St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 25, 2018

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

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

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 Benedict XVI

MARCH 25: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3pm, Church

MARCH 28
Confessions 6:30-7:30pm

THE SACRED PASchal TRIDUUM

MARCH 29: HOLY THURSDAY
*Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Church Hall
Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 6pm
  -Washing of the Feet
  -Eucharistic Adoration until 10pm

MARCH 30: GOOD FRIDAY
A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE
  *Stations of the Cross, 3pm
  Service of the Lord’s Passion, 7pm
    -Veneration of the Cross
    -The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
    -Holy Communion
    -Collection for the Holy Land

MARCH 31: EASTER VIGIL
Mass at 8pm only—No 4pm Mass
  -Service of Light
  -Liturgies of Word, Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist
  -Reception of New Members

APRIL 1: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Mass at 8am & 11am

There will be NO DAILY MASS Apr 2—6

Lord of all, through your only begotten Son you cast down Satan and broke the chains that held us captive.

We thank you for these catechumens whom you have called.

LENA HOVER
CAROL PERRIE
RUSSELL PLUNKETT

Strengthen them in faith, that they may know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Keep them clean of heart and make them grow in virtue, that they may be worthy to receive baptism and enter into the holy mysteries.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

—From the Catholic Book of Blessings

CATHOLIC CEMETERY STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY
Rev. Andrew Royals, Pastor of St. Joseph in Morganza, will lead the devotion of the Way of the Cross in the St. Mary’s Queen of Peace Cemetery, 38888 Dr. Johnson Rd, Helen MD.

The devotional begins at 12pm on Good Friday, March 30. All are welcome to participate. For more info or directions, please call 301-475-5005 or email qop@ccaw.org.

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Maryland Days March 25 & 26, 2018

Join in honoring the rich and diverse history of Maryland and St. Mary’s County, the birthplace of the Catholic Church in the English-speaking colonies.

March 25: At the Drayden African-American Schoolhouse from 1-4pm.

March 26: At the St. Clement’s Island Museum from 10am-4pm. Museum opens 10am. Reception for the new exhibit, On the River, at noon. Ceremony begins at 2pm, includes SOMD Youth Orchestra and Choir. The guest speaker is Msgr. Ed Coyle, whose parish in Pennsylvania has direct ties to the Jesuits who landed in Maryland in 1634.

For more information, call 301-769-3235.

THE JOHN J. POLKO, SR.
MEMORIAL POLISH DINNER
Knights of Columbus
St. Francis Xavier the Missionary Council #10957
SUNDAY, APRIL 8
4-7pm - Church Hall
You don’t have to be Polish to love this food!

KIELBASA & KAPUSTA (Polish Sausage & Sauerkraut)
HALUSKI (Cabbage and Noodles)
GOLABKI (Cabbage Roll)
PIEROGI (Stuffed Potato and cheese)

Plus bread, dessert, coffee & tea

Adults $15.00
Children 12 and under $7.00
Contact: Tom Koviak, 240-434-1464

April Collections

| Apr 1 | Easter Donation |
| Apr 8 | FAW School      |
| Apr 15| Maintenance Fund|

St. Francis Xavier Church and Newtowne Manor House have been selected to participate in the 81st Annual Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage Tour

May 26, 2018 from 10am-5pm.

This popular and highly regarded event features the Newtowne area and includes several nearby locations (visit mhgp.org/Saint-Mary-s-County-2018 for a complete list).

We are very pleased to announce the Newtowne Manor House has been chosen by the St. Mary’s County Garden Club (SMCGC) to be their special project; all proceeds will benefit The Manor House Restoration Fund.

For more information and advance ticket sales visit mhgp.org. Tickets are $35 online, $40 at the door (cash or check only at door). Pre-sales of “Tour Bells” will be available from the SMCGC at Earth Day On The Square, Sunday, April 22 from 12:30-4:30pm. Call 301-861-6112 for details.

Gourmet boxed lunches are available by pre-paid reservation only; must be made by May 12. Lunches can be picked up or enjoyed in the church hall from 11am-2pm. Mail checks payable to SMCGC for $15 along with lunch selection to Judy Moe, 41720 Knight Rd, Leonardtown, MD 20650. Questions? jmoe@earthlink.net, 301-475-7974.

Options include Chicken Salad sandwich, Portobello Mushroom sandwich, Stuffed Ham sandwich or gluten-free Caesar salad with chicken; side salad, chips, dessert and bottled water included.

This is an opportunity to share our unique history and natural beauty while helping to preserve and protect this local treasure.
March For Our Lives—March 24, 2018
A Call to High School Students

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring a special day of faith and action in support of the March for Our Lives, Saturday, March 24.

High school students are invited to meet at St. Patrick’s Church (One block from Gallery Place & Metro Center Metro stops)
619 10th Street NW DC 20001
9-10am – Student Voices: Local students will share their concerns surrounding gun violence, along with their hope and faith.
10-11am - Mass
11:15am - Make our way as a group to the start of the March at 3rd and Pennsylvania NW.

“The Church’s social teaching ... ceaselessly invites the Christian community to a commitment to overcome every form of exploitation and oppression. It is a question not only of alleviating the most serious and urgent needs through individual actions here and there, but of uncovering the roots of evil and proposing initiatives to make social, political, and economic structures more just and fraternal.”
—John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation The Church in America. #18

The Annual Good Friday Collection supports the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them during this special day in the Church and our life of faith. The Franciscans have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. It is vital that we care for the Christians living in the Holy Land in order to maintain a Christian presence in a land that is filled with a majority Islamic and Jewish population. Please prayerfully consider a generous donation.

Newtowne Manor House Restoration
Donations to:
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Dear Parish Family,

Today, Palm Sunday, we begin the holiest of all the weeks in the Church year. Holy Week is always a beautiful time of the year, as we prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries of our Catholic Faith. Today we receive blessed palms as a reminder of the victory of the faithful by the grace of God over the enemies of our souls. It represents a victory of the spirit over the flesh.

Because the palms are blessed, they are now sacramentals, which are sacred signs that become “occasions of grace.” They help dispose us to receive the fruit of the sacraments and sanctify different circumstances of life. Sacramentals should be treated with respect and never be thrown away. Blessed palms may only be burned or buried, or you may bring your old palms from home to the church and we will dispose of them for you here when we light the fire for the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. As a child, I remember we always put the fresh palms that we received from Palm Sunday Mass behind the crucifixes in our home. I still continue that custom to this day.

I encourage you to enter into the mystery of these sacred days by attending the Masses and services of the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and then Easter Sunday. Please see our Holy Week/Easter schedule on the first page of the bulletin. Please note that additional confessions will be offered again on Wednesday of this week, beginning at 6:30pm until the line runs out. Making a good confession is one of the best ways to prepare for Easter.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob