

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

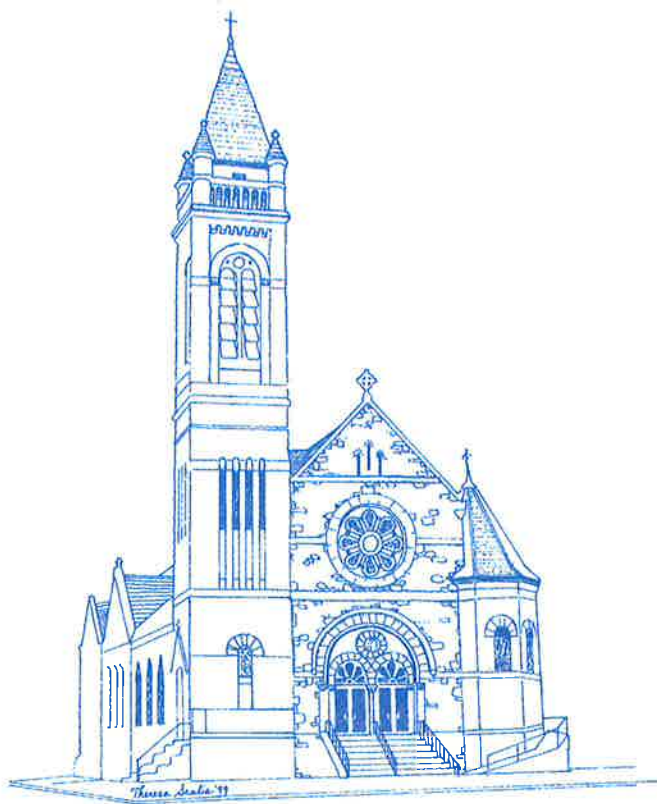
Funerals

*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

"The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven"

Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the Scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the Promised Land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthly ministry.

The Risen Lord is with us always to the end of time
Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time (Matthew 28:20). Now as the glorified and risen Lord and Savior, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to send them the Holy Spirit who would anoint them with power from on high on the Feast of Pentecost, just as Jesus was anointed for his ministry at the River Jordan (Luke 3:21-22, 4:1,18). When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left in sorrow or grief. Instead, they were filled with joy and with great anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The Risen Lord empowers us to carry on his work
Why did the Risen Lord ascend into heaven? The Father raised the glorified body of his Son and enthroned him in glory at his right hand in heaven. The Lord Jesus in his glorified body now reigns as Lord over the heavens and the earth - over all that he has created. The Risen Lord reigns from the throne in heaven as our Merciful Redeemer and Gracious King. He intercedes for us and he empowers us through the outpouring of his Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus gives us new life in his Spirit and he strengthens us in faith, hope and love so we can serve him and carry on his work as citizens of his kingdom here on earth. You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.
Jesus' last words to his disciples point to the key mission and task he has entrusted to his followers on earth - to be his witnesses and ambassadors to the ends of the earth so that all peoples, tribes, and nations may hear the good news that Jesus Christ has come to set us free from sin, Satan, and death and has won for us a kingdom of peace, joy, and righteousness that will last forever.

Stewardship Reflections

Luke 18:22

When Jesus heard this, He said to him, "One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. Happy Anniversary to McKevit and Abena Walker, req. by Sissy

Sunday

8:00 A.M. Happy 41st Anniversary to Jonathan and Cecilia Johnson, with God's Blessing, req. by Sissy

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercy for Arthur Bastress, req. by John Rutkowski and Jeff Martin

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Healing mercy for all of the sick in our parish, req. by Darleen Thomas

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's blessings for good health and spiritual growth for my family, req. by D. Thomas

Friday

8:00 A.M. Continue blessings for Mary Anne Rutkowski and family, req. by John Rutkowski

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14
Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16
Gospel: John 17:1-11a

Next Weeks Readings

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



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.	5/29/2017	John 16:29-33
Tues.	5/30/2017	John 17:1-11a
Wed.	5/31/2017	Luke 1:39-56
Thurs.	6/01/2017	John 17:20-26
Fri.	6/02/2017	John 21:15-19
Sat.	6/03/2017	John 21:20-25

Oblate Sisters of Providence

Applicants are needed for maintenance work

Experience: Some experience in general maintenance or a willingness to learn on site.

Skills: General knowledge in the following:

- Plumbing
- Electricity
- Janitorial Cleaning
- Home Improvement
- Yard Maintenance

Hours: 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

Lunch: 11:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m. (Meal provided)

Transportation and a driver's license are required.

Contact: Sister Lorraine 410-242-7981 (Please leave a message and your call will be returned)

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 sign up sheet is available on the table in the back of the church.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Religious Education

Children's Envelopes- Envelopes have been distributed to all Sunday School children. Start your child on a lifetime path of stewardship practice by using their envelopes weekly.

