rogers, Dontay	1/07		
Harris, Carlos	1/07	Rogers-Robinson, Sandra D.	1/15		
Harrison, Michael B.	1/18	Roles, Jerome B.	1/29		
Hill, Ricky	1/19	Sacthell, Dana	1/03		
Holcombe, Ronald L.	1/11	Singleterry, Jeryl	1/29		
Howard, Marlene	1/28	Singleton, Marcus	1/03		

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
DURING JANUARY, OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS!**

Keith and Regina Hammond	1/25	Bernard and Gertrude Shorter	1/24
Cornel and Rosalind Johnson	1/07	Carl and Kathy Washington	1/06
Leonard and Melanie Martin	1/28	Sylvius and Rosine Wininga	1/04
Theodore and Ellen McCallum	1/28		
Jesus M. and Margaret Monges	1/01		

**St. Francis Xavier Eucharistic Community
Yours Prayers Are Requested For The Sick Of The Parish**

January 6, 2019

Rhonda Acree
Avonda Barnes
Nina Bonaparte
Barbara Ann Brooks
Garland Burley
Harry Butler
Xavier Church
Candace Coates
Lucretia Coates
Dorothy Coleman
Russell Dandridge
Esther Davis
John Davis
James Dorsey
Jeanne Edmonds
Thelma Fly
Velva Foster
Thomas Grays
Rochelle Hagans
Frances Hance
Nina Harper
Bertha Johnson

Cornelia Johnson
Marian Quickley Johnson
Hilda Langley
Alice Lewis
Charles Lewis Jr.
Mildred Mattison
Stephanie Washington-Merritt
Shelia Hurtt-Moore
Bernardette Morgan
Yvonne Newby
Marlene Patterson
Nadine Pulliam
Frances Sears
Helen Singleton
Mabel Smirth
Vickie Smith
Wanda Smith
Antoinette Soares
Vincent Soares
Andrew Tackett
Barbara Williams
Peggy Williams