St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

The Ascension of the Lord
May 13, 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
A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God. 

St. Faustina —

God’s blessings on our First Communion Class

We pray for our parish children who receive Holy Eucharist for the first time this weekend:

James Brennan
Raegan Gantt
Helen Geary
Aaron Guy
Jacob Hill
Brady Jordan
Matthew Miller
Emma Rice
Michael Wathen
Molly White

May 13: The Ascension of the Lord
*Collection for Catholic Relief Services
*World Communications Day

May 16: Celebration of Confirmation
Bishop Roy Campbell will confer the Sacrament on our parish children at 7pm. Please keep them in your prayers at this important time.

May 17: Spiritual Book Club
9am, Church Hall

May 20: Third Sunday of Easter
Collection for Church Maintenance

May 24: Manor House Meeting
All parishioners are invited to attend! 7pm in the Church Hall. For more information, contact Lynn Delahay, 240-925-6485, ldelahay@hotmail.com or George Matisick, 301-475-9698, gcmatisick@gmail.com.
MEMORIAL DAY AT CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

“A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathizes with pain and sorrow is capable of touching life’s depths and finding authentic happiness,” says Pope Francis in Gaudete et Exsultate. “He or she is consoled, not by the world but by Jesus.”

On Memorial Day, come gather in loving memory of family, friends, and fellow citizens who have given their lives for our freedom.

“Knowing how to mourn with others: that is holiness,” says the Pope.

Special outdoor Memorial Day Masses will be held at 10am on Monday, May 28 on the sacred grounds of the Catholic cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington, including Queen of Peace Cemetery, 38888 Dr. Johnson Road, Mechanicsville, 301-475-5005.

HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOUR TICKETS YET?
The 81ST ANNUAL HOUSE & GARDEN PILGRIMAGE TOUR IS MAY 26, 10AM-5PM

Don’t miss the chance to see some of our beautiful local places!

Plus you’ll be supporting our Manor House, which 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 info and advance ticket sales visit mhgp.org. Tickets are $35 online, $40 at the door (cash or check only at door).

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.

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OUR PARISH BULLETIN IS ONE OF OUR MAIN COMMUNICATION TOOLS TO OUR PARISH MEMBERS. It provides inspirational words from Father, Mass intentions, news, and events for the week ahead. We are thankful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost thanks to the generous advertising support of our parishioners and community-minded businesses. Please let us know if you can help. Sponsors of our bulletin recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our Church family, who in turn respond by supporting our sponsors! If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin, please contact Victor Verbiest at 973-634-0586, or via e-mail to sverbiest@4lpi.com. Thank you!

Next Week
- 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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Dear Parish Family,

On Saturday, May 12th, ten of our second graders received their First Holy Communion. Today, we welcome them to the Eucharistic Banquet for the very first time on the Lord’s Day. I am grateful to all the parents of these young children, the first teachers and role models of their children in the ways of the faith, and to their school teachers and dedicated catechists who brought them to this day. I also want to thank our Director of Religious Education, Paula McLeod, for her leadership in coordinating our parish religious education program.

It is always a joy for me to celebrate this sacrament for our boys and girls. They are so eager to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time. There’s a true story about Napoleon Bonaparte, that when he was at the pinnacle of his fame, one of his generals asked what had been the happiest day of his life. Napoleon answered, “The day of my First Holy Communion was the happiest day of my life, for then I was brought nearest to God.”

My prayer is that our second graders will continue to approach Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, with the same love and devotion as they today, for the rest of their lives.

Today, Mother’s Day, we remember and honor all of our mothers and grandmothers, great-grandmothers and godmothers – living and deceased. No greater example exists of God’s unconditional love for all His children than that expressed through the vocation of motherhood. May Our Lord continue to bless them with His abundant grace, now and forever!

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob