

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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Baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire"

Scripture: *Luke 3:15-16, 21-22*

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Meditation: Do you want to be on fire for God? John the Baptist said that the Messiah would "baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Fire in biblical times was associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to Moses (Exodus 3:2). The image of fire was also used to symbolize God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13), his protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), his holiness (Deuteronomy 4:24), righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9), and his wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16). It is also used of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11 and Acts 2:3). God's fire both purifies and cleanses, and it inspires a reverent fear of God and of his word in us.

Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire

Jesus came to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you want the Lord's power, grace, and love to burn brightly in your life? Ask him to fill you with his Holy Spirit.

Stewardship Reflections

Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. *God's healing mercy for Dorothy Addison, req. by the family*

Sunday

8:00 A.M. (1) *Happy belated 80th birthday and God's healing mercy for Russell Dandridge, req. by Cathy and Renita Dandridge*

(2) *In memory of Dorothy Bennett and Mary Parker on the anniversary of their birthdays, req. by the Parker family*

11:00 A.M. *People of the parish*

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. *Happy birthday to me and praying for God's continued blessings, req. by Sandra Rogers Robinson*

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. *In memory of Beverly Allen on the anniversary of her death, req. by the family*

Thursday

8:00 A.M. *Happy 70th Birthday and God's blessings for Paula Fuller, req. by the family*

Friday

8:00 A.M. *God's healing mercies for Nadine Pullam, req. by the family*

Today's Readings

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

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 6 2:1-5 (66C)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel John 2: 1-11

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	January 14, 2019	Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday	January 15, 2019	Mark 1: 21-28
Wednesday	January 16, 2019	Mark 1: 29-39
Thursday	January 17, 2019	Mar
Friday	January 18, 2019	John 1:35-42
Saturday	January 19, 2019	John 1:43-51

St. Vincent DePaul Annual Empty Bowls

On Monday February 4, 2018 from 10 :00 a.m. to 12 p.m. in our undercroft, we will be painting bowls that will be used for the 13th Annual Empty Bowls event, that will be held at the Timonium Fairgrounds on Saturday March 23, 2019. This event will help raise funds that will ensure those impacted by poverty will have the skills and resources needed to help them reach their full potential. We need 20 volunteers, to paint the bowls. If you are interested, please call the office and give your name to the secretary.

Important Notice

The Trip to the Nordic Lodge has been cancelled due to lack of interest. All deposits will be refunded, you can pick_y up your deposit if you paid cash., all others will be mailed.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



On Saturday, January 26, 2019 the year the Oblate Sisters of Providence will begin to celebrate the 190th year of foundation of the Sisters. In addition, the Mother Lange Guild will be celebrating the 137th Anniversary of the Home Going of Mother Mary Lange. The Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel of he Oblate Sisters, 701 Gun Road. Tell all your family and friends... Father Donald Fest will be the Celebrant

Mother Mary Lange, OSP Awards Banquet

Congratulations

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.

Tickets are \$60.00, reserve yours now.

Leadership_ Sharon Butler

Service- Jacquelyn Hart

Youth- Terence Hare

Special Notices

Religious Education

2019 Faith Formation Calendar

Sunday 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

January

6 Class

13 Class

20 Class

February

3 Class African American History Program

10 Class

17 Class-

23 First Penance 10:00 A.M.

24 Class

Important Notice:

Community Action Partnership (which assist with water bills) has relocated to 1731 E. Chase St.

Baltimore, MD 21213 (410-545-0136)



Bishop Madden's next Prayer Walk is scheduled for Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 21, at St. Bernadine Church located at 3800 Edmondson Ave., beginning at 12 noon. This walk will be during the day because of the National holiday. There will light refreshments in the hall following the walk.



The Oliver Food Pantry will be open on January 15, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m. It is located at 1400 Federal Street. Please tell your friends and relatives to support this effort. We do not want to lose this location which serves our community.



St Wenceslaus Afternoon at the Races

Please come out and Join St. Wenceslaus for an afternoon of fun, fun, fun. on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Hot platter served, followed by Hot Dogs later. Beer, coffee, and Desert. Donation \$15.00 tickets will be available at the rectory office or call 410-665-7304

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.



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*

Important Envelope Information

Parishioners please make sure that your name is on any envelop that you submit along with the monetary amount. We are receiving envelopes with no names or numbers. We have no way of knowing who to credit the offering to. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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. WENCESLAUS CHURCH

AFTERNOON AT THE RACES

Saturday, January 26, 2019

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm



Place Your Bets and Watch Video Taped

Horse Races

On the Big Screen

Play Instant Bingo, Raffles and Door Prizes

\$15 Donation

MENU

Hot platter Choice of Baked/Fried Chicken or Fried Fish

String Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Dessert, Coffee, Soda and Beer

Hot Dogs served later

**For tickets or more information
contact Antoinette Shannon, 443-928-1650
or church office, 410-675-7304**

St. Francis Xavier Hall

1501 E. Oliver St.

Plenty of Free Parking on the Lot

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OR CALL 410-675-7304

HOT PLATTER SERVED
3:30 – 4:30 PM
HOT DOGS LATER
BEER, SODA, COFFEE
AND DESSERT

YOU CAN BUY AND NAME YOUR OWN HORSE
FOR ONLY \$3. IF YOUR HORSE COMES IN FIRST,
YOU WIN \$13.50. FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND
RETURN BY SUNDAY, January 20TH.

YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT FOR YOUR HORSE TO WIN.

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

Name of horse _____

Name of horse _____

Donation \$3

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