

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.*

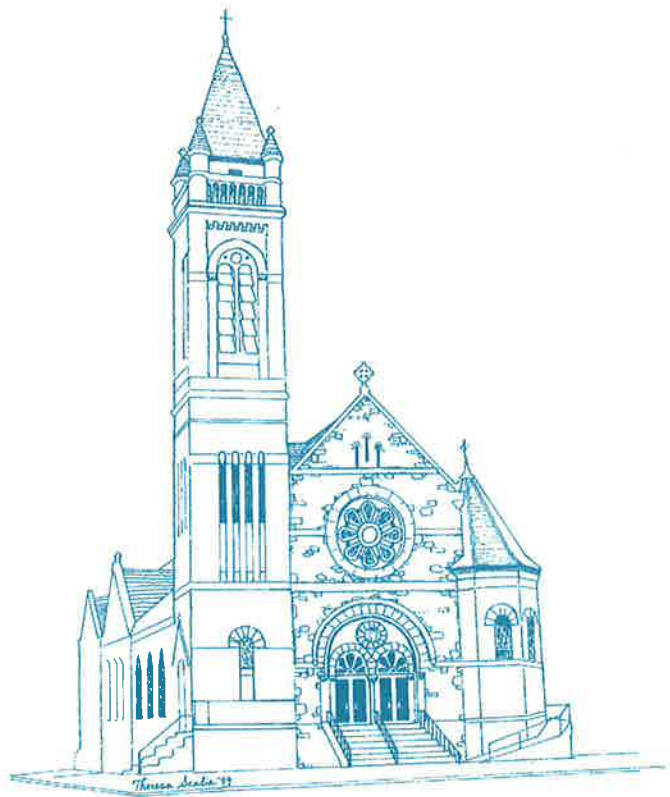
Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,

Pastor

Religious Education

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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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“Jesus manifested his glory at Cana”

Scripture: *John 2:1-12*

1 On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; 2 Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. 3 When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So, they took it. 9 When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." 11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him. 12 After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples; and there they stayed for a few days.

Meditation: Do you recognize the glory and presence of the Lord Jesus in your life? God often reveals his glory to us in the unlikeliest of places - in a cold stable at Bethlehem, at a village wedding party in Cana, on a bloody cross at Golgotha, or on the road to Emmaus. In today's Gospel reading we see the first public sign and miracle which Jesus performed. The Lord Jesus brought great blessing and joy to a newlywed couple and their wedding party. First by his presence, and second by saving them from embarrassment when the wine ran out. Changing water into wine was a remarkable act of kindness; but giving the best to last was unnecessary and unheard of. In the Old Testament wine is seen as both a gift and blessing of God (Deuteronomy 7:13;

Stewardship Reflections

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. *May my daughter Kjah have a successful career as a registered nurse, req. by Roger Ford.*

Sunday

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

11:00 A.M. *Happy repose of the soul of Nadine Pulliam, req. by the family*

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. *God's healing mercy for all the sick in the parish, req. by Darleen Thomas*

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. *Happy birthday to Dottie Mello and many more, req. by Darleen Thomas*

Thursday

8:00 A.M. *Happy birthday to Martha Dorsey and may God grant her healing mercy, req. by the office staff*

Friday

8:00 A.M. *God's healing mercy for Dorothy Addison, req. by her church family*

Today's Readings

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

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 or 12:12-14, 27

Gospel Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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 21 2019	Mark 2: 18-22
Tuesday	January 22, 2019	Mark 2 :23-28
Wednesday	January 23, 2019	Mark 3: 1-6
Thursday	January 24, 2019	Mark 3: 7-12
Friday	January 25, 2019	Mark 3: 16: 15-18 Or 3: 13-19
Saturday	January 26, 2019	Mark 3: 19 6 -20- 21

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.

Special Thanks

The family of Nina Harper extends our sincere appreciation to our St. Francis Xavier family for your love and support during her illness and after her passing. Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, and visits. You will always be in our prayers. God Bless You.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



Oblate Sisters of Providence Credal Statements:

We believe as did our Foundress Mother Mary Lang, OSP, and our Founder Reverend James Nicholas Hector Joubert, SSJ, that God provided, does provide and will provide.

We believe as an African American Congregation of multicultural women religious, we are a unique and visible testimony of church and constant challenge to its authenticity to be the voice of Jesus Christ to all people.

We believe we are called to be radically transformed to face the challenges of confronting society and the church.

We believe in the prophetic role we must fulfill in our day to expose and to overcome every form of racism which continues to divide our society and our church and injure our families.

We believe the suffering that has been intrinsic to our Congregation from its beginning enables us to reach out to others with tenderness and compassion.

We believe our Oblate vocation calls and enables us to embrace all people equally with dignity and respect, free from any form of prejudice, discrimination or distrust.

We believe we are guided by the Holy Spirit to see Christ in each person, thus liberating, educating, and healing all, especially youth, the aged and the poor.

Special Notices

Religious Education

2019 Faith Formation Calendar

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

February

3 Class African American History Program

10 Class

17 Class-

23 First Penance 10:00 A.M.

24 Class

Important Notice!

Unsung Black Catholic Women

Unsung Black Catholic Woman Award sponsored by The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court # 2257 nomination forms will be in the back of the church Sunday.

Oliver Food Drop

The next date for the Oliver food drop is February 18, 2019. If you know of anyone impacted by the Government shut down, please refer them to the food drop for assistance or St. Vincent DePaul.



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 be light refreshments in the hall following the walk.



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

Funeral Arrangements for Nadine Pulliam

Family Time at Vaughn Green York Road will be Monday, January 28th, from 4: 00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Wake Tuesday January 29, 2019 from 10:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

Funeral Mass- Tuesday January 29, 10:30 a.m.

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.

*Dorothy Addison-
GBMC Rehab, 5th fl. (elevator B) Room 5422*



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 cooperation on this matter.

We are in the process of preparing end of year statements. They should be out by January 31, 2019. Please make sure that the office has your correct mailing address.

Core Team Members

During the last several months the Pastoral Councils of each parish in the Pastorate of St. Ann, St. Wenceslaus, and St. Francis Xavier have been engaged in a thorough selection process to assemble Collaborative Body known as the Core Team. The Core Team will function to work with the Administrative team to provide oversight, effective communication, planning and implementation of collaborative activities and initiatives. The Core Team nominees that will represent St. Francis Xavier Church are: Celestia Drake, Marsha Powell, Dr. Kirk Gaddy, Regine LaForest- Sharif.

The first introductory meeting for the Pastorate Core Team will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at St. Ann's Church 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

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.