



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

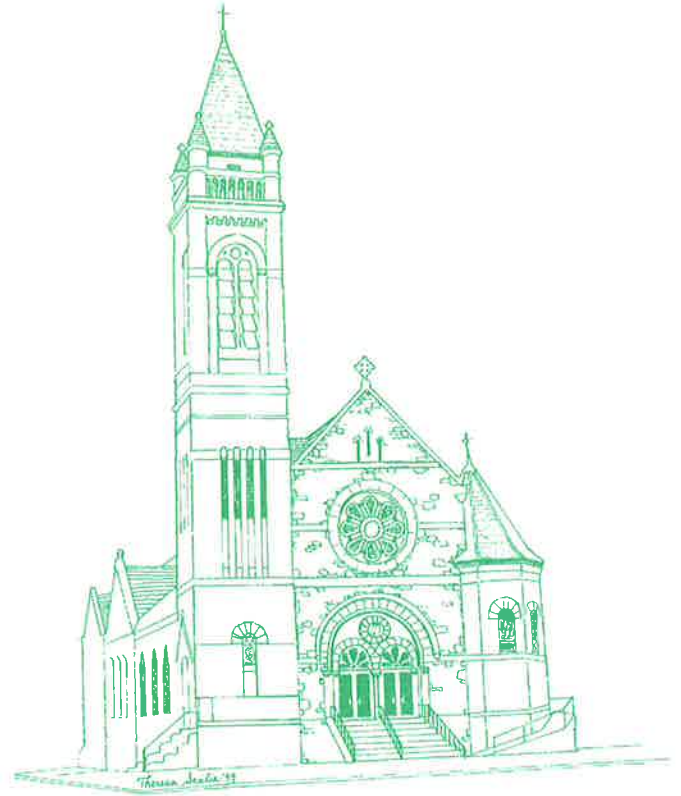
Holiday, Mass and Novena will be at 8:00 AM only

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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REFLECTION

Jesus gave them authority over sickness and unclean spirits

What kind of authority and power does the Lord want you to exercise on his behalf? Jesus gave his apostles both the power and the authority to speak and to act in his name. He commanded them to do the works which he did - to heal the sick, to cast out evil spirits, and to speak the word of God - the good news of the gospel which they received from Jesus. When Jesus spoke of power and authority he did something unheard of. He wedded power and authority with self-sacrificing love and humility. The "world" and the "flesh" seek power for selfish gain. Jesus teaches us to use it for the good of our neighbor.

Why does Jesus tell the apostles to "travel light" with little or no provision? "Poverty of spirit" frees us from greed and preoccupation with our possessions and makes ample room for God's provision. The Lord wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves. He wills to work in and through each of us for his glory. Are you ready to use the spiritual authority and power which God wishes you to exercise on his behalf? The Lord entrusts us with his gifts and talents. Are you eager to place yourself at his service, to do whatever he bids you, and to witness his truth and saving power to whomever he sends you?

"Lord Jesus, make me a channel of your healing power and merciful love that others may find abundant life and freedom in you. Free me from all other attachments that I may joyfully pursue the treasure of your heavenly kingdom. May I witness the joy of the Gospel both in word and deed."

Psalm 85: 8-13

8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

12 Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. In honor of Gwendolyn Thomas on her 75th birthday, may God continue to bless you abundantly, req. by the family.

Sunday

8:00 A.M. All the deceased members in the Walters, Martin families, req. by John Rutkowski and Jeff Martin

(2) Healing mercy for Bernie Fuller, req. by NHM&LW.

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. In remembrance of my mother Ethel Hill on her 94th Birthday, req. by Joyce Hill Turnispeed & Family

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. n Loving Memory of A. Bernice Hunley, req. by Trinia Paris

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Happy repos for the soul of Barbara L. Williams, req. by her family

Friday

8:00 A.M. Asking God to embrace the young girl shot by a passing car in Baltimore, grant her healing mercy, req. by Darleen Thomas

Today's Readings

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34



SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

Please remember in your prayers, Nina Harper, Bernard Fuller, Bernadette Morgan, Barbara Williams, Velva Foster, Jerrelle Francois, Lucretia Coates, Thelma Fly, Barbara Williams, and all the other sick members of our parish. Ask God to grant them healing mercies.

It saddens us to inform you that Barbara L. Williams, the daughter of Margaret Johnson, will be funeralized at our church on Tuesday July 17, 2018, the wake is 10:00 a.m. with the funeral Mass following at 10:30 a.m. Repast immediately after Mass.

Knights of Peter Claver Court #323

Come join us at National Harbor in Oxon Hill, MD for a shopping trip to the Tangier Outlets. The cost is \$45.00. We will only have one bus. The time is 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 18, 2018. You will have an opportunity to go to the Casino by shuttle for a cost on you for \$5.00 to be paid when you board the shuttle. Please see any lady for tickets.



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.

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
Mon.	July 16, 2018	Matthew 10:34-11:1
Tues.	July 17, 2018	Matthew 11:20-24
Wed.	July 18, 2018	Matthew 11:25-27
Thurs.	July 19, 2018	Matthew 11:28-30
Fri.	July 20, 2018	Matthew 12:1-8
Sat.	July 21, 2018	Matthew 12:14-21

Sunrise Choir

The Sunrise Choir is celebrating their 22nd Anniversary on July 29, 2018 during the 8:00 Mass. The theme is "Marvelous". Please join the Sunrise Choir in celebrating this special occasion.

CDA Ct. SEF #2257

Annual Shrimp feast, Friday, August 17, 2018 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at the Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave Baltimore, MD 21236 (off the 8400 block of Belair Road, Dancing and Games. All you can eat on the premises! Food served 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Music by DJ Derrick White. Ticket cost \$50.00, tickets can be purchased from any CDA member.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Sodality of BVM's annual trip to Emmitsburg, Maryland is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2018. We will tour the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Our Lady Grotto and have lunch at the Mountain Gate Restaurant. The cost of the trip is \$30.00 pp. which covers transportation, bus driver's tip and donation to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Shrine. The cost for lunch is \$16.50 pp this is to be paid individually at the restaurant. Fourteen (14) passengers Van will leave at 8:00 a.m. and return 5:00 p.m. If interested, please contact Martha Lewis Dorsey @ 410-668-1258 or any Sodality member. Money is due by August 5, 2018.

Mark your calendar, the Sodality's Annual Shopping trip on Saturday, December 15, 2018 to Tangier Outlets and Rockvale Outlets, PA. Ticket costs will be \$55.00. Tickets will go on sale in September. Money due by November 4, 2018. See any Sodality member for tickets.

June Financials

Offering Income: \$23,552.00

Expenses: \$25,513.11

Deficit: \$ 1,961.11

Note: Please consider increasing your offering this month because the repair to the cooling system and the replacement of the station of the cross will be very costly. We try to do everything possible to contain costs, but un foreseeable events do happen.

Special Notices

Religious Education

Young Adult Bible Study

Sunday 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. – School Building beginning September 23, 2018.

Confirmation is just the beginning it is the **START** of life as a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, the Body of Christ.

Come join fellow St. Francis Xavier teen and young adult parishioners to read and discuss the Word together. This will be an opportunity after Confirmation that continues into high school and beyond for youth to continue to grow in their relationship with the parish community and with Christ. All are welcome!
Joslyn Alexander, Director Religious Education

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? Are you an adult Catholic who has not yet been confirmed? Perhaps you just want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or have questions about it. RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process for preparing for full communion with the Catholic Church, and for instructing adults returning to their faith or who simply want to learn more. RCIA is open to anyone interested in exploring Catholicism.

A new group is forming for the fall, so contact the parish office if you or someone you know may be interested.

Special Notices

Religious Education Cont.

Sunday School classes are held September through May from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. for grades pre-kindergarten through 9th grade. We are taking registrations for this year's Sunday School program starting September 9th. Mark your calendars: Sunday School begins September 23rd.

Sacramental Preparation: The policy of the Archdiocese of Baltimore is that children undergo two years of faith formation to prepare for the sacraments. This means: Year 1 (the year immediately before the year of reception), and year 2 (the year of reception). The usual year to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is the Second Grade. This means that our children begin preparation during the First Grade. The usual year to receive Confirmation is the Ninth Grade. If your children satisfied their requirements in Religious Education classes as a first or eighth graders last year, then they should be on track to receive the respective sacraments next year. If your children were not able to receive these sacraments during the usual years, it is not too late. We will help you and your children to prepare and receive the sacraments.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The second Tuesday of each month, The Oliver Center will be distributing free fresh fruit, vegetables and other food items. Please take advantage of this distribution of products. This was only made possible through a grant that was investigated and achieved through our very own St Vincent De Paul group. Please inform family and friends, if it is not utilized, the market will cease to exist. Fresh vegetables, for your family and friends, no cost to you.



ST. WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL

CRAB FEAST

To benefit

The Lucielle Fitzgerald Outreach Center

Food Pantry

Saturday, July 21, 2018

2 pm – 6 pm

***St. Francis Xavier Church Hall
1501 E. Oliver St***



MENU

Hot Steamed Crabs, Vegetable Crab Soup, Fried Chicken, Pit Ham, Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Meatballs, Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob, Toss Salad, Vegetable Trays, Assorted Cheese, Crab Dip, Breads, Rolls, Sheet Cake, Fresh Brewed Iced Tea, Lemonade, Soda and Beer

Donation: \$55.00 per person

PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM TO DONATE TO OUR FOOD PANTRY

**For ticket information contact:
Alicia Champlin @ 443-722-6652
or
Church Rectory @ 410-675-7304**

**NO TICKETS SOLD AT DOOR
ALL MONEY TO BE TURNED
IN BY JULY 15TH**

Music by DJ Nick

50/50 Raffle, Gift Basket, Instant Bingo, Door Prizes