St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

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JUNE 24, 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
"Don't be afraid of confession. When someone is in line for confession he feels all these things — even shame — but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves feeling free, great, beautiful forgiven, clean, happy.”
—Pope Francis
REFLECTION II
Confession
June 28 — 7pm, Church
Confession will be available

Conor 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 twin 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.

“Faith, Food & Fellowship”
CMRC’s Series of Spiritual Related Presentations & Discussions

Join us at Camp Maria Retreat Center for an evening of “Faith, Food & Fellowship” with our guest speakers, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth!

Inaugural Evening
Monday, July 9, 2018
6:00 to 8:00 pm
At Camp Maria Retreat Center
Air Conditioned Dining Hall
41200 Camp Maria Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650
$20 per person

“SCNs - So Now We Don’t Just Teach”

Members of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth will be with us to share their mission in today’s world—both in the United States and throughout the world. Of course, they will share their history in St. Mary’s County - both past and present. Time also for us to share our SCN memories as well.

Dinner will be provided by our chef, Terri Williams, with time to spend with others before and after the presentation. Invite your friends & family.

For more information, contact Ann Kovalcik, Director, at 301-475-8330 or director@campmaria.org

You might even get to see a gorgeous sunset... happens almost every evening at Camp Maria
Our Summer Book Club meets Thursdays 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.mcLeod@gmail.com for details.

NEWTOWNE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION

Donations to:
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INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is an exploration of Catholic teachings, traditions, and practices. Participants attend weekly sessions beginning in the fall each year. It is a process whereby adults become fully participating members of the Catholic Church. **Is there someone you can invite to explore the Catholic faith – someone unbaptized, or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition?** Perhaps you know a Catholic adult interested in being confirmed. Please contact Fr. Rob at sfxparishmd@gmail.com for more information.

TRAVELLING THIS SUMMER?

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

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

NEWTOWNE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION

BOOK CLUB

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

His Eminence
Donald Cardinal Wuerl
Archbishop of Washington

In the presence of the Bishop of

Episcopal Ordination

of

Most Reverend
Michael W. Miller
Bishop of Phoenix

in the presence of

His Excellency
Most Reverend Christoph Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

Today, June 29, 2018
Saturday of Saints Peter and Paul
2:00 pm

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC 20017

Requiem in fulfillment of Apostolic Brief
Dear Parish Family,

Picking up from last week’s discussion on confession, I’d like to talk about three things that every Catholic should know about this beautiful sacrament of God’s mercy and forgiveness.

The first is to always remember that it is Christ who forgives you of your sins and not the priest. Only God can forgive sin. The priest is His instrument but the One who forgives you is truly the Lord Jesus Himself. When the priest says, “I absolve you of your sins…” it is Christ speaking through the person of the priest. Christ gave the apostles the authority to forgive sins after the Resurrection when he said: “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” (John 20:22-23).

Second, you should never let the fear of forgetting how to go to confession prevent you from going. If you don’t remember what to say or do, I’ll be more than happy to walk you through it when you’re there. There are even “cheat-sheet” cards in the confessional to help you! Also, you won’t need to memorize the “Act of Contrition” because it is already there on a card for you. Just come as you are and don’t worry about memorizing all the steps.

Finally, every Catholic should be consoled by what is called “the seal of confession.” This means that the priest’s lips are completely locked. What is said in confession stays there. There are no circumstances whatsoever that a priest could reveal another person’s confession. Some priests have given up their lives as martyrs to protect the seal of confession.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Rob