St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 17, 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
"Confession has been my habitual homecoming since I was a child. It is a consolation and a joy, and such joy, our faith teaches us, is meant for everyone."

—Donald Cardinal Wuerl

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**THIS WEEK**

**JUNE 17: 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Father’s Day*

*Peter’s Pence Collection*

Your donation provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please prayerfully consider a generous donation. Thank you.

**FR. ROB WILL BE AWAY THIS WEEK —**

We are grateful to Fr. Beaubien for celebrating the 8am Mass on Thu, Jun 21

**NO 8AM MASS** Mon 6/18, Tue 6/19, Wed 6/20, and Fri 6/22

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**JUNE 24: SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**TRAVELLING THIS SUMMER?**

You can find a Catholic church wherever you go—download the “Mass Times” app on your smartphone, or visit masstimes.org

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**Join us for a**

**Community Breakfast**

**Sunday, June 24, 2018**

St. Francis Xavier Church Hall

8:30am to 12:30pm

Regular & Blueberry Pancakes

Eggs, Bacon, Sausage

Home Fried Potatoes

Biscuit with Sausage Gravy

Coffee & Juice

**Free Will Donation**

Benefit Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad
SUMMER SEMINARIAN REFLECTIONS
St. Francis Xavier Church
21370 Newtown Neck Road, Leonardtown MD 20650

Reflection I
The Power of Prayer
June 15th 8:45AM
Parish Hall

Reflection II
Confession
June 28th 7PM
Church

Reflection III
Zeal and Xavier
July 8th 9AM
Church

Confessions will be available

Conor Edmund Hardy just finished his first year of Pre-Theology at Saint John Paul II Seminary. Born and raised in Washington, DC, his home parish is Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Conor grew up playing ice hockey with his two older brothers and belonged to a Downtown DC Boxing Club. After College, Conor served as a Metropolitan Police Officer and taught 4th grade at The Heights School before entering seminary.
Our Summer Book Club starts June 21, at 9am in the Parish Hall. This summer's book choice is “Therese, Faustina, and Bernadette: Three Saints Who Challenged My Faith, Gave Me Hope, and Taught Me How to Love” by Elizabeth Ficocelli. Email Paula McLeod, paula.mckeod@gmail.com for details.

**Fried Chicken Dinner at Kevin’s Corner Kafe**

Wed, Jun 20, 3-9pm. Dine-in or take-out.
Let your server or cashier know you’re there to support the LVRSA fundraiser so the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad gets credit for your visit.

**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:
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**LVRSA Fundraiser: Support our First Responders**

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**Archdiocese of Washington**

His Eminence
Donald Cardinal Wuerl
Archbishop of Washington
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Dear Parish Family,

Last week in my homily I made a plea for a return to the sacrament of confession. I want to help promote a healthy participation and a greater appreciation of this beautiful sacrament of God’s love and mercy. If you have any feedback on whether the current Saturday confession time (3:15-3:45pm) is feasible, I would be most grateful. I have proposed the possibility of moving the Saturday confession time to after the 4pm Mass and adding two additional Sunday times (7:30-7:50am & 10:30-10:50am) before each of the Masses at 8am & 11am. I welcome your thoughts!

I recently had some questions about why we use Latin during the Mass and Eucharistic adoration. This is a great question. For centuries, Latin has always been known as the official language of the Roman Catholic Church for a few reasons. First, just as the Church is by nature “catholic” (which means universal) the Latin language is universal because it doesn’t belong to one particular country or region anymore. Second, Latin is such a precise language that it leaves very little room for ambiguity. That’s why the Church’s official documents are always first released in Latin.

Third, when sung it has a beauty and elegance that appeal to many because it can help lift our minds and hearts in prayer to God.

For centuries, the entire Mass used to be said in Latin. Although now it is mostly in English, we preserve some hymns and Mass parts in Latin to preserve the rich heritage that nourished the spiritual lives of so many saints and Catholic faithful throughout the ages.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Rob