



# 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*

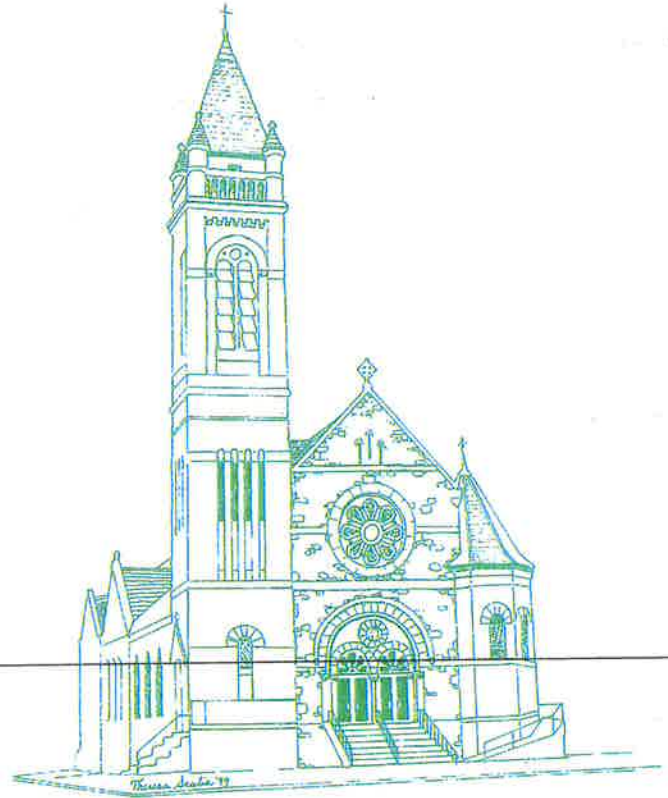
### Funerals

*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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**"Do good to those who hate you"**

What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is *grace* - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate and abuse us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. It is easier to show kindness and mercy when we can expect to benefit from doing so. How much harder when we can expect nothing in return.

***Give and forgive - the two wings of prayer***

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) describes Jesus double precept to *give and forgive* as two essential wings of prayer:

*"Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given you. These are the two wings of prayer on which it flies to God. Pardon the offender what has been committed and give to the person in need"* (Sermon 205.3). *"Let us graciously and fervently perform these two types of almsgiving, that is, giving and forgiving, for we in turn pray the Lord to give us things and not to repay our evil deeds"* (Sermon 206.2).

***Bless and do not curse***

Our prayer for those who do us ill both breaks the power of revenge and releases the power of love to do good in the face of evil. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible.

***Stewardship Reflections***

***1 Peter 4:10***

*As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

**Mass Intentions**



**Saturday**

5:00 P.M. People of the Parish

**Sunday**

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

**Tuesday**

8:00 A.M. Continued Blessings for Jeanne Edmonds and Roslyn Jackson req. by Aunt Dottie

**Wednesday**

10:00 A. M. God's continued blessing for Dottie Mello, may she receive the blessings she deserves req. by Darleen Thomas

**Thursday**

8:00 A.M. May God continue to bless St. Francis and all the sick in our parish.

**Friday**

8:00 A.M. Peace in our city

**Today's Readings**

*First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13, 22-23*

*Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49*

*Gospel: Luke 6:27-38*

**Next Week's Readings**

*First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7*

*Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58*

*Gospel Luke 6:39-45*

## 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	February 25, 2019	Mark 9:14-19
Tuesday	February 26, 2019	Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday	February 27, 2019	Mark 9:38-40
Thursday	February 28, 2019	Mark 9:41-50
Friday	March 1, 2019	Mark 10:1-12
Saturday	March 2, 2019	Mark 10:13-16

### Day of Recollection

*The Pastorate Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Ministers of Hospitality will be held at St. Francis on Saturday, April 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost of \$12.00 will defray the cost of a light breakfast, lunch and retreat supplies. Please contact:*

*St. Francis- Celestine Kellam, Janet Wiggins, or Suzonne Vickers*

*St. Ann- Brian Cousins*

*St. Wenceslaus- Dorothy Stokes-Wallace and Shrene Burnette*

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## SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



Oblate Spirituality

*To date, we have read about the many facts related to the Oblates Sisters of Providence and Mother Lange's years with the struggling early community. During the month of February, we will begin to read about ministries of the Oblate Sisters of Providence and the impact on Mother Lange cause. This month's highlight is St. Frances Academy.*

