St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Newtowne Mission from 1640 † First Chapel Built 1662
Current Church Built 1731

OLDEST CATHOLIC CHURCH
IN ORIGINAL THIRTEENColonies

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!
Registration forms are in the church vestibule
and on our parish website

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 4pm (Anticipated), Sunday 8am and 11am

DAILY MASSES
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8am

HOLY Day MASSES
As announced in the bulletin

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays 3:15-3:45pm and by appointment

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
Following the 8am Mass until 5pm

BAPTISMS: By appointment with Father

MARRIAGES: Make arrangements with your Pastor
at least six months in advance; call the Rectory

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Email Paula McLeod, paula.mcleod@gmail.com

BULLETIN ITEMS
Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date
Send items to sfx1640bulletin@gmail.com
Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty.”
- Pope Francis

FEBRUARY 11: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 14: Ash Wednesday
Mass at 8am & 6:30pm
Catholics 18-59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
Catholics 14 and older are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, & Lenten Fridays.

FEBRUARY 16: Stations of the Cross, 7pm and every Friday in Lent through March 23

LOOKING AHEAD

FEBRUARY 18: First Sunday of Lent
* Maintenance Collection
* Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3pm, Church

FEBRUARY 19: Presidents Day
* 9am: Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Latin Mass) - Celebrant, Fr Kevin Cusick, St. Francis de Sales, Benedict
  No 8am Mass

FEBRUARY 21
* First Eucharist Parent Mtg, 6:30pm, Church
* The Light is on for You, 6:30pm, Church

FEBRUARY 22
Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall

FEBRUARY 25: Second Sunday of Lent
* Collection, Church in the Developing World
* Fr. Rob will talk on the meaning of the Mass 9:15am, Church—come learn the meaning and significance of the various Mass parts!

HAVE YOUR BEST LENT EVER
Enhance your prayer life by signing up for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic. You’ll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips for everyday life and encouraging real-life stories. Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent.

The Light is ON for You: Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Confessions, Wednesdays in Lent
Feb 21 - Mar 28
6:30pm in the Church
**2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS THAT WERE IN THE VESTIBULE HAVE BEEN MAILED.**
If you have questions about your statement, email Claire DeLozier, cad928@gmail.com.

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**MANOR HOUSE MINUTES**

**Mark your calendars for these upcoming Manor House meetings:**
* Mon, February 26,
* Thu, March 22,
* Mon, April 23, and
* Thu, May 24.
All parishioners are invited to attend the meetings at 7pm in the Church Hall. For more information, contact Lynn Delahay, 240-925-6485, ldelahay@hotmail.com or George Matisick, 301-475-9698, gcmatisick@gmail.com.

*2nd Annual “Walk in the Park” 5K Fun Run/Walk*
Join us on Sat, April 28, for this fun event to benefit our parish’s Newtowne Manor House Preservation/Restoration Fund. Open to all ages and abilities. Course starts at St. Francis Xavier Church and follows the road into picturesque Newtowne Neck State Park. Registration starts at 8am and run/walk starts at 9am. The registration fee will help preserve this religious and historical landmark. Kids 12 and under are free. Information on registration is available in the church vestibule and on our website: www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org If you are interested in helping as a volunteer or sponsor, please call Sarah Matisick, 301-247-7416.

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**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

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**WOMEN’S RETREAT**
Camp Maria Retreat Center is hosting a Women’s Lenten Retreat, Friday, Mar 2 - Sunday, Mar 4, 2018.

*Journey with Sarah, “Mother of Faith,” wife of Abraham and mother of Isaac.*
Sarah has much to teach us.
This two night/three day retreat with overnight accommodations includes Sunday Mass.
Sister Marian Stenken, a Sister of Charity of Nazareth from Louisville KY, will lead the retreat. Sister has over 30 years of parish ministry experience. Cost $165. **Registration and retreat fees are due by Thursday, Feb 22. Forms can be found in the church vestibule. Questions? contact Ann Kovalcik, Director: director@campmaria.org, 301-475-8330.**

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**Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Contest**

Open to Boys and Girls
Ages 9 – 14 (age as of Jan 1, 2018)
At the Father Andrew White Gymnasium
Mon, February 19, 9-11am ( Presidents’ Day)
Following the Council’s contest:
District #4 contest

Parents, if your child is interested in participating please contact Program Director Jim Berned, Jr, 301-475-5107, jmberned1@gmail.com or Youth Activities Chairman: Jim Berned III, jberned@gmail.com.
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 10957
**Lenten Spiritual Book Club**
Join us this Lent as we delve into “Fire and Light: Learning to Receive the Gift of God” by Fr. Jacques Philippe. Starting Thu, Feb 22, at 9am in the Parish Hall.
Copies of the book will be available for purchase through the rectory. Price is $12. If you are interested, email Paula McLeod, paula.mcleod@gmail.com.

**Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion schedules are available in the vestibule. Thank you for your commitment of service to our parish ministries.**

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**
Join us every Sunday at 3pm in the church, beginning February 18 through April 8, as the Knights of Columbus lead us in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

**The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for February:**
That those who have material, political, or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

**Newtowne Manor House Restoration**
Donations to:
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Memo line: Manor House Restoration
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**2018 Cardinal’s Appeal Update**
Thanks to everyone who participated in making a pledge for this year’s Cardinal’s Appeal. Your gift helps us reach our parish goal to help those in need.

**Make your Good Marriage a great one**
Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. It can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal. For confidential information about or to register for an upcoming program, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, 443-400-7017, or 3015@retrouvaille.org.

**Third District Optimist Club Drive-Thru Seafood Dinner**
Friday evenings Feb 16 thru Mar 30, 4-7pm.
$10 per dinner:
fish, shrimp, clam strips, fries, hush puppies, apple sauce. Their mobile kitchen, the Kruzin’ Kafe, will be set up in the St. Mary’s Fairgrounds parking lot in front of the main gate—you won’t have to leave the comfort of your nice warm vehicle! Please come out and help the Optimists support the 4-H as they try to start an archery group.

**Gatton’s Barber Shop**
Est. 1933
Hollywood MD
Tuesday-Saturday
301-373-5300
www.gattonsbarbershop.com
Dear Parish Family,

This Wednesday, February 14, we begin the holy season of Lent. Can you recall your most memorable Lent? A particularly memorable one for me was when I was in my last year as a deacon in the seminary. I remember we were challenged to memorize one verse of Scripture for each of the 40 days of Lent.

Now while I can’t say that every verse was committed to my memory perfectly, I do know that my spiritual life was greatly nourished by this practice. Our faith teaches us that we encounter the living God whenever we read the Holy Scriptures with devotion: “For in the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them.” (Dei Verbum #21)

That Lent was memorable for me because it is a profound blessing to recall those favorite verses of Scripture, especially at times in my life when I need them most. The Word of God is food for the soul and can strengthen us in times of trial and difficulty.

How will this Lent be different for you? One Catholic speaker/author always says “don’t give up chocolate for Lent!” What he means is, if after giving up chocolate we are no better off spiritually than we were before Lent, then what good is that? The key is to do something that will help us to become the saints God intended us to be.

I look forward to journeying with you this Lent! With God’s help, let’s make this our best one yet.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Rob