



# 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

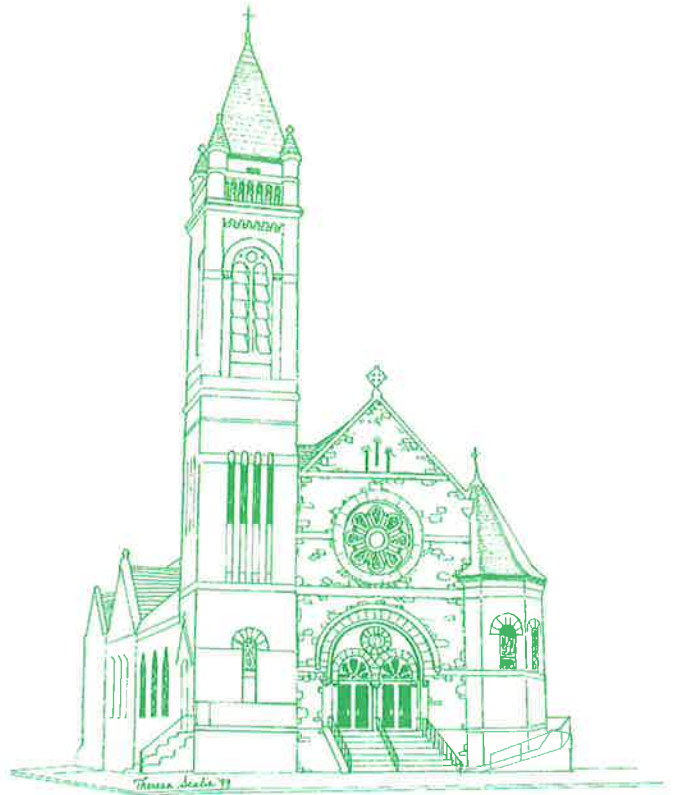
*Please notify the rectory before making  
arrangements with funeral homes.*

*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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**"Who do you say that Jesus is?"**

**Scripture:** *Mark 8:27-33*

27 And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" 28 And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others one of the prophets." 29 And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." 30 And he charged them to tell no one about him. 31 And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men."

**Meditation:** Who is Jesus for you - and what difference does he make in your life? Many in Israel recognized Jesus as a mighty man of God, even comparing him with the greatest of the prophets. Peter, always quick to respond whenever Jesus spoke, professed that Jesus was truly the "Christ of God" - "the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter, but only God. Through the "eyes of faith" Peter discovered who Jesus truly was. Peter recognized that Jesus was much more than a great teacher, prophet, and miracle worker. Peter was the first apostle to publicly declare that Jesus was the *Anointed One*, consecrated by the Father and sent into the world to redeem a fallen human race enslaved to sin and cut off from eternal life with God (Luke 9:20, Acts 2:14-36). The word for "Christ" in Greek is a translation of the Hebrew word for "Messiah" - both words literally mean the *Anointed One*. Why did Jesus command his disciples to be silent about his identity as the anointed Son of God? They were, after all, appointed to proclaim the good news to everyone. Jesus knew that they did not yet fully understand his mission and how he would accomplish it.

***Stewardship Reflections***

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. *God's healing mercy for Josephine McCoy, req. by Josephine McCoy*

***Sunday***

8:00 A.M. *People of the parish*

11:00 A.M. *Congratulations to Praise Ensemble, celebrating their 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, req. by Jackie Hart*

***Tuesday***

8:00 A.M. *God's healing mercy for Russell Dandridge, and Nina Harper, and Dorothy Coleman, req. by Darleen Thomas*

***Wednesday***

10:00 A.M. *In loving memory of Foster Burley, on the anniversary of his birthday, req. by Darleen Thomas and family*

***Thursday***

8:00 A.M. *Healing Mercies for James and Martha Dorsey, req. by the Office Staff*

***Friday***

8:00 A.M. *God's continued blessing and strength for all our priests, req. by the Parishioners*



***Today's Readings***

***First Reading: Isaiah 50:4c-9a (131B)***

***Second Reading: James 2: 14-18***

***Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35***

***Next Week's Readings***

***First Reading: Wisdom 2:1, 17-20***

***Second Reading: James 3:16-20***

***Gospel: Mark 9:30-37***

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	September 17, 2018	Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday	September 18, 2018	Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday	September 19, 2018	Luke 7:31-33
Thursday	September 20, 2018	Luke 7:36-50
Friday	September 21, 2018	Luke 8:1-8
Saturday	September 22, 2018	Luke 8:4-15



