St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 6, 2018

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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 FRIDAYADORATION
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
THE WEEK

MAY 6: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Collection for Father Andrew White School

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

MAY 12: CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT 9AM

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY 13: SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Collection for Catholic Relief Services

MAY 16: CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION
Bishop Roy E. Campbell, celebrant: 7pm

A great time was had by all at the 2nd Annual Walk in the Park, to benefit the Newtowne Manor House!

“Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry.” — St. Francis de Sales

NEXT WEEKEND, WE PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts.

Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

Funds acquired from the CRS Collection are distributed to these six organizations:

- Catholic Relief Services for international relief and development
- Migration and Refugee Services for refugee resettlement
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc (CLINIC) for immigration legal services
- Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development for advocacy
- Holy Father’s Relief Fund for emergency relief
- Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church for evangelization and ministry
**Mother’s Day Carnations**
If you wish to place a carnation(s) on the altar for Mother’s Day, envelopes are on table in the narthex of the church. Place in the collection basket by May 6. Call Jim Howe, 301-904-9041.

**RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW!**
**81st Annual Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage Tour, May 26, 10am-5pm.**
This popular and highly regarded event features St. Francis Xavier Church and Manor House and 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, jmoeh@earthlink.net, 301-475-7974. **DEADLINE TO RESERVE A LUNCH IS MAY 12!**

**HELP NEEDED!**
We will be hosting a dessert table and providing drinks at the luncheon. Call Lynn Delahay at 240-925-6485 if you are available to serve on this committee.

**Upcoming Manor House meeting**
**Thu, May 24, 7pm**
**Church Hall**
All parishioners are invited to attend. For more information, contact Lynn Delahay, 240-925-6485, ldelahay@hotmail.com or George Matisick, 301-475-9698, gcmatisick@gmail.com.

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**Heavenly Presents**
A volunteer-operated shop in Leonardtown, Heavenly Presents provides many affordable gift ideas for First Communion and Confirmation needs. Located on the Square in Leonardtown. Store hours are Tue & Thu, 10 am-5pm; Wed & Fri, 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-3pm. Call 301-475-9770. Heavenly Presents is looking for additional volunteers. Hours are flexible in that you can volunteer once a week to once a month! Please call or stop by if you are interested!

**Gift Ideas for First Communion and Confirmation**

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**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. Use them on Sunday or during the week, at home or away, and help your child “grow with the Gospel.”
**We are in the process of updating our Parish Directory and need your help.**

Parish Registration and Census forms are available in the church vestibule. Please complete and return the form to the Parish Office by June 1, 2018.

If you prefer, email your information to Claire DeLozier, cad928@gmail.com.

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**Newtowne Manor House Restoration**

**Donations to:**

St. Francis Xavier Church
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—THOMAS MERTON

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**Fiat Camp**

for high school girls
July 27–29
Mount St. Mary’s University

*Fiat* is Latin for “Let it be done.”

Mary said this to the angel Gabriel when she was asked to become the mother of Jesus. Mary was called to live courageously. And because she said “Yes,” she changed the world. St. Catherine of Siena said “Be who you are created to be and you will set the world ablaze.” What would happen if each and every woman realized who she was as a daughter of God?

*The world would never be the same.*

Join us this summer to spend time with other young women and discover the exciting things that God has for your life!

**What to Expect:** Talks by religious sisters and other speakers, Mass and prayer, Games and Sports, Craft time and social time (with great food!), Time for Confession and Spiritual Advice

Cost: $150 (Sibling Discounts & Scholarships Available)
Register at www.bmorevocations.org

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**High School Young Men:**

**Quo Vadis?**

Where are you going?

Run by priests and seminarians of the archdiocese, Quo Vadis Camp includes Mass, great talks, sports, Eucharistic Adoration, games, food and time to relax with other young men discerning God’s will in their life.

July 15-18, 2018
Mount St. Mary’s Seminary
Register now at dcpriest.org

For more Information, please ask your parish priest or contact:

Fr. Mark Ivory
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**Barber Shop**

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Dear Parish Family,

May, a time of rebirth in nature, is fittingly dedicated to Our Lady, the Mother of our life in Christ and our spiritual mother.

It is a great practice during this month of May to find some particular and concrete way to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Some popular devotions to Our Lady include praying the Memorare, reciting the Angelus prayer at either 6am, 12 noon or 6pm (replaced in the Easter season by the Regina Coeli), wearing her brown scapular or Miraculous Medal, praying the rosary, and honoring her through small acts of love and sacrifice.

Next Sunday, May 13, is the feast day honoring Mary as Our Lady of Fatima, named for her appearances to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. Two of the children, St. Jacinta and St. Francisco, were canonized in Fatima by Pope Francis last year on May 13, marking the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s appearance there.

Mary’s message at Fatima still resonates for each of us today: A call to conversion of heart, repentance from sin, reparation and devotion to prayer, especially the rosary – the ultimate prayer to Jesus through Mary.

May also brings First Holy Communion to our second graders at a special 9am Mass on Saturday, May 12. Please include them in your prayers this week as they prepare to receive Jesus in first Holy Communion for the very first time. We also pray in a special way for our eighth graders preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, May 16 at 7pm with Bishop Campbell.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob

Saturday – May 5
4pm—Shirley Nickerson

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

Monday—No Mass

Tuesday—No Mass

Wednesday—May 9
8am—Msgr. James Beattie †

Thursday—May 10
St. Damien de Veuster
8am—Joan Polko

Friday—May 11
8am—Joseph Francis Long †

Saturday – May 12
Saints Nereus and Achilleus
4pm—Our First Communion Class

Sunday – May 13
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
8am—St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am—Special Intention for all Mothers

For healing: Billy Goddard, 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 surgery, call the Parish Office to arrange for the sacrament of anointing.
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