

# 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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**They fell down and worshiped Jesus"**

**Scripture:** *Matthew 2:1-12*

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, 2 "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 6 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; 8 and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9 When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; 11 and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**Old Testament Reading:** *Isaiah 60:1-6*

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. 3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be carried in the arms.

**Stewardship Reflections**

**Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you**

**Mass Intentions**



**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

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

11:00 A.M. *Happy repose of the soul of Nina Harper, req. by Darleen Thomas*

**Tuesday**

8:00 A.M. *Happy birthday to all members of KPC Ct. 323 celebrating birthdays this month*

**Wednesday**

10:00 A.M. *Healing mercies for Josephine McCoy, req. by Ms. McCoy*

**Thursday**

8:00 A.M. *Happy repose of the soul of Bernard Fuller, req. by Paula Fuller*

**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: Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC)*

*Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

*Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12*

**Next Week's Readings**

*First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 (21C)*

*Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*

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

## 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 7, 2019	Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	January 8, 2019	Mark 6: 43-44
Wednesday	January 9, 2019	Mark 6:45-52
Thursday	January 10, 2019	Luke 4: 14-22
Friday	January 11, 2019	John 1:35-42
Saturday	January 12, 2019	John 1:43-51

### *Mother Mary Lange, OSP Awards Banquet*



*The 22<sup>nd</sup> 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*

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## 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.*

### *A Special Thank You*

*A special thank you to The New Horizons of Men and Women and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. These two groups together distributed fifty (50) twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) gift cards to the surrounding community to assist them at Christmas with food items.*

*Also, a special thank you to members of the Angel Tree, and a special shout out to Joyce Logan and Mary Watties, for the extra-long hours waiting for people to pick up gifts. St Francis really stepped up this holiday season. God bless you all.*

# 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



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

#### *A Special Thank You!*

*The Sunday School extends a hardy thank you to all that supported their raffle basket. The winner of the basket was Pia Butler.*



*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.*



## 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](mailto: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.*