*Mother Lange, The Oblate Sisters of Providence and the lay faculty were not able to avoid obstacles during the many years of St. Frances Academy. With each new generation, new challenges and new struggles emerged for the school community. In the 1800's children suffered due to the ills of slavery with divided families and oppressive environments. After the Civil War, segregation was the biggest barrier for St. Frances Academy. This continued into the 20th Century. The 21st Century factors that impact the school are drugs, poverty, racism and societal indifference to the specific needs of students and their community. In spite of these forces, students at St. Frances Academy continue to excel, graduate, attend college and make meaningful contributions to their families and communities.*

# Special Notices

## Religious Education 2019 Faith

### Formation Calendar

Sunday 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

#### February

24<sup>th</sup> Class

#### March

3<sup>rd</sup> Class-African American History Program

10<sup>th</sup> Class

17<sup>th</sup> Class

24<sup>th</sup> Class

31<sup>st</sup> Class-Student Retreat 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

#### April

7<sup>th</sup> Class

14<sup>th</sup> Class- Psalm Sunday

18<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday

21<sup>st</sup> No Class- Easter

28<sup>th</sup> Class

Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. we will have our annual Lent Retreat for the Sunday School students. Parents and guardians please support our Retreat Day by allowing your child to experience the extended day, we have an exciting day planned. Please pray for the success for our Retreat.

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

## Church Happenings

### Important Notice:

#### St. Ann Church

St Ann a member of our Pastorate will host their Lenten program on each Wednesday evening of Lent. It will focus on "Welcoming the Stranger" and will include soup and Scripture with special guest speakers. Weekly reflections will be available for attendees.

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The Swingers of St. Francis Xavier Church presents its Annual Bull and Oyster Roast on Sunday, March 3, 2019, from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. See any member for additional details.

### **Sodality of Blessed Virgin Mary Retreat April 5-7, 2019**

Theme: "God's Dream"- This retreat will invite us to seek God: in creation; in Scripture; in our living relationship with Jesus and the generosity it inspires; and in the future God opens before us. This retreat is open to any adult who wants to seek God in his or her own human experience.

Location: Loyola on the Potomac, Faulkner, MD in Charles County

leave from: 1501 E. Oliver Street; Friday, April 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

First Time Retreatants: \$195.00

Previous Retreatants: \$245.00

Deposit of \$115.00 is due now

Leave the Potomac at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday April 7, 2019.

If you need registration forms, contact Martha Lewis Dorsey (410) 668-1258 or Lorraine Bell (410) 889-9196



## 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.*

*Lenten Activities  
Ash Wednesday Services  
Within our Pastorate*

**Wednesday March 6, 2019**

**St. Wenceslaus .... 9:00 a.m.**

**St. Francis Xavier....10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

**St. Ann....10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

### Stations of the Cross Devotions



*Will be celebrated each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during the Lenten Season. Parishioners are encouraged to make the Stations of the Cross as part of their Lenten Devotions. Many graces are given for those who walk the final hours of Jesus' life on earth. Confessions during lent will be held on Friday evening from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. and after Stations of the Cross. Stations of the Cross will be led by the different organizations in the Church.*

### Schedule for the Stations of the Cross

- Friday, March 8, 2019- Holy Name & Sodality of BVM
- Friday, March 15, 2019-KPC Ladies Auxiliary and Knights of Peter Claver
- Friday, March 22, 2019-New Horizon of Men and Women
- Friday, March 29, 2019-CDA #2257 of SFX
- Friday, April 5, 2019-Mass Choir
- Friday, April 12, 2019-Lectors, Eucharistic and Hospitality Ministers
- Good Friday –April 19, 2019 Youth Ministry