Father Jim 's New Address

*Sacred Heart Home  
2805 Queens Chapel Road- Room 108  
Hyattsville, MD 20782  
443-635-8914 (cell)  
301-277-6500 (House)*

Pastorate Day of Prayer

*Pastorate Day of Prayer will be held on  
Saturday October 6, 2018 from 9:30-2:30,  
hosted by St. Ann*

SPECIAL NOTICES

Daily Mass Schedule Changes

*Please take note of changes to Mass schedules as it affects our Pastorate, St. Francis Xavier, St. Ann, and St. Wenceslaus. Effective September 2, 2018.*

Sunday Masses

*5:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier  
(Saturday)  
8:00 a.m. at St Francis Xavier  
9:00 a.m. at St. Wenceslaus  
11:00 a.m. at St. Ann  
11:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier*

Daily Masses

*Tuesday -8:00 a.m. @ St. Wenceslaus  
Wednesday -10:00 a.m. @ St. Francis  
Xavier  
Thursday -7:00 p.m. @St. Ann  
Friday -8:00 a.m. @ St. Francis Xavier*

For now, until further notice!

*Any Holy Day of obligation: one Mass  
at St Francis Xavier @ 10:00 a.m.,  
information will be published in the  
bulletin.*

# Special Notices

## Religious Education

### Young Adult Bible Study

*Time: Sunday 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.*

*Place: 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 parishioner 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.*

*Attention: Parents or guardians of children preparing for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.*

*We extend warm greetings at the beginning of our Faith Formation classes. I hope that we can work closely throughout the days ahead to help you nurture your child's faith.*

# Special Notices

## Religious Education Continued

*The first year of class participation is considered Level I Sacramental prep. The second consecutive year of class participation involves more detailed sacramental preparation: this is referred to as Level II SACRAMENTAL Prep. Parents or guardians of children preparing for Baptism. First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and confirmation) will be required to attend 4 catechetical sessions in preparation of the sacrament.*

*Dr. Kirk Gaddy will hold classes on Mondays from 7-8 p.m. on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and October 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*Sessions will also be held from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.: October 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Monday and Saturday classes will cover the same content.*

*Additional classes will be offered during Lent in the Spring. As we continue to share the responsibility of your child's Faith formation, let us pray that with our efforts we will achieve our goal.*

## SPECIAL NOTICE!

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



### Notice!

Oblate Sisters of Mount Providence

Mount Providence is offering a  
Reading and Math Tutoring  
Program.

*Give them the tools to write their  
own story!*

*One on one*

*Classes for Ages 6 to Adult*

*Reasonable Prices*

*410-247-0448*

*School is open let's give our children  
a head starts to success!*

## 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.*



(Historic St. Francis Xavier)

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018**

**8AM to 11PM**

Join us in supporting our  
**Community Agencies and Organizations!**

**25% OFF\***  
**SHOPPING PASS**

This pass entitles you to 25% off\* your purchases and cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts and promotions.

Present this pass at time of purchase to receive your 25%\* discount.  
Valid October 16, 2018 only.

\*See reverse side for a list of merchandise receiving 15% and 10% Off as well as exclusions.

**Plus Free Refreshments and Register To Win Prizes,  
including three \$500 Shopping Sprees**

(Plus forty-six \$100 Shopping Sprees, one for each Bosco's Store Location)

**Shopping Passes: \$5 each.**  
**Available from your favorite non-profit.**  
**Entire donation benefits the local  
non-profit organization from which  
you purchased this pass.**



For coupons see Michael Allen, Polly Hargrove, Lillian Smith, Teddy Butler, Donna Booth, Pat Williams, Theresa Butler, Cecelia Hargrove, Dennyse Drummond or Jackie Hart.

TEA TIME  
WITH THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE.

WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT YOU WOULD  
BE ABLE TO JOIN US.



PLEASE POST AND SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018

11:30 am - 3:00 pm

Tickets \$35

Table of seven \$245

Historic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Ministers of Hospitality

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

# “Basket Bingo Extravaganza”



Saturday, October 20, 2018

Noon – 4 p.m.

SFX Undercroft – 1501 N. Caroline Street  
Baltimore, MD 21213

Basket Prizes



## Grand Prize: Cash Award

Donation: \$25.00

Includes 20 Bingo Games

Food and Snacks for Sale

Players must be 18 years old

Partial proceeds will be donated to the church

President: Suzonne Vickers

Vice President: James Williams

443-857-7016