



# 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.*

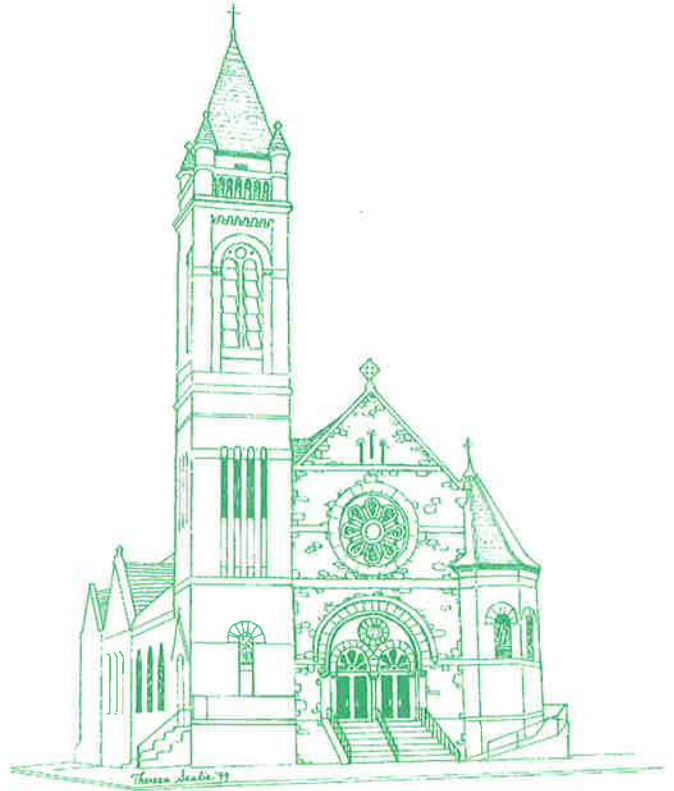
*Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,*

**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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## Meditation

### **"Pray the Lord to send out laborers into his harvest"**

What kind of harvest does the Lord want us to reap today for his kingdom? When Jesus commissioned seventy of his disciples to go on mission, he gave them a vision of a vast field that is ready to be harvested for the kingdom of God. Jesus frequently used the image of a harvest to convey the coming of God's reign on earth. The harvest is the fruition of much labor and growth - beginning with the sowing of seeds, then growth to maturity, and finally the reaping of fruit for the harvest.

### **God's word grows like a seed within us**

In like manner, the word of God is sown in the hearts of receptive men and women who hear his word, accept it with trust and obedience, and then share the abundant fruit of God's word in their life with others. The harvest Jesus had in mind was not only the gathering in of the people of Israel, but all the peoples (and nations) of the world. John the Evangelist tells us that "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

### **Be a sower of God's word of peace and mercy**

What does Jesus mean when he says his disciples must be "lambs in the midst of wolves"? The prophet Isaiah foretold a time when wolves and lambs will dwell in peace (Isaiah 11:6 and 65:25). This certainly refers to the second coming of the Lord Jesus when all will be united under the Lordship of Jesus after he has put down his enemies and established the reign of God over the heavens and the earth. In the meantime, the disciples must expect opposition and persecution from those who would oppose the Gospel. Jesus came to lay down his life for us, as our sacrificial lamb, to atone for our sins and the sins of the world. We, in turn, must be willing to offer our lives with gratitude and humble service for our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **We are called to speak and witness in God's name**

What is the significance of Jesus appointing seventy disciples to the ministry of the word? Seventy was a significant number in biblical times.

## Stewardship

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. God's healing mercy for Tracey Pierce, req. by her son Tyre'

### Sunday

8:00 A.M. People of the Parish

11:00 A.M. Happy repose of the soul of Ms. Julia Matthews on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of her death, req. by the Family

### Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Happy Birthday to Celeste Butler, req. by the family

### Wednesday

10:00 A. M. Happy birthday to all members of KPC CT# 323 celebrating birthdays this month

### Thursday

8:00 A.M. Healing mercies for Tracey Pierce, req. by Clifton and Renae'

### Friday

8:00 A.M. God's blessings for Xavier Church on his 57<sup>th</sup> birthday, req. by his brothers and sisters

