

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.*

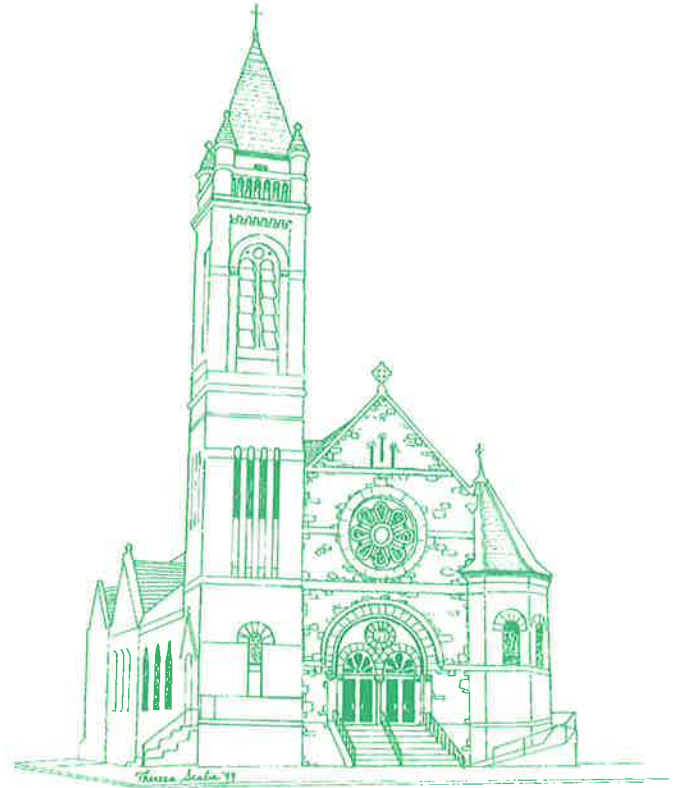
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Pastor

Religious Education

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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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Meditation

"The Lord knocks at your door - Will you answer?"

What is the greatest joy and treasure we could possibly possess? The Lord Jesus promises that those who seek God and his kingdom will not be disappointed (Luke 12:32, Matthew 6:33). The Lord Jesus offers us the greatest treasure possible - but we must first seek it and make it our true joy and possession above all else. We naturally want to have and keep whatever we think will bring us happiness, peace, and security. Jesus offers a priceless treasure and source of abundant joy and security that is worth selling all else for.

The priceless exchange and everlasting reward

Jesus tell his followers to not be fearful or anxious about their present lives and future security (Luke 12:32). He urges them to sell their possessions and to give their money to those who need it most - especially those who have nothing to provide for their present needs and welfare (Luke 12:33). This seems to go against our natural instinct to hoard and save for the future. Why would anyone want to sell their possessions and give away their money - unless they wanted to exchange these goods for something far more precious and of greater value than all the money and possessions they could ever hope to acquire in this present life. Jesus warns that money and possessions will not last and can be taken away at any moment by a thief or by death itself. But there is one treasure which can never be lost or destroyed because it is kept secure by God himself. What is that treasure? It is the Lord himself and his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). This treasure is worth far more than anything we could possibly acquire on our own. If you make the Lord your treasure, then you will have in your possession the greatest source of joy and lasting peace and security. The wisdom of Scripture tells us, If the Almighty is your gold and your precious silver, then you will delight yourself in the Almighty, and will turn your face toward God (Job 22:25-26). Do you know the joy and happiness of making God your one and only true treasure and security?

The Lord knocks at our door - will we answer him?

What is the meaning of the parable of the master who returns from a wedding feast to his home in the middle of the night (Luke 12:35-40)? The door to one's house in the ancient world was usually bolted from the inside, especially at night to keep out thieves and troublemakers. It was not possible to enter from the outside without help from someone inside. Household attendants (domestic servants) who knew their master's voice were expected to be always vigilant and prepared to unbolt the door and let him in without a moment's delay.

Stewardship

Ephesians 6:7

With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men.

Mass Intentions



Saturday

5:00 P.M. In memory of Brett Taylor, req. by Loving Mother and Family

Sunday

8:00 A.M. In memory of A. Bernice Hunley and Frances Chapman, req. by Darleen Thomas

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. In memory of La Verna Scruggs, req. by Darleen Thomas

Wednesday

10:00 A. M. Happy repose of the souls of the deceased members of the New Horizons of Men and Women, req. by NHM&W

Thursday

8:00 A.M. God's grace and mercies for the families in Dayton Ohio and El Paso Texas impacted by the mass shootings.

