St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 29, 2018

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

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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 29: Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3: Spiritual Book Club
9am, Church Hall
If you are interested in joining in the discussion, please email Paula McLeod at paula.mcLeod@gmail.com.

May 4: No Mass
And
No Eucharistic Adoration

**LOOKING AHEAD**

May 6: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Collection for Father Andrew White School

May 13: Ascension of the Lord
In the Archdiocese of Washington, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Mass on Thu, May 10, will be the Memorial of St. Damien de Veuster.

**May Collections**

May 6  FAW School
May 13  Catholic Relief Services
         Ascension of the Lord
May 20  Maintenance Fund

“St. Joseph is the patron saint of workers because he knew how to rise above not only the concern for efficiency and the need to dominate the matter we work with but also above the joy of a job well done, in order to offer it to God.”
— Fr. Marie-Dominique Philippe, O.P.
THANK YOU!
My sincere thanks go out to Sarah Matisick for all of her hard work and effort in organizing this year’s Annual Walk in the Park to benefit the Manor House. Thank you, Sarah, for making the Run/Walk such a huge success and a wonderful way to bring the parish and the community together. I’m grateful to everyone who came out to support this event.

Need help with your HVAC system?
Power washing the siding?
Putting in a new deck? 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 PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF WORK

O God, the Creator of all things, You framed the law of labor or the human race. Graciously grant, by the example and patronage of St. Joseph, that we may do the work You provide us and earn the reward You promise.
Sustain us with Your grace to live up to our duties in charity and justice. Amen.

HELP NEEDED!
We will be hosting a dessert table and providing drinks at the House & Garden luncheon in the Church Hall. Please call Lynn Delahay at 240-925-6485 if you are available to serve on this committee.

MEN’S DISCERNMENT DINNER
Sunday, May 13, 5-8:30pm, at Saint John Paul II Seminary (145 Taylor St NE). The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the DC area. Participants should be single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics. Questions? Contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, 202-636-9020, vocations@adw.org. Register on-line at www.DCpriest.org.

Bulletins just for Kids!
Find them in the vestibule with the regular Sunday bulletin. Two versions—My Family and Me for PK-1st graders; My Church, My Family and Me for 2nd-3rd graders. Take one home and help your child “grow with the Gospel.”
NIGHT AT THE RACES FUNDRAISER
Join new/old/current friends on Sat, Jun 2, 2018, at 5:30 pm, Friendship Room, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in La Plata for a fun filled evening of dining and horse racing. Dinner is $20 per person (gourmet Italian Buffet); buying a horse is $20 per horse; racing is $2 per bet; cash bar. For more information please call Sharon Vaughan, 301-934-2983. This is a benefit for Mount Carmel Monastery of Maryland and is sponsored by the Restorers of Mount Carmel.

ST. MARY’S QUEEN OF PEACE CEMETERY
All are welcome to attend the installation of a blessed plaque honoring the sacred memory of the Enslaved Men and Women buried throughout our Archdiocese. Fr. David Beaubien will preside over the ceremony at St. Mary’s Queen of Peace Cemetery, 8888 Dr. Johnson Rd, Mechanicsville, on Sat, May 5, at 10am.

Although there are no burials of enslaved persons at Queen of Peace, the plaque invites cemetery visitors to remember and pray for those who await their resurrection in Christ in unknown graves anywhere within the boundaries of the Archdiocese.

“Grant that these stones, placed in memory of those who suffered in terrible bondage, may, by the power of your blessing, mark a place of rest and hope.”
— Cardinal Wuerl, at the blessing ceremony

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JOIN THE WASHINGTON ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (ACCW) as we pray the Rosary on the 4th of each month.
Call 605-468-8016 and enter code 357090# to pray as a community, May 4, at 8pm.

24TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES
Sunday, May 20, 4:30pm at the National Shrine (400 Michigan Ave NE DC). Principal celebrant and homilist: Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Military personnel are encouraged to be in uniform; civilians should wear business attire. Parking is limited and carpooling is advised. To request seating or for additional info, please visit www.milarch.org/memorialmass/laity-registration. Questions? Jo Ann Redmond at administration@milarch.org or 202-719-3600.

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Dear Parish Family,

This Tuesday, May 1, is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, recalling the virtues he practiced in his ordinary life of work.

St. Joseph worked hard to care for his family and taught his craft of carpentry to his Son Jesus. Performing his day-to-day duties in the presence of Our Lord and Our Lady, he reminds us to turn often to Jesus and Mary as we labor in the midst of our own responsibilities.

Like St. Joseph, our work can be carried out in a cheerful and friendly manner with attention to the details of the task at hand. Punctuality, order, and diligence imbued with prayer are ways that we can imitate St. Joseph by offering our work to God.

There are a couple of books that I would highly recommend if you would like to get to know St. Joseph better:

*Joseph the Silent* by Fr. Michel Gasnier, O.P.

*The Mystery of Joseph* by Fr. Marie-Dominique Philippe, O.P.

There is also an excellent pamphlet published by the Knights of Columbus: *St. Joseph: Our Father in Faith* by Fr. Frederick Miller. The entire pamphlet can be downloaded online at: http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/cis328.pdf

This week, make some extra time to pray to St. Joseph. We are very fortunate to have St. Joseph’s Church in Morganza so close to us. If your schedule allows, consider making a mini-pilgrimage there this week during their Eucharistic adoration from 4-5 pm (Monday-Friday, except Thursdays) in honor of our foster father in faith. It will be time well spent!

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob

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**Saturday—April 28**
St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignion de Montfort
4pm—Richard Harvan †

**Sunday—April 29**
Fifth Sunday of Easter
8am—St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am—Ivonne May

**Monday—April 30**
St. Pius V
8am—Benjamin Lester Cusic †

**Tuesday—No Mass**

**Wednesday—May 2**
St. Athanasius
8am—Michael & Lynn Freeman

**Thursday—May 3**
 Saints Philip and James
8am—Alex Freeman

**Friday—No Mass**

**Saturday—May 5**
4pm—Shirley Nickerson

**Sunday—May 6**
Sixth Sunday of Easter
8am—St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am—Scott Mattingly †

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

Email sfxmdparish@gmail.com and let us join in prayer for one another. If you are seriously ill or preparing for a surgery, call the Parish Office to arrange for the sacrament of anointing.