

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

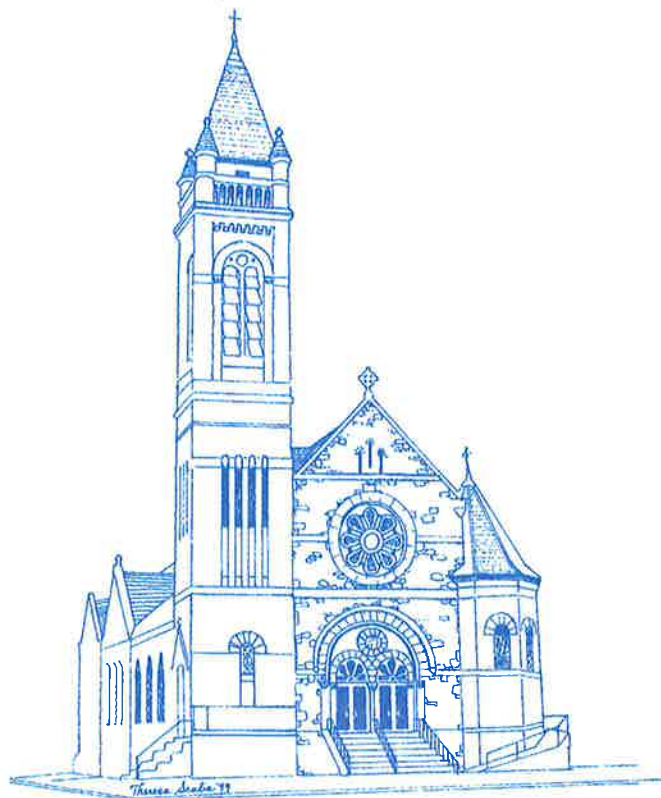
*Please notify the rectory before making
arrangements with funeral homes.*

*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

"Lord, show us the Father"

Do you allow any troubles to rob you of God's gift of peace? As much as we try to avoid it, we inevitably encounter challenges and trials that can shake our confidence and our trust in God. Jesus knew that his disciples would be put to the test when their Master was taken from them during his suffering and passion - his arrest, trial, and rejection by the leaders of his own people, and crucifixion by the Romans. Jesus encouraged his disciples to put their faith and hope in God the Father and also in himself.

When adversity or trouble comes your way, does it make you lose hope or give into fear and despair, or does it press you closer to the Lord Jesus and to the strength and help he offers you? When the people of Israel became discouraged and grew weary during their 40 years in the wilderness, the Lord assured them that he would personally bring them safely into the Promised Land.

"It is the LORD who goes before you; he will be with you, he will not fail you or forsake you; do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:8).

This land of promise was a sign that prefigured and pointed to the true heavenly homeland which God offers to all who accept his gift of salvation through his Son, Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus, through his victory on the cross and his resurrection, has opened the way for each one of us to live in peace and friendship with our heavenly Father.

A place for you in my Father's house

During Jesus' last supper meal with his apostles, he spoke in plain words to them about his approaching departure. He tells them that he is returning to his Father to prepare a place for them in the Father's house. Jesus not only goes to secure for his disciples a place of refuge, peace, and security, he secures for them the best the Father has to offer - intimate communion, friendship, and joy with the Father at his table (Luke 12:37, Matthew 8:11) and place of rest and refreshment. Jesus promised his disciples - and each one of us - that he would return again to personally bring us to the Father's house. Are you ready to follow the Lord Jesus wherever he wishes to lead you now and in the future? And do you trust him to bring you safely to your home with the Father in his kingdom? Paul the Apostle reminds us that nothing in this world can compare with the glory of feasting with the Father in his house. "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18). Is your hope securely placed in Jesus and his promise to raise you up in glory with him?