Friday

8:00 A.M. Pray for peace in our country

Today's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

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	August 12, 2019	Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday	August 13, 2019	Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	August 14, 2019,	Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday	August 15, 2019	Luke 11:27-28
Friday	August 16, 2019	Luke 1:39-56
Saturday	August 17, 2019	Matthew 19:3-12

Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thursday, August 15, 2019, there will be only one Mass for the Pastorate at St. Francis Xavier Church at 10:00 a.m.

Oliver Food Pantry

The food drop is scheduled for Tuesday August 13th, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 12: p.m. located in the Oliver Community Center, 1400 E. Federal street.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner
1794-1882



Oblate Spirituality

The month of July was focused on the road to canonization.

What does it take to get a person canonized? This question comes up quite frequently.

Servant of God: the number of Catholic saints is not known. What we do know is that a person is called a saint once they are acknowledged to being in heaven. The history of the Catholic Church tells us that a person is called a Saint when they have lived a life of holiness and/or experienced martyrdom.

Mother Mary Lange: A Legacy of Hope

Oblate Sisters of Providence- 190th Anniversary Symposium: Still Standing under God’s Mantle of Providence:

*November 23, 2019- 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Location TBD
Registration Fee: \$30.00 (includes morning hospitality and lunch)*

Keynote Speakers: Sharon Knecht, Archivist: Oblate Sister of Providence

Diane Batts Morrow- Arthur, Persons of Color and Religious at the Same Time

Come enjoy liturgy, sessions, hospitality and fellowship. Registration online at Everbrite or contact the Guild Office at 410-242-6861 or the Motherhouse at 410-242-8500.

This is a wonderful opportunity to engage others. Please stay tuned for additional details in the months ahead,

Special Notices

Religious Education 2019 Faith Formation Calendar

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

September

1st Registration

8th Registration

15th Catechetical Sunday

22nd Class begins

Sunday School classes are held September through May from 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. for grades pre-Kindergarten through 9th. We are taking registrations for this year's Sunday School program starting September 1st. Mark your calendars: Sunday School begins September 22nd!

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.

Sacramental Preparation

The policy of the Archdiocese of Baltimore is that children undergo two years of faith formation to prepare for the sacraments. This means: Year 1 (the year immediately before the year of reception); and year 2 (the year of reception). The usual year to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is Second Grade. This means that our children begin preparation during the First Grade. The usual year to receive Confirmation is the Ninth Grade. This means that our youth begins preparation during the Eight Grade. If your child(ren) satisfied their requirements in Religious Education classes as a first or eight graders last year then they should be on track to receive the respective sacraments.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? Are you an adult Catholic who has not yet been confirmed? Perhaps you just want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or have questions about it. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process for preparing adults for full communion within the Catholic Church, and for instructing adults returning to their faith or who simply want to learn more. RCIA is open to anyone interested exploring Catholicism. We meet weekly in the undercroft October Through May. Contact the parish office if you or someone you know may be interested.

Church Happenings

Catholic Daughters of Americas Court SFX#2257 Annual Shrimp Feast

Come join the CDA #2257 for Annual Shrimp Feast, Friday, August 16, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 12 midnight. At Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave, Baltimore, MD 21236. Tickets are \$50.00 and can be purchased from any CDA member, or contact Diane Lewis (410) 977-0119.



Game Night!

Ministers of Hospitality extends an invitation to St. Ann and St. Wenceslaus to join us for Game Night on Friday, August 23, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



SPECIAL NOTICE!

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

Please inform the parish office if you are aware of parishioners that are ill or in need of assistance.



Knights of Peter Claver Council #323

Join the Knights for a weekend of Fun in Foxwood, Ct. August 24, 25, and 26, 2019. The cost is \$350. The bus will be leaving from St. Francis at 8:30 a.m.

New Horizons of Men and Women

Annual Crab Feast and Bull Roast to be held on Sunday September 15, 2019, from 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., tickets are \$65.00 and will be held at Martins' East on Pulaski Highway. Tickets can be obtained from any member.



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.