

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

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit!"

Do you know and experience in your own life the gift and power of the Holy Spirit? After his death and resurrection Jesus promised to give his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit! (John 20:22) Jesus knew that his disciples would need the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them. The gift of the Holy Spirit was conditional upon the ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the Father. That is why Jesus instructed the apostles to wait in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high (Luke 24:49). Why did they need power from on high? The Gospels tell us that Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized at the Jordan River:

"And John bore witness, 'I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him... this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit'" (John 1:32, 33; Mark 1:8; Matthew 3:11).

"And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness... and Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee" (Luke 4:1,14). Just as Jesus was anointed with the Spirit at the beginning of his ministry, so the disciples needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit to carry out the mission entrusted to them by Jesus. The Holy Spirit is given to all who are baptized into Jesus Christ to enable us to live a new way of life - a life of love, peace, joy, and righteousness (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit fills our hearts with the love of God (Romans 5:7), and he gives us the strength and courage we need in order to live as faith-filled disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Spirit helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26), and enables us to grow in spiritual freedom - freedom from doubt, fear, and from slavery to our unruly desires (2 Corinthians 3:17; Romans 8:21). The Spirit instructs us in the ways of God, and guides us in living according to God's will. The Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. Isaiah foretold the seven-fold gifts that the Spirit would give: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2).

The gift of Pentecost - the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the spiritual gifts and blessings of God - are made possible through the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus. After his resurrection Jesus "breathed" on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. Just as God breathed life into Adam, so the gift of the Holy Spirit is an impartation of "new life" for his people. With the gift of the Holy Spirit a new creation begins. God recreates us for his glory.

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. Happy repose for the soul of Andrew William Stokes, req. by the Family

Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. God's blessings on all our youth celebrating their First Communion and those celebrating Confirmation, req. by SFX Church Family

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Happy repose for the souls of Frank and Dorothy Rutkowski, req. by John Rutkowski

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Happy repose for the soul of Carmella Brown, req. by the New Horizons of Men and Women

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Happy birthday to all the members of KPC Ladies Aux, Court #323 celebrating birthdays in June,

Friday

8:00 A.M. Deepest sympathy and Prayers to the Bridgeforth Family on their loss of a family member, req. by D. Thomas

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:36-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: Exodus 34:46-6, 8-9
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel: John 3:16-18



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.	6/05/2017	Mark 12:1-12
Tues.	6/06/2017	Mark 12:13-17
Wed.	6/07/2017	Mark 12:18-27
Thurs.	6/08/2017	Mark 12:28-34
Fri.	6/09/2017	Mark 12:35-37
Sat.	6/10/2017	Mark 12:38-44

Circle Club Winners

- President: # 66- Darleen Thomas- \$500.00
- V. President # 31- Georgia Brooks \$ 100.00
- Secretary- # 127- Julie Woodrow/Scott- \$100.00
- Treasurer- # 63- Gracie Ferguson-\$100.00
- 1st Bonus- #118- Annamaria Joyner- \$50.00
- 2nd Bonus- # 102- Cleveland Cosom- \$25.00
- 3rd Bonus- #12- Arnetta Boyd- \$25.00

Orioles Hosting Children and Youth June 30th, 2017

The Orioles are hosting the children and youth of St. Ann, St. Francis Xavier and St. Wenceslaus parishes at a game against Tampa Bay at Camden Yards on June 30th at 7:05 p.m. We will be allotted 150 tickets, 50 tickets for each parish. The expectation is to have at least 20 adult chaperones and 130 children. The children will have first priority for sign up. The Orioles will provide 3 buses and all 3 buses will be at St. Wenceslaus at 5:30 p.m. on that evening. They will also provide participants with a hot dog, Drink, bag of chips and Oriole gear to wear at the game. A signup sheet is available on the table in the back of the church. This trip is for our youth and those working with our youth only.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Sacrament of Baptism

We celebrate Karmara Dorsey and Taylor Madison Henderson who were baptized on May 28th. Please keep these young girls and their families in your prayers.

On This Feast of Pentecost We Celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion.

Today culminates the end of our 50 day Easter season with the celebration of the church’s Birthday, the feast of Pentecost. We welcome back Bishop John. H. Ricard, S.S.J., Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee.

On this wonderful occasion we celebrate with our First Communion class of 2016-2017 and their families as they received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Congratulations to: Onyx Rebecca Abung, Madison Monae Cunningham, Karmara Iris Dorsey, Taylor Madison Henderson, Skye Cassi Jenkins, Jaliyah Jannelle Johnson, and Mekhi Courtenay Lewis-Chase.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi and their families: **St. Cecilia Church-** Olajuwon Napayshni Anderson, Sydney Caitlin McGuirt-Shorter, Jewel Carley Murrill, Colin-Christopher Marcellus Scott. **St. Peter Claver and St. Pius V-**Shamar Lane Seay, Krishona Nye’ayela Watson, Sania Linnice Washington. **Transfiguration Roman Catholic Congregation-** Keena Alana Jackson, Tajane’ Vevaeh Tarver. **St. Wenceslaus Church-** Steven Christopher Fung. **St. Francis Xavier Church-** Nadia Chisom Egbunine, Tatiana Chioma Egbunine, Cairo Johari-Pearl Harris, Kai Brianna Massey, Jalen Malik Singleterry.

We ask God’s blessing on these children today and that they continue practicing their faith as disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ within His Church.

Special Notices

SFX CONGRATULATES ALL OF OUR GRADUATES

May each of you continue to walk the path of righteousness and success with God's blessings. Keep Him in the forefront of all that you do and you will always succeed.



Homegoing Services

Carmella Brown – Family viewing Howell Funeral Home Brehms Lane June 5th, 2017 from 3-8 p.m. Wake, June 6th at 10:30 a.m. with funeral Mass immediately following. Repast will be after interment at St. Francis Xavier.

Andrew William Stokes- Family viewing March East (North Avenue) June 6th 4-8 p.m. Wake, Wednesday June 7th 10:30 a.m. with funeral Mass immediately following. Repast after the interment at St Francis Xavier.

Special Notices

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. Please utilize the new website for your bulletin.

St. Vincent De Paul Church

The Resource Exchange is a program of the Social Action Committee at St. Vincent de Paul Church. We place homeless persons in apartments in cooperation with Health Care for the Homeless. We are always looking for gently used small furniture pieces and household items. The complete list is on our website at stvchurch.org. For more information contact Pat Frascati at 410-663-5542 or 410-917-2214 or Frascati00@comcast.net

Archdiocese of Baltimore Mobile App

The Archdiocese of Baltimore has developed a mobile version of its website and an App for Apple and Android device users, to make it easier for Catholics to stay connected to their local church, including parishes and schools, while on the go. For more information, visit www.archbalt.org Or download the app from the app store.



SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX

SFX Organization Activities

June 10th- KPC Crab Feast- Saturday June 10th from 6:00 p.m. . Tickets \$60.00

June 18th Father's Day Shrimp and Oyster Roast hosted by the New Horizons of Men and Women. Tickets \$40.00

Faith Builders Flea Market , July 15th, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. To order tables please see the insert.

Church Picnic- June 17th, 2017



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 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.



Flea Market



(Sponsored by Faith Builders of
St. Francis Xavier Church)

Refreshments on Sale

Date: *Saturday, July 15, 2017*
Place: *St. Francis Xavier Church Parking Lot
1501 E. Oliver Street*
Time: *10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

Do you have something to sell? Or have some
community info that needs to be circulated. Here's
the perfect venue



For Info Contact Donna Booth 443 743-4045