

St. Francis Xavier Church

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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.*

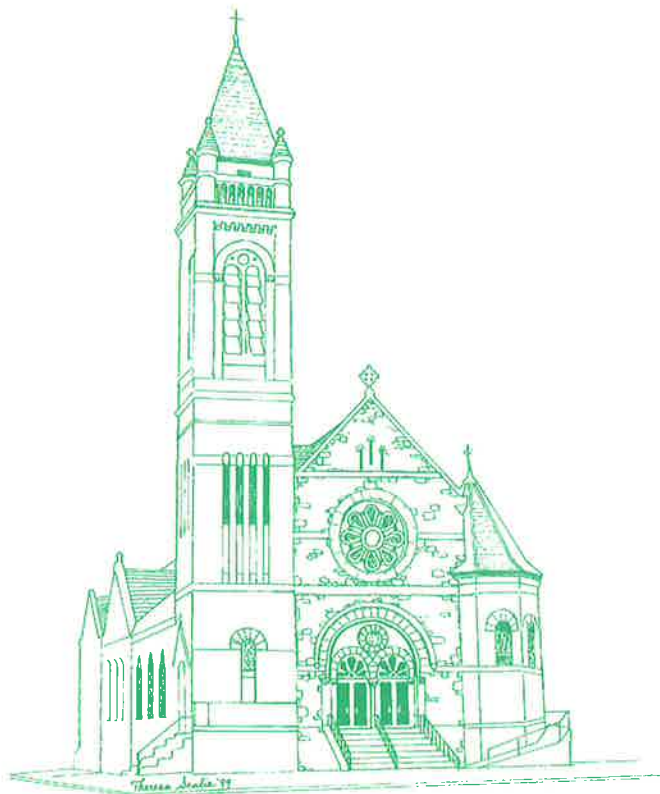
Rev. Xavier Edet, S.S.J.,

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

The true cost of discipleship

Why does the Lord Jesus say we must 'hate' our families and even ourselves (Luke 14:26)? In Biblical times the expression 'to hate' often meant to 'prefer less'. Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place over God. God our heavenly Father created us in his image and likeness to be his beloved sons and daughters. He has put us first in his love and concern for our well-being and happiness. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding love and kindness towards us. True love is costly because it holds nothing back from the beloved - it is ready to give all and sacrifice all for the beloved. God the Father gave us his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. His sacrificial death brought us pardon and healing, new life in the Spirit and peace with God.

The cost of following Jesus as his disciples

Jesus willingly embraced the cross, not only out of obedience to his Father's will, but out of a merciful love for each one of us in order to set us free from slavery to sin, Satan, and everything that would keep us from his love, truth, and goodness. Jesus knew that the cross was the Father's way for him to achieve victory over sin and death - and glory for our sake as well. He counted the cost and said 'yes' to his Father's will. If we want to share in his glory and victory, then we, too, must 'count the cost' and say 'yes' to his call to "take up our cross and follow him" as our Lord and Savior.

What is the 'way of the cross' for you and me? It means that when my will crosses with God's will, then his will must be done. The way of the cross involves sacrifice, the sacrifice of laying down my life each and every day for Jesus' sake.

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. God's continued blessings of health and renewal of strength for the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxilliary

Sunday

8:00 A.M. God's healing mercies for Margaret Lewis and family

11:00 A.M. People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:00 A.M. Happy repose of the soul of Arnette B. Bailey

Wednesday

10:00 A. M. Healing mercies and well wishes for Darleen Thomas

Thursday

8:00 A.M.

Friday

8:00 A.M.

Today's Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 9-13-186

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

Next Week's Readings

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-32 or 15:1-10

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 9, 2019	Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday	September 10, 2019	Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday	September 11, 2019,	Luke 6:20-26
Thursday	September 12, 2019	Luke 6:27-38
Friday	September 13, 2019	Luke 6:39-42
Saturday	September 14, 2019	John 3:13-17

Circle Club Winners for August

President – Pauline Hargrove - \$500.00 - #11
Vice President – Sharon Butler - \$100.00 - #38
Treasurer – Sarah Johnson - \$100.00 - #43
Secretary – Jeanne Edmonds - \$100.00 - #59
1st Bonus – Cathy Dandridge - \$50.00 - #13
2nd Bonus – Kim Grays - \$25.00 - #14
3rd Bonus – Darleen Thomas - \$25.00 - #66

Congratulations to all our winners

SPECIAL NOTICES

Mother Mary Lange Corner
1794-1882



Oblate Spirituality

Mother Lange Corner August 25, 2019

The Oblate Sisters of Providence adopted St. Frances of Rome as their patron saint. St. Frances was a 15th Century model of faith who founded an Oblate religious community for women who were committed to works of charity around the world. The term “oblate” means one that is offered. In 1433, St. Frances organized Roman noblewomen into a religious community that chose hospital work as their mission. She did not have support from a male religious community or priest. Her brave and courageous commitment to pursue religious life and charitable endeavors earmarked the work begun by a young Elizabeth Lange and Marie Balas as they educated children of color prior to, during and after their collaboration with Father Joubert.

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 Archbishop Curley High School
 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!

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 next year 2020.

If your children were not able to receive these sacraments during the usual years, it is not too late. We will help you and your children to prepare and receive the sacraments.

RCIA (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

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.

Coming in September 2019

St. Francis Xavier kicks off its '1st activity for 2020.

*The Annual Meditation of Seven Sorrows of Mary
Sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of Americas Court SFX #225*

Come join the CDA Court SFX #2257 on Sunday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m. at SFX church for the meditation of the Seven Sorrows of Mary on the feast day of Seven Sorrows, booklets will be provided.

Mark your Calendars

Sodality of Blessed Virgin of Mary of SFX, annual Shopping Trip to Tanger Outlets and Rockvale, Saturday, December 14, 2019. More information is forthcoming.

Counter's Meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2019 in the undercroft, from 10: a.m. until 12 noon.

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.

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.



Oliver Community Food Drop

Oliver Community Food Pantry will be Tuesday September 10, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. Please join us with your cart for fresh vegetables, meat, and fruits. We are located in the Oliver Community building, 1400 E. Federal Street. Hope to see you there.

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.

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