St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2018

OLDEST CATHOLIC CHURCH
IN ORIGINAL THIRTEEN COLONIES

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

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

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
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- Pope St. John Paul II

**THIS WEEK**

**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
- Choir rehearsal: 7:30pm, Church

**FEBRUARY 22**
- Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall

**FEBRUARY 23:** Stations of the Cross, 7pm

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**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!
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3pm, Church

**FEBRUARY 26**
- Manor House Meeting: 7pm, Church Hall

**MARCH 1**
- Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Church Hall

**MARCH 2**
- Stations of the Cross: 7pm, Hall
- Fish Fry: 6-8pm, Church Hall

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Knights of Columbus
St. Francis Xavier the Missionary Council #10957

St. Francis Xavier Church Hall
Friday, March 2   6-8pm
Come out and enjoy a social evening!
Dinner Menu from Crab Knockers:
Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Rolls
Plus Coffee & Tea
Adults: $12    Children 5-10: $6
4 and younger: Free

Confessions each Wednesday in Lent
Feb 21 - Mar 28
6:30PM IN THE CHURCH
**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, gcmatiscik@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.

**Second Collections**

Feb 18       Maintenance Fund
Feb 25       Church in the Developing World

**Have Your Best Lent EVER**

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

**Opportunities to Serve Our Parish and Our Community!**

**SFX is a Welcoming Parish**

Fr. Rob would like to form a parish hospitality committee to help with food, drinks, and decorating for special parish events. If you are interested in helping or chairing this committee, please email Gertie Thomas, gertiethomas@outlook.com.

**Join Our Long History of Service to Those in Need**

To bring all these efforts together, Fr. Rob would like to form a parish outreach committee, to help serve the poor and those in need of special assistance. If you are interested in helping or chairing this committee, please email Fr. Rob, sfxparishmd@gmail.com.

**A Note from Our Lady of the Wayside Church**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside Church over the past year—your generosity is greatly appreciated. We wouldn’t be able to provide this assistance without your help.

Again this year, we will be supporting the Food Pantry through the annual Catholic Charities Lenten Food Drive, March 10-11. More on this drive as we get closer to the collection date.

No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great. — St. John Chrysostom
**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.

**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.

For each of the five decades
(On each “Our Father” bead of the rosary, pray)
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

(On each of the 10 “Hail Mary” beads, pray)
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

**Concluding prayer (Repeat 3 times)**
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

**Need help with your heating?**
Or your taxes? A home improvement project? Perhaps a new car?
Support the advertisers who support our parish and community! And be sure to tell them you saw their ad in the bulletin!

**A Feast for a Chair?** The Latin word for chair is *cathedra*. From this we get the word cathedral to designate literally the seat of the bishop. Cathedrals - and the bishops’ chairs inside - are symbols of bishops’ authority.

**Looking ahead to Summer Camp for the Kids?**
Camp St. Charles has an Early Bird Open House on March 25, 11am-3pm.
For details visit www.campstcharles.com, or email info@campstcharles.org.

**Third District Optimist Club Drive-Thru Seafood Dinner**
Fridays Feb 16 - 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. Help the Optimists support the 4-H as they try to start an archery group.

**Newtowne Manor House Restoration**
**Donations to:**
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Dear Parish Family,

Check out these ten suggestions from Pope Francis for keeping a holy Lent:

1. **Get rid of the lazy addiction to evil.**
   Lent is a season of change and conversion. We all need to improve, to change for the better.

2. **Do something that hurts.** No self-denial is real without some dimension of penance.

3. **Don’t remain indifferent.** Indifference to our neighbor and God represents a real temptation for us Christians.

4. **Pray: Make our hearts like yours!** In this way we will receive a heart that is firm and merciful, attentive and generous.

5. **Take part in the sacraments.** In every sacrament we let Christ serve us, so that we in turn may become more like Him.

6. **Prayer.** In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is God’s boundless love.

7. **Fasting.** Fasting makes sense if it questions our security and leads to some benefit for others.

8. **Almsgiving.** Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing.

9. **Help the poor.** In the poor and outcast we see Christ’s face; by loving and helping them, we love and serve Christ.

10. **Evangelize.** The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope!

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Rob