



**THE PASTORATE COMMUNITY OF  
 Historic St. Francis Xavier, St. Ann and St. Wenceslaus  
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**Masses**

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
 Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

**Weekdays**

Wednesday: 10:00 AM  
 Friday: 8:00 AM

**Masses**

Sunday: 11:00 AM

**Weekdays**

Thursday: 7:00 PM

**Masses**

Sunday: 9:00 AM

**Weekdays**

Tuesday: 8:00 AM

**Other Scheduled Events**

**Reconciliation**

Confessions are before Mass or by appointment

**Baptisms**

The Sacrament of Baptism is conferred on the Fourth Sunday at 2:00 PM.  
 Notify the rectory at least 1 month in advance

**Marriages**

Notify the rectory at least 6 months in advance

**Funerals**

Please notify the rectory before making arrangements with funeral homes

## Meditation

### Great are those who teach and obey the commandments

Why do people tend to view the "law of God" negatively rather than positively? Jesus' attitude towards the law of God can be summed up in the great prayer of Psalm 119: "Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day."

For the people of Israel, the "law" could refer to the ten commandments or to the five Books of Moses, called the Pentateuch or Torah, which explain the commandments and ordinances of God for his people. The "law" also referred to the whole teaching or way of life which God gave to his people. The Jews in Jesus' time also used it as a description of the oral or scribal law. Needless to say, the scribes added many more things to the law than God intended. That is why Jesus often condemned the scribal law because it placed burdens on people which God had not intended.

**The essence of God's law**  
Jesus made it very clear that the essence of God's law - his commandments and way of life, must be fulfilled. God's law is true and righteous because it flows from his love, goodness, and holiness. It is a law of grace, love, and freedom for us. That is why God commands us to love him above all else and to follow in the way of his Son, the Lord Jesus who taught us how to love by laying down our lives for one another.

### Reverence and respect

Jesus taught reverence and respect for God's law - reverence for God himself, reverence for the Lord's Day, reverence or respect for parents, respect for life, for property, for another person's good name, respect for oneself and for one's neighbor lest wrong or hurtful desires master and enslave us. Reverence and respect for God's commandments teach us the way of love - love of God and love of neighbor. What is impossible to humans is possible to God who gives generously of his gifts and the power of the Holy Spirit to those who put their faith and trust in him.

God gives us the grace, help, and strength to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think and judge as he judges, and to act as he acts with mercy, loving-kindness, and goodness. The Lord loves righteousness and hates wickedness. As his followers we must love his commandments and hate every form of sin and wrongdoing.

## Stewardship

1 Corinthians 4:7

For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

## Mass Intentions



### Saturday

5:00 P.M.

### Sunday

8:00 A.M.

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. (at St. Wenceslaus)

In Loving Memory of Brett Taylor, req. by his mom and Family

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. (at St. Francis Xavier) (1) God's continued blessings for Fr. Xavier as he celebrates his birthday

(2) In loving memory of our mother, req. by grandchildren and the Chambers family

Thursday 7:00 p.m. (at St. Ann's)

Friday 8:00 a.m. (at St. Francis Xavier)

In Memory of Rita R. Church on the Anniversary of her death, req. by her children

## Today's Readings

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

## Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

**Scripture 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***

	<i>Date</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>February 17, 2020</i>	<i>Mark 8:11-13</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>February 18, 2020</i>	<i>Mark 8:14-21</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>February 19, 2020,</i>	<i>Mark 8:22-26</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>February 20, 2020</i>	<i>Mark 8:27-33</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>February 21, 2020</i>	<i>Mark 8:34-9:1</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>February 22, 2020</i>	<i>Matthew 16:13-19</i>

**Important:**

*If you are accepting checks for raffle sales, please make sure that they are made out to Faith Builders, not St Francis Xavier Church.*

**DA Court # 2257**

*The CDA Court 2257 invites you to the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, February 23, 2020 as we celebrate our: “Unsung Black Catholic Woman” from our Pastorate. You are welcome to wear African attire as we celebrate the last Sunday of Black History Month. There will be a reception after the Mass. Please join us in the undercroft.*



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**Oblate Spirituality**  
**Mother Lange Corner**

*Prayer for the Beatification of  
Mother Mary Lange*

*Almighty and Eternal God, you granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust in Your providence. You endowed her with humility, courage, holiness and an extraordinary sense of service to the poor and sick. You enabled her to find the Oblate Sisters of Providence and provide educational, social and spiritual ministry especially to the African American community. Mother Lange’s love for all enabled her to see Christ in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision. Deign to raise her to the highest honors of the altar in order that, through her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper understanding and a more fervent love of You. Heavenly Father glorify Your heart by granting also this favor (here mention your request) which we ask through the intercession of Your faithful servant, Mother Mary Lange.*



*The Annual OSP Chicken Dinner Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Community Center at St. Francis Xavier school on Chase Street. Tickets are \$10.00. The menu is fried and/ or baked chicken, potato salad, string beans and roll. Soda and desert are sold separately. There will be a flea market. Tickets can be purchased by calling Sr. Helene Theresa at 410-536-5687 or Renee Terry at 410-522-8207. You can also purchase tickets at the door.*

## Special Notices

### Religious Education 2020 Faith

#### Formation Calendar

Religious education classes meet every Sunday  
from 9:30 am to 11:45 am in the school building

#### **February**

- 16 Class
- 22 First Penance 10:00 AM
- 23 Class
- 26 Ash Wednesday

#### **March**

- 1 Class
- 8 Class
- 15 Class
- 22 Class
- 29 Class Student Retreat 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

*In the event of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, classes may be cancelled. We will call and email as many parents as possible.*

**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.

**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 the 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 begin preparation during the Eighth Grade. If your child(ren) satisfied their requirements in Religious Education classes as a first or eighth grader last year then they should be on track to receive the respective sacraments next year 2020.



*Ash Wednesday Services for the Pastorate:  
St. Wenceslaus- 9:00 a.m.  
St. Ann - 7:00 p.m.  
ST. Francis Xavier—10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.*

#### **Partners for Sacred Places**

*A workshop for Pastorate Churches in the Archdiocese of Baltimore will take place on Tuesday February 18, at 7:00 pm in St. Francis undercroft, Plan to attend if you can.*

*"During this Lent,  
let us all ask the Lord:  
Make our hearts like yours."*

*-Pope Francis*



#### **Consider**

1. Love God, yourself, family, friends and the community of faith of your choosing.
2. Don't be so quick to criticize and point out someone's mistakes, no one on this earth is perfect.
3. Make a fresh start on your Lenten journey.
4. Plan to attend confession.
5. Plan to help someone less fortunate, a homeless person, shelter, hospital or nursing home.
6. A smile and a gentle touch go a long way.
7. Remember our parishioners that are in nursing homes, out sick, or the family of those recently deceased.
8. Pray for our priests.
9. Pray for our city, law enforcement personnel, and our youth.

**SPECIAL NOTICE!**

**Swingers of St Francis Xavier Church presents Its Annual Bull and Roast**

Sunday March 8, 2020, 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the UAW Hall, 1010 Oldham Street,



Baltimore, MD 21224.

Music by DJ White  
Donations \$55.00.



Travelers that are going to Las Vegas, please be aware that the cost of the trip has increased to \$850.00. Due to room upgrade and a changed in the cost of the plane. Any questions or concerns, please see any member of the male knights.



**Easter Monday Atlantic City Trip**

Tickets are available for SFX Easter Monday Atlantic City Trip. The cost is \$40.00 with a rebate of \$25.00. If interested, please see Darleen Thomas for tickets. No reservation accepted without payment. There are a limited number of seats, so first come first served.

**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

**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.**



***Please join St. Francis Xavier Sunday School***  
for our Black History Month presentation  
of the movie "**HARRIET**".  
The extraordinary tale of *Harriet* Tubman's  
escape from slavery.  
Sunday March 1, 2020 in the undercroft  
immediately following the 11:00 a.m. mass.

# KPC Ladies Auxiliary Court #323 presents Our Forever First Lady!

Commemorative Limited edition Michelle Obama Figurine  
from Hamilton Collections (\$99.00 value)

A wonderful keepsake for Black History and Women's History Months  
Tickets on sale now for 3.00 or 2 for 5.00  
Drawing 2/23/2020 (Need not be present to win)

See any member of our Court 323 for your chance to win, or contact  
**Rosalind Johnson** (410-979-9461) or **Esther Payton** (443-799-3714)!

## LAST CHANCE TO WIN!



ALPHA HAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED  
PSI PHI OMEGA CHAPTER



PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS	Saturday, February 15, 2020	1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Dr. Bernard Harris Sr. Elementary School	1400 N. Caroline Street - Baltimore, MD 21213	RSVP: <a href="mailto:tmmiddleton5@yahoo.com">tmmiddleton5@yahoo.com</a>

# ZUMBA & HEALTH FAIR WITH PSI PHI OMEGA

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