Stewardship Reflections

1 Corinthians 9:17

For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. Happy Repose of the Souls of Francis Bumbrey, Hilda Wilson and Aretta Hines, req. by Sandy Parrish

Sunday

8:00 A.M. (1) Happy Repose of the Soul of Napoleon Sykes, req. by the Family

(2) Happy Repose of the souls of Dorothy Butler, req. by Sandy Parrish

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Happy Repose of the soul of Cornelia Mims, req. by Dario Mims

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Healing mercies for Irene Tackett, req. by Darleen Thomas

Thursday

8:00 A.M. Happy Repose of the soul of Nathan Thomas, req. by Dorothy Mello

Friday

8:00 A.M. God's continue blessing on all of the sick in the parish and their family, req. by Dorothy Mello

Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: John 14:1-12

Next Weeks Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel: John 14:15-21



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.	5/15/2017	John 14:21-26
Tues.	5/16/2017	John 14:27-31a
Wed.	5/17/2017	John 15:1-8
Thurs.	5/18/2017	John 15:9-11
Fri.	5/19/2017	John 15:12-17
Sat.	5/20/2017	John 15:18-21

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 am-3:00 pm (Monday-Friday)

Lunch: 11:30pm- 12:30 pm (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. If interested see Howard Kane.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Ladies Sodality of Blessed Virgin Mary Annual Fashion Show

Ladies Sodality of Blessed Virgin Mary presents their Annual Fashion Parade “Spring in Bloom” on Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church undercroft, tickets are \$15.00. Please see any Sodality member for tickets or information. Thank you for your continued support.

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



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.



Special Notices

Prayer Walk

Bishop Madden invites you to join him for his next prayer walk on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at Saint Gregory the Great Church located at 1542 North Gilmore Street.



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.

Special Thanks

On behalf of St. Francis Xavier parishioners I would like to thank Dr. Kirk Gaddy for his generosity and of time and effort in preparing for and delivering the "Monday Nite" Catechism classes from February through April. The sessions were well attended and people are still talking about it. Those who were unable to attend the sessions missed a real treat. It was an honor for our parishioners to be catechized by our nationally recognized Religious Educator. Thank you again.

THANK YOU

Special Notices

St. Francis Xavier New Website

St. Francis has a new website where you can go to retrieve the weekly bulletin. The website is: www.historicfrancisxavier.org. Please utilize the new website for your bulletin. The number of bulletins each week is being reduced to help contain costs. Please utilize the website.

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.

23rd Annual Mass

The Archdiocese for Military Services will host the 23rd Annual Memorial Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4th Street and Michigan Ave, NE, Washington D.C. 20017-1566 on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. This special liturgy honors the men and women of the Armed Forces. Principal Celebrant and Homilist: The most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services. Parking is limited. Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please Keep In Your Prayers

All sick and shut-in parishioners of SFX

- Thelma Fly
- Lorraine Bell
- Dorothy Bennett
- Marian Quickley Johnson
- Lucretia Coates
- Mabel Smith
- Doris Russell
- Bernadette Morgan
- Dorothy Coleman
- Helen Singleton
- Chris Pasley
- Candace Coates
- Cecilia Johnson
- Barbara Williams
- Francis Hance
- Helen Moore

The names listed are just a few; if you know of others, please notify the church office.

Sunday School Classes

Sunday School classes will be held on May 21, and May 28. Please make sure that your children are present for these remaining few weeks at 9:30 a.m.

CRS Rice Bowls

CRS Rice Bowls were distributed to all Sunday School children. The Children's Lenten sacrifices to CRS will honor Jesus' call to serve our neighbors who have less than we do. Please have the children return their Rice Bowl. Thank you to those who have returned their Rice Bowl already.



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.

Crab Feast Raffle - Crab Basket



- Sponsoring Organization: Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary
Ct# 323, Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange
- Drawing Prize: Gift Certificate for one-half bushel of steamed crabs
4 crab spice mixes
Case of Beer
Mallets
2 Beer Mugs
- Value of Prize: \$150+
- Ticket Costs: 1 for \$5
3 for \$10
- Drawing date: Saturday, June 10, 2017
- Grand Lady: Grand Lady Renee Terry
- Contact for tickets: Any member of Court 323

CDA POETRY CONTEST



The CDA Court 2257 is sponsoring a Poetry Contest for students in grades 1-12. The Pastorate churches, including St. Anne, St. Wenceslaus, and St. Francis will be participating. The student must be members of one of the churches. The contest begins May 14, 2017 and ends on May 30th, 2017. Forms will be in the back of the church. Contact Marsha Powell on 443-467-2841.

Poetry