St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 8, 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
THIS WEEK

APRIL 8: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday of Divine Mercy
*Collection for Father Andrew White School
*Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3pm, Church
*Polish Dinner: 4–7pm, Church Hall

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

PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET

Begin with the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles Creed. Using regular rosary beads, work your way around the five decades with the prayers below.

On the standalone beads, pray: “Eternal Father, I offer you the body, 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 the decade beads, pray: “For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

At the end, pray the following three times: “Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

It is typical to conclude the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the words: “Jesus, I trust in you.”

LOOKING AHEAD

APRIL 15: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Collection for Church Maintenance

“Say unceasingly this chaplet that I have taught you. Even the most hardened sinner, if he recites this chaplet even once, will receive grace from My Infinite Mercy.”
— Jesus to St. Faustina Kowalska (Diary, 687)
Cardinal Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 17 at 2pm at the National Shrine. Call Gertie in the parish office or use the sign-up forms in the back of church to register—deadline is Mon, April 16.

**2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass**

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**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, 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).

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.

Details and advance ticket sales at mhgp.org. Tickets are $35 online, $40 at the door (cash or check only at door). Gourmet boxed lunches available by pre-paid reservation only; Judy Moe, jmoefearthlink.net, 301-475-7974.

**TO REGISTER FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL “WALK IN THE PARK”**

**Sat, April 28, to benefit our parish’s Newtowne Manor House Preservation/Restoration Fund.**

Open to all! Registration info in the church and at www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org. To volunteer or sponsor, call Sarah Matisick, 301-247-7416.

**Remembering our loved ones with flowers on the altar this Easter**

This listing is an addendum to that which was published in the April 1, 2018 bulletin

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**All victims of gun violence**

Frank Bell+
John L. Sarah Bond +
John B. Bond, Jr. +
Victoria Bond +
Bond Family +
Jerry Brown +
Willard Brown +
Elizabeth Brown +
Bussler Family +
William L. Cecilia Bussler +
Joseph Ciorciari +
Cusic Family +
Mrs. And Mrs. Dick Cusic +
Downs family +
Buddy Downs +
John Fischer +
John L. & Mary Fisher +

Mae Flaherty +
Ray Flaherty +
Robert L. Rose Freeman +
Christin Gaston +
Glockner Family +
Sam Harrison +
Hodges Family +
Huseman Family +
Sylvia Johnson +
Lt. Col. Willard & Alice Jones Sr. +
Mr. & Mrs. William Kranke +
Scotty Kranke +
Jean Lawrence +
Jeremiah Mason, Jr. +
Mattingly Family +

Elizabeth Mattingly +
Hilda Mattingly +
James Mattingly +
Mary Agnes Mattingly +
Tom L & Pauline Mattingly +
Schley L & Mary Miles +
Bertie Miller +
Ray Miller +
Ray Norman Miller, Jr. +
Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Parisi +
Albert Rudman +
Winifred Rudman +
Bubby Spalding
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Spalding +
Trader Family
Willey Family +
Louis L & Emmy Young +
Mary Young +
**Potomac River Cleanup**

St. Francis Xavier parish is invited and welcome to participate in the Potomac River Cleanup event at Newtowne Neck State Park on Saturday April 15. If you’d like to help, please email Ranger Will James at william.james@maryland.gov. The event usually runs 9am-noon. Details available from Ranger James.

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**A Day for Hope and Healing**

The archdiocesan Office for Family Life is organizing a Day of Hope and Healing for those struggling with infertility or who have suffered a miscarriage. Saturday, April 14 from 10am–3:30pm at St. Joseph Church in Beltsville, MD (11007 Montgomery Rd.). There will be Holy Mass, a panel with Q&A, and praise and worship during Adoration and Confessions. Free, but registration is required. Register at dayofhopeandhealing2018.eventbrite.com. Simultaneous Spanish translation available. For more information, please call 301-853-4499 or email visiblesign@adw.org.

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**LVRSA Upcoming Fundraisers to Support our First Responders**

Join us at one of three delicious and fun fundraisers this month!

As always, please let your server or cashier know you are there to support the LVRSA fundraiser so the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad can credit for your visit.

**Leonardtown Grille:** all day on Wed, April 11. Dine-in or take-out.

**Kevin’s Corner Kafe:** Fried Chicken Dinner Wed, April 25, 3-9pm. Dine-in or take-out.

**1st Annual Rockfish Fishing Tournament:** Fitzie’s Marina, Sat, April 28. Start time 6:30am, Check In 3:30pm. There will be the captains meeting Fri, April 27, 6:30pm at Fitzie’s. If interested or would like to be a sponsor, call 301-481-7421.

Entry fee. First-Third Place winners awarded. Youth Division with First & Second place winners. DC & Face-painting at Check In for some family fun. Good luck!

**Hope to see you! And thanks for your support!**

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**Camp Maria Retreat Center is seeking a Full-time Facilities Manager**

For more information or to apply, contact:
Director, Camp Maria Retreat Center, 41290 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown MD 20650.


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**Newtowne Manor House Restoration**

Donations to:
St. Francis Xavier Church
21370 Newtowne Neck Road
Leonardtown MD 20650
Memo line: Manor House Restoration
For more information:
LYNN DELAHAY, 204-925-6485
GEORGE MATISICK, 301-475-9698
NEWTOWNEMANORHOUSE@GMAIL.COM

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**Gatton’s Barber Shop**

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

Last Sunday we celebrated the Resurrection of Our Lord and we have continued that celebration all week long in what the Church calls “the Octave of Easter.” The celebration with an octave occurs twice a year: once after the Solemnity of Christmas and again after the Solemnity of Easter. What it means is that the first eight days after the Solemnity are really treated as one festive day. So Easter “day” really concludes this Sunday as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday we mark when Our Lord first instituted the sacrament of confession. Jesus asked St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) to promote this message of God’s merciful love. When she was canonized in 2000, Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

In addition, Our Lord wanted a particular image of mercy painted. A replica of this image hangs on the wall near the confessional in our church. It is a depiction of the merciful Christ with red and white rays of light, signifying Jesus’ Blood, which He poured out for us with His death on the Cross, and water, which reminds us of our Baptism. At the bottom of the image we find the words, “Jesus, I trust in You.”

Jesus asked St. Faustina to invite us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and to ideally do so at three o’clock, the Hour of Mercy. This Sunday we are praying the chaplet at 3pm in the church. It is so important that we turn to Our Lord’s mercy and never forget that He is willing to forgive us when we sin against Him.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob

Saturday – April 7
4pm—Leonard Thomas Dixon †

Sunday – April 8
Second Sunday of Easter—Sunday of Divine Mercy
8am—St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am—Scott Barrett †

Monday—April 9
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
8am—Scott Mattingly †

Tuesday—No Mass

Wednesday—April 11
St. Stanislaus
8am—Benjamin "Alfred" Knott †

Thursday—April 12
8am—Joseph Francis Long †

Friday—April 13
St. Martin I
Benjamin Lester Cusic †

Saturday – April 14
4pm—Leonard Thomas Dixon †

Sunday – April 15
Third Sunday of Easter
8am—St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am—Adele McConnell †

For healing: Joan Polko, Shirley Nickerson, Bubby Spalding, Judy Bakewell, John Abell, Julie Broyles, Lillie Rideout, Carolyn Russell Weiler, and Erin Schaller.

For our beloved dead, especially Ann Wilkinson

If you are seriously ill or preparing for a surgery, call the Parish Office to arrange for the sacrament of anointing.