## Today's Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

## Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

## 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    | July 8, 2019   | Matthew 9:18-26  |
| Tuesday   | July 9, 2019   | Matthew 9:32-38  |
| Wednesday | July 10, 2019, | Matthew 10:1-7   |
| Thursday  | July 11, 2019  | Matthew 10:7-15  |
| Friday    | July 12, 2019  | Matthew 10:16-23 |
| Saturday  | July 13, 2019  | Matthew 10:24-33 |

### SFX HOLY NAME SOCIETY

*Come join SFX Holy Name Society for the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Baltimore Archdiocesan Holy Family Night with the Orioles. Friday, July 12, 2019 at 7:05 p.m. against the Tampa Bay Rays. Tickets are available for Section (68)*

*Left field lower box seats. Tickets are \$33.00 each. Please contact Leonard Brown at (443) 473-9212 for tickets. Thank You.*



### SFX HOLY NAME SOCIETY

*St. Francis Xavier Annual Crab Feast, Saturday, July 27, 2019, 4:00 pm. -8:00 P.m., 1501 E. Oliver Street, Baltimore, MD 21213.*

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### Mother Mary Lange Corner

1794-1882



### Oblate Spirituality

*The Oblate Sisters of Providence remain an integral part of the Baltimore community and all where they maintain a ministry. They are still educating children, caring for the sick and involved in parish religious education.*

### Mother Mary Lange: A Legacy of Hope

*Oblate Sisters of Providence- 190<sup>th</sup> 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,*

*Mt. Providence Convent Homecoming August 4, 2019. All students and class of 1969 are welcome.*

### CORE MEETING

*The next meeting for the Pastorate Core Team will be held this Saturday, July 13, 2019 at The Province Center for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, 305 Cable Street, Baltimore, MD 21210. The time is 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Breakfast will be served beginning at 9:30 a.m.*

# Special Notices

## Religious Education 2019 Faith

### Formation Calendar

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

#### September

1<sup>st</sup> Registration

8<sup>th</sup> Registration

15<sup>th</sup> Catechetical Sunday

22<sup>nd</sup> Class begins

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

Children's 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



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### Come go with Faith Builders on a Crab Feast/ Casino Trip

Saturday, August 3, 2019, buses leave 9:00 a.m. and return 10:30 p.m. not responsible for lateness. The bus leaves from St. Francis Xavier Church, 1501 E. Oliver Street. Tickets are \$110.00 and can be purchased from any member of Faith Builders.

### 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.



## Seeds of Hope Trip to Emmitsburg on October 12th

Jun 26 at 3:02 PM

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**Kelly, Sister Catherine** <Catherine.Kelly@doc.org>

To: g\_ferguson@verizon.net <g\_ferguson@verizon.net>, Christine Barnes <cb4225@verizon.net>

Cc: PAULINE MANALO <panalo@aol.com>

Hi Friends,

As I work with the people at Immaculate and St. Cecilia's and the Seton Shrine Staff I can tell you that we will have 12 places for each of your parishes to join us for this Seeds of Hope Day hosted and payed for by the Staff of Seton Shrine. It will be Saturday, October 12th and will be all day. The bus will leave St. Cecilia's at 7:30am so we can begin at 9:00am. We will finish about 3:30pm and hope to be home by 5:00pm. This day is fully hosted at no cost to the participants and will focus on the life of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, her history and spirituality. Please feel free to fill these slots with members of the Society or other parishioners who would love to take this trip. It should be really pretty in Emmitsburg in October. If you could get tentative numbers to me in the next week or two that would be great. I am leaving to go to Chicago on July 10th and would like to get the bus contract signed before I go. I pretty much just need numbers now and we can collect names later in the summer.

Hope you are have a great day.

Sister Cathy

## 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 \$350.00 payable in installments. First deposit due of \$50.00 is due now.*



### Pastorate Oriole Game

*The Baltimore Orioles will host the children and youth of St. Ann, St. Wenceslaus, and St. Francis Xavier parishes at a game against the Boston Red Sox at Camden Yards on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 p.m. The Orioles will provide 3 buses and all 3 buses will be at St. Wenceslaus at 5:30 p.m. on the evening and depart at 5:45 p.m. They will also provide participants with a hot dog, drink, bag of chips and Orioles gear to wear at the game. There will be a signup sheet that must be filled out completely in order to participate in the back Of the church.*



**PICTURE THIS.....**

*It has been done before, but that was 4 years ago. We are going to make sure it is done right this time. We need a directory and we are going to make it happen. Dates will be forthcoming. Get your prettiest smiles ready.*

## 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.*