St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 15, 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 15: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
Collection for Church Maintenance

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**APRIL 22: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**APRIL 23: MANOR HOUSE MEETING**
7pm, Hall. All are welcome.

**APRIL 28: 2ND ANNUAL “WALK IN THE PARK”**
Registration starts 8am—Run/walk starts 9am.
Kids 12 and under free
Registration info in the church vestibule

**The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for April**
For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters: That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

From Our Lady of the Wayside Church Works of Mercy Guild:

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Lenten Food Drive. Your generosity allowed us to restock our shelves, and continue our mission of helping to feed the hungry.

“**We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when His light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able to share it with others.**”

— Pope Francis

**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).

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). 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.
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

All victims of gun violence
Frank Bell +
John & Sarah Bond +
John H. Bond, Jr. +
Victoria Bond +
Bond Family +
Jerry Brown +
Willard Brown +
Elizabeth Brown +
Bussler Family +
William & Cecilia Bussler +
Joseph Ciorciari +
Cusic Family +
Mrs. And Mrs. Dick Cusic +
Downs family +
Buddy Downs +
John Fischer +
John & Mary Fisher +

Mae Flaherty +
Ray Flaherty +
Robert & 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 & Pauline Mattingly +
Schley & Mary Miles +
Bertie Miller +
Ray Miller +
Ray Norman Miller, Jr. +
Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Parisi +
Albert Rudman +
Winfred Rudman +
Bobby Spalding
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Spalding +
Trader Family
Willey Family +
Louis & Emmy Young +
Mary Young +

Grieving with Great Hope

Five Week Workshop Begins Wednesday, Apr 18, 2018, 7pm
continues Apr 25, May 2, May 9, May 16 at Immaculate Conception Church
Parish Hall, Mechanicsville MD. Call 301-884-3123 to register.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, “Grieving with Great Hope” is a five-week grief support workshop presented in a DVD format, that offers prayerful reflection, practical learning, and personal fellowship. If you are grieving the death of a family member or a friend and trying to learn how to cope with your loss, you are encouraged to attend.

Hosts will be Deacon Bill and Tina Slaughter; closing ceremony celebrated with Fr. Michael Tietjen, Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church. For more information about Good Mourning Ministry, visit their website at goodmourningministry.net.

“Grieving with Great Hope gives people who are mourning the loss of a loved one a path through the valley of grief. It connects people with people, here on earth and on their way home. And in the end, we are all led to the Great Healer, Jesus Christ in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.” —Fr. John Riccardo
Join us at one of our 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.

**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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**Newtowne Manor House Restoration**
**Donations to:**
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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

For the greater glory of God...

Dear Parish Family,

During the Easter season, we replace the daily recitation of the Angelus with the Regina Coeli. I recommend this prayer as a beautiful way of praising God during this season of joy.

Regina Coeli

V. O Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia!
R. For He Whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia.
V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.
R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia.

Today’s reading from the Gospel of Luke is so beautiful because it reminds us that our Easter joy is founded in the Risen Christ who desires to reveal Himself to us each and every day. The Gospel highlights two important ways that we encounter the Risen Lord. First, it says: “Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.” Then it goes on to say that “He [Christ] opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” This all happens in the context of Our Lord’s post-Resurrection appearance to the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

The Holy Scriptures and the Eucharist are two powerful ways that Christ reveals Himself to us. During this Easter season, let’s be encouraged to seek the Lord in His Word and in the Eucharist. Read a portion of the Bible every day. Attend one of our daily Masses in addition to your Sunday obligation. Subscribe to a periodical, like Magnificat, to help you better understand the Scriptures and follow the Mass. Now that Lent is over, let’s remain diligent and steadfast in our walk with God. The best is yet to come!

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob

Saturday — April 14
4pm—Leonard Thomas Dixon †

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

Monday—April 16
8am—Allen Stevenson †

Tuesday—No Mass

Wednesday—April 18
8am—John H. Bond, Jr. †

Thursday—April 19
8am—Benjamin “Alfred” Knott †

Friday—April 20
8am—Benjamin Lester Cusic †

Saturday — April 21
4pm—Shirley Nickerson

Sunday — April 22
Fourth Sunday of Easter
8am—St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am—Scott Mattingly †

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.