

# 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.*

**1501 E. OLIVER STREET • BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21213**

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# REFLECTION

## **"You are the salt of the earth and light of the world"**

Jesus used ordinary images, such as salt and light, to convey extraordinary truths that transform our minds, hearts, and lives. What does salt and light have to teach us about God and the transforming power of his kingdom? Salt was a valuable commodity in the ancient world. People traded with it, like we trade with valuable goods, such as gold and stock. Salt also served a very useful purpose, especially in warmer climates before the invention of electricity and refrigeration. Salt not only gave rich flavor to food, it also preserved food from going bad and being spoiled.

### **The salt of God's kingdom for all**

Jesus used the image of salt to describe the transforming effect of God's work in our lives - and how the Holy Spirit wants to work through us to bring the power and blessing of God's kingdom to others. As salt purifies, preserves, and produces rich flavor for our daily food, we, too, as disciples of Jesus, are "salt" for the world of human society. The Lord wants to work in and through us to purify, preserve, and spread the rich flavor of God's kingdom everywhere - his "kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17).

### **Don't lose your saltiness**

What did Jesus mean by the expression "if salt has lost its taste... it is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot" (Matthew 5:13)? Salt in the ancient world was often put into ovens to intensify the heat. When the salt was burned off and no longer useful it was thrown out on the ground where it would easily get stepped on and swept away (Matthew 5:13). How can we lose our "saltiness"? When we allow the world, sin, and Satan to corrupt us. The Lord wants us to preserve our "saltiness" - through virtuous living and rejection of sin - not only for our own sake but also for the sake of others.

### **The aroma of Christ in the world**

Paul the Apostle reminds us that we are called to be "the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life" (2 Corinthians 2:15-16). Do you allow the fragrance of Christ's love, truth, and holiness to permeate every area of your life, your thoughts, words, actions, and relationships?

## **Stewardship Reflections**

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. In Loving Memory of Annie L. Burley on the occasion of her Birthday, req. by the Burley Family

### Sunday

8:00 A.M. God's mercy and blessing on our church so that we may continue to grow and flourish, req. by Darleen Thomas

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

### Tuesday

8:00 A.M. In memory of all the deceased members of the New Horizons of Men and Women, req. by NHM&W

### Wednesday

10:00 A.M. In Memory of Michael Mello on the Anniversary of his Birthday, req. by the Family

### Thursday

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

### Friday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercies and God's blessings on Mabel Smith and Catherine Powell

## Today's Readings

**First Reading:** Isaiah 58:7-10

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:13-16

## Next Weeks Readings

**First Reading:** Sirach 15:15-20

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

**Gospel:** Matthews 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



## 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
Mon.	2/06/2017	Mark 6:53-56
Tues.	2/07/2017	Mark 7:1-13
Wed.	2/08/2017	Mark 7:14-23
Thurs.	2/09/2017	Mark 7:24-30
Fri.	2/10/2017	Mark 7:31-37
Sat.	2/11/2017	Mark 8:1-10

### ***Easter Monday Atlantic City Trip***

SFX trip to Atlantic City is scheduled for Easter Monday, April 17, 2017. We will be going to Resorts Casino. The price of the tickets is \$35.00 with a \$25.00 rebate. Please see either Bessie Roberts or Polly Hargrove for tickets.

### ***Holy Name Union***

The Holy Name is offering \$1,000.00 scholarships for the 2017-2018 school years. Applications are on the table in the rear of the church and are due back on or before April 17, 2017. Please contact Mr. Cleveland Cosom at 443-802-6438. Thank You.

The HARAMBEE Youth Ministry Team is sponsoring the Raffle for College Care Packages. The prize is a basket of cheer and goodies valued over \$350.00. Most of the proceeds will go towards providing care packages for our college students. The cost of the raffle tickets is \$5.00 each. Please contact Marsha Powell at 443-4676-2841.

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### January Finances

**Income: \$34,873.25**

**Expenses: \$34,841.00**

**Deficit: \$32.25**

Some recurring expenses included but not limited to:

BGE  
Verizon  
Home Depot- Maintenance  
Roof work  
Office Supplies  
Church supplies  
Plumbing expense  
Dish  
Exterminator



St. Francis Xavier Conference  
Annual Report Period 10/2/15-9/30/16  
Direct Aid- Eviction Prevention- \$3000.00  
Direct Aid- Utility Assistance- \$8000.00

\$11,000.00

Person receiving Direct Aid- 350  
Eviction 89  
Utility 261

We appreciate all of the support from our parishioners that provided the funds for this assistance.

### Upcoming events: Save the dates

- Empty Bowls- Our Signature fundraiser that provides critical services to the homeless, and poverty in our community. 3/25/17 at Timonium Fairgrounds
- 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Archdiocesan Social Ministry Convocation 3/4/17 at Seton Keough High School. For additional info. Contact Gracie Ferguson 727-2103 ext. 4

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## Special Notices

### CDA Court # 2257

Will be hosting the Black Catholic Unsung Hero Women Award on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We are asking that you nominate a hard working woman who epitomizes the best in caring for family, church and community.

Applications are in the back of the church. They are due back by Sunday February 5, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Powell at 443-467-2841.

### SFX Circle Club Foxwood Casino Trip

We are still accepting travelers for the Circle Club trip.



### SFX SWINGERS

The Swingers are sponsoring their annual Bull and Oyster Roast on Sunday March 5, 2017 at Heritage Parkville Gardens, 7631 Harford Road (In Parkville Shopping Center) 3:00 pm. - 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$55.00 per person (includes bar) Music by DJ White. Please see any member of the Swingers for ticket information.



## Special Notices

### Campaign Update

Please be vigilant in honoring your pledges for Embracing Our Mission and the Archbishop Appeal. Both can impact our church in a positive manner.

### St. Francis Xavier New Website

St. Francis has a new website you can go there to retrieve the weekly bulletin. The website is: [www.historicfrancisxavier.org](http://www.historicfrancisxavier.org). Please utilize the new website for your bulletin.

### Leadership Meeting

The Leadership Meeting of all leaders of groups and organizations with Fr. Xavier is scheduled for February 11, 2017 in the undercroft from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

### HEART OF MERCY HEALING MINISTRY FOR WOMEN

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd offer counseling services with a licensed therapist. Are you looking for help dealing with depression, anxiety, post-abortion healing, relationship issues, spiritual difficulties, improving your self-esteem or other issues that keep you from experiencing the fullness of life that Christ offers? If so, please contact Sr. Mary Frances, RGS at 410-245-0870.

## SPECIAL NOTICE!

### **Please Keep In Your Prayers**

- *All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX*

### Step Up to the New Year!!

*We are inviting all parishioners to step up to the New Year by making a onetime donation to support the continued renovations and repairs of our church and rectory. Your contribution will be for St. Francis Xavier only.*



### **Oblate Sisters of Providence Annual Chicken Dinner**

*The Oblate Sisters of Providence will host the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicken Dinner on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at St. Frances Academy Center, 501 E. Chase St. Baltimore, MD 21202. Tickets are \$10.00. Volunteers and donations are needed. Please contact Sister Helene Therese, OSP at (410) 536-5687 or Mr. Ralph Moore 443-255-5600. Proceeds are toward Motherhouse expenses.*

## 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 Rectory, 410-727-3103. Please also remember to contact the Rectory 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 Rectory Office, Monday 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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## MONDAY NITE CATECHISM CLASSES

*With Dr. Kirk P. Gaddy, EdD*

The Monday nite catechism classes will address 3 themes:

1. God's Gifts of the Sacraments (2-3 sessions)
  - a. Sacraments of Initiation
  - b. Sacraments of Healing
  - c. Sacraments of Service
2. Gods' Gifts of the Liturgy (3 sessions)
  - a. Introductory Rite
  - b. Communion Rite
  - c. Concluding Rite
3. God's Gifts of the Bible
  - a. Old Testament
    - i. The Pentateuch
    - ii. Historical Books
    - iii. Wisdom Books
    - iv. Prophetic Books
    - v. Biblical Novella
  - b. New Testament
    - i. Gospels
    - ii. Acts
    - iii. Letters
    - iv. Revelation

### Dates:

- **Theme 1: Mondays**  
**Feb. 6, 20, & 27**
- **Theme 2: Mondays**  
**March 6, 20, & 27**
- **Theme 3: Mondays**  
**April 3, & 24**

**Please come and refresh your memory of the Scriptures and Doctrines of the Church**

**PLEASE POST**

**OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE  
701 Gun Road  
Baltimore, Maryland 21227**

**Applicants Needed for Maintenance Work**

**Experience: Some experience in general maintenance**

**Skills : General knowledge in the following:**

- Plumbing**
- Electricity**
- Janitorial Cleaning**
- Home Improvement**
- Yard Maintenance**

**Hours : 7:00AM - 3:00PM (Monday - Friday)**

**Lunch : 11:30PM - 12:30PM (Meal provided.)**

**Personal transportation and driver license is required.**

**Contact : Sister Lorraine  
410-242-7981 (office/voice mail)  
410-294-0665 (cell phone)**





The Swingers of  
St. Francis Xavier Church  
Presents It's Annual  
Bull and Oyster Roast

Sunday, March 5, 2017

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Heritage Parkville Gardens

7631 Harford Road

(In the Parkville Shopping Center)

Music by DJ White

Donations \$55 (Includes Open Bar)



Menu

*Fried Chicken and Clams, Western Style Beef on the Pit,  
Country Ham, Smoked Turkey, Raw Oysters, Sausage  
w/Peppers & Onions, Italian Meatballs in sauce,  
Sauerkraut and Kielbasa, Baked Beans, Macaroni and  
Cheese, Ham, Corned Beef, Turkey Breast, American  
and Swiss Cheese, Sliced Pepperoni, Assorted Cheese  
Cubes, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Pasta Salad, Assorted  
Vegetables Display with Dip, Vegetable Soup,  
Sliced Tomatoes, Sliced Onions, Hot Cherry Peppers,  
Pickle Spears, Olives, Crackers, White and Rye Breads,  
Rolls, Coffee, Tea, Sanka, Beer, Soda and Sheet Cake*

For ticket info contact any member Dottie Mello, Polly Hargrove, Michael Allen,  
Jackie Hart, Barbara Thomas or Mildred Lane