Thank You

Joslyn Alexander, Director Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday June 4th, at 11:00 A.M. Mass by Bishop Ricard, S.S.J.



**Sacraments
of Baptism
and
Confirmation**

Dawson Safe Haven Center

The Director of the Dawson Safe Haven Center which is located at 1401 E. Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21213 is hosting a Free Summer Camp for the Oliver Community.

CDA Court #2257 of SFX Sponsoring a Poetry Contest

Beginning May 14, 2017 and ending May 30, 2017 the CDA Court #2257 is sponsoring a Poetry Contest for students in grades 1st-12th. The Pastorate churches, including St. Ann, St. Wenceslaus and St. Francis Xavier will be participating. The students must be members of one of the churches. Forms will be in the back of the church. Contact Marsha Powell (443) 467-2841.

Special Notices



On behalf of the New Horizons, Squires, and Ashanti Ministries. Every Sunday in the month of May, we are accepting clean gently used men, women and children clothing. Drop them off at the church basement entrance hall designated area. These donations will go directly to help the seniors recently burned out of Lanvale Towers. Items will also go to St. Vincent DePaul homeless shelter program.

Religious Education

Sunday, May 28th will be the last day for Sunday School classes. Please make sure that your children are present 9:30 a.m. Please make sure that your children continue to attend Mass during the summer. Registration for the Fall will start in August.

Sunday, June 4th seven of our children will celebrate First Holy Communion also that day fifteen young adults will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Please join us at the 11:00 a.m. Mass as we celebrate these sacraments that are the foundation of our Catholic faith.



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.

Reminder:

If you are working with our children or youth, please make sure that you have completed The required "**Shield the Vulnerable Training**". If you are in need of the training please call the office and speak to Darleen Thomas.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX

A Special Thank You

St. Ann's Church Family thanks us for attending their fundraiser. Your presence was a blessing to them. They pray that everyone had a wonderful time. God tells us in his word Proverbs 11:25 "A generous person will prosper whoever refreshes others will be refreshed".

The Sodality of BVM expresses their appreciation to all that attended their fashion show on Sunday. It was a lovely affair enjoyed by all. A special thank you to all the models, cooks, servers, musician, and the commentator.



Loyola Early Learning Center

New Preschool Opening

To apply to the new 12-month Catholic Loyola Early Learning Center (September 2017, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.) at 801 St. Paul Street corner of Madison) for a full \$12,500 scholarship, see your parish secretary or phone St. Ignatius Church at 443-563-2589 or go online at www.loyolaearly.org to register your two-year old child now! You don't have to be of the Catholic faith to register your 2 year old. There will also be classes for the parents on Saturday.

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.

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary

Mother Mary E. Lange, Court #323

Crab Feast



June 10, 2017

**St. Francis Xavier Church
1501 E. Oliver St.
Baltimore, MD 21213**

Menu: *All you can eat #1 male crabs, homemade Maryland crab soup, beef barbeque, fried chicken, steamed corn on the cob, potato salad, cole slaw, cheese tray, fresh sliced watermelon, bread, rolls, and butter, Beer, assorted sodas, and water.*

Ticket Cost: \$60.00

Laurentia Strawder, Chair
410.276.0082

Renee Terry, Grand Lady
410.522.8207



"As sons and daughters of God, we are called to communicate with everyone, without exception."

—Pope Francis, Message for 50th World Communications Day, 2016

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Your gifts to the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) bring the message of the Gospel to people from all walks of life, all around the world.

Where do your donations go?

Fifty percent of all funds collected remains in your diocese to fund local communications projects. The other half helps to fund national and international programs that use the media to evangelize. In the past year, CCC funds have made possible:

- TV and e-books to the faithful in **five** developing countries
- **365** days of audio podcasts and video reflections on the daily readings
- Over **127 million** page views on the *USCCB.org* website in 2015
- Thousands of Catholics engaged daily through social media channels
- **Millions of people reached . . . and still counting!**

By supporting the CCC, you help bring the gospel message to "everyone, without exception," as Pope Francis asks.

"God Bless you for this wonderful way to begin my days. Before 6:30 Mass I read the readings. When I return home later I then watch the video reflection for more insight. Please let everyone there know what a wonderful work all of you are doing."

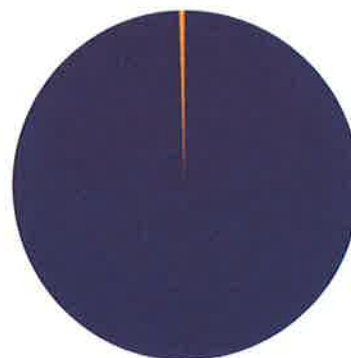
—Patty O., Centennial, CO

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2015 CCC FINANCIALS



Distribution of Funding in 2015

- Grants (External and Internal): 99.5%
- Fundraising, Promotions, and Program Expenses: 0.5%



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