## 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.*

**ST. FRANCIS XAIVER PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH  
OUR SINCERE CONGRATUALIONS!**

Ademiluyi, Aarõn	3/09	Grant, Bessie	3/12	Smith, Cecelia J.	3/04
Ambrose, Bruce	3/31	Gray, Aalyah T.	3/20	Stanley, Lauren	3/19
Ash, Mary B.	3/16	Hammock, Courtney D.	3/30	Staten, Julia	3/02
Baker, Robert C.	3/08	Hampton, Melton	3/01	Thames, Detria R.	3/29
Banks, Sherri	3/30	Hance, Francis X.	3/23	Taylor, Sabrlyah	3/01
Benjamin, Jovan	3/03	Harris, Morgan	3/20	Thomas, Bernadette	3/30
Bond, Lisa R.	3/12	Hill, Christopher	3/08	Trafton, Herman	3/22
Boone, Daphne A.	3/05	Hill, Yolanda	3/08	Uche, Michael	3/08
Boyd, James E.	3/28	Holcombe, Cherese	3/19	Watkins, Martha A.	3/14
Bridgeforth, Joyce	3/04	Holmes-Harris, David	3/30	Weathers, Rashed	3/15
Brown, Jamal D.	3/28	Hughes, Glendora	3/14	Wechsler, Alma B.	3/23
Brown, Nicole B.M.	3/19	Hughes, Tanara C.	3/31	Wheatland, John A.	3/10
Brown, O Tanya A.	3/29	Jay, Christina Y.	3/05	Williams, Pauline	3/03
Brown, Tyrone	3/12	Johnson, Bakari C.	3/16	Wright, Tiffany	3/03
Butler, Calvin J.	3/21	Johnson, Brianna M.	3/31		
Butler, Carol D.	3/16	Johnson, Celeste	3/24		
Campbell, Alyce	3/29	Johnson, Margie M.	3/05		
Carver, Shenae A.	3/01	Johnson, Matthew J.	3/26		
Cephas, Jared N.	3/16	Kane, Soraya	3/03		
Chambers, Mark	3/12	Kerney, Edith L.	3/25		
Cole, Lugenia	3/07	Knox, Tamara	3/08		
Coleman, Ray A.	3/09	Lewis, Yetta	3/09		
Curtis, Dominic	3/07	Matthews, Tamir	3/17		
Curtis, Icyous	3/21	McGriff, Alison J.	3/18		
Curtis, Miesha	3/11	Mello, Regina	3/24		
Dabney, Timothy	3/29	Mims, Cornelia E.	3/24		
Dance, Leslie C.	3/03	Morgan, Bernadette E.	3/13		
Dance, Mercedes L.	3/05	Morgan, Harris	3/20		
Daughtry, Stephanie	3/30	Morgan, Wayne	3/07		
Davis, Anna L.	3/30	Nipper, Kenon Duriel	3/21		
Dawkins, Theresa M.	3/16	Pack, Asya T.	3/21		
DeShazo, Aron C.	3/19	Pack, Rhona	3/09		
Desmond, Sherman	3/27	Pack, Roland	3/17		
Edwards, Gonzella	3/05	Pack-Logan, Yvette	3/27		
Evans, Dathan	3/09	Palmer, Debbie	3/05		
Evans, Kimberly	3/14	Pango, Kenny	3/26		
Feaster-Brockman, Rita T.	3/22	Parker, Ina	3/18		
Fitzgerald, Eris	3/20	Patterson, Richard Jr.	3/14		
Fitzgerald, Shavonne	3/02	Price, James L.	3/14		
Floyd, Rodney C.	3/19	Richards, Denise	3/19		
Franklin, Tennille	3/12	Rideout, Elaine	3/12		
Gaddy, Kerwin J.	3/20	Roberts, Bessie W.	3/06		
Gaines, Lucille	3/30	Ryan, Veronica T.	3/19		
Gladden, Tyrone	3/09	Scott, Patrick J.	3/17		

**ST. FRANCIS XAIVER PARISHIONERS CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS!**

Gregory and Mona Lisa DeGross 3/15  
James and Martha Dorsey 3/18

**St. Francis Xavier Eucharistic Community  
Yours Prayers Are Requested For The Sick Of The Parish**

**March 3, 2019**

Rhonda Acree  
Dorothy Addison  
Avonda Barnes  
Nina Bonaparte  
Mary Boyd  
Garland Burley  
Eleanor Cawthron  
Vanda Chambers  
Xavier Church  
Candace Coates  
Lucretia Coates  
Dorothy Coleman  
Russell Dandridge  
Esther Davis  
John Davis  
James Dorsey  
Jeanne Edmonds  
Thelma Fly  
Velva Foster  
James Grays Sr.  
Thomas Grays

Rochelle Hagans  
Frances Hance  
Bertha Johnson  
Cornelia Johnson  
Hilda Langley  
Alice Lewis  
Charles Lewis Jr.  
Mildred Mattison  
Stephanie Washington-Merritt  
Shelia Hurtt-Moore  
Bernardette Morgan  
Yvonne Newby  
Marlene Patterson  
Frances Sears  
Helen Singleton  
Mabel Smirth  
Vickie Smith  
Wanda Smith  
Antoinette Soares  
Vincent Soares  
Barbara Williams