St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 22, 2018

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

OLDEST CATHOLIC CHURCH
IN ORIGINAL THIRTEENColonies
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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
“Married love particularly reveals its true nature and nobility when we realize that it takes its origin from God, who ‘is love,’ the Father ‘from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.’”

— Blessed Pope Paul VI, *Humanae Vitae*
Over the past year, the Panel sub-committee of the Friends of Newtowne Manor House, under the leadership of Steve Raley, has been working with Jennifer Pitts, Project Manager on the FY2018 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority grant. Prior to the installation of the panels, an archaeology study was conducted July 2 and July 4 on the site locations to insure protection of any artifacts discovered. The site panel is located next to the Church and the two interpretive panels are located on the northwest side of the Manor House. The panels were completed and installed July 5, 2018.

Special thanks to Fr. Rob for his support, Steve Raley, Frank Greenwell, Pat Greenwell, Chris Senese, Carol Moody, Mike DeManss, Sarah Matisick, Mike Smolok, Archaeologist; Ruth Mitchell, Archaeologist; August Rowell, George Matisick, Drew Dowdell, and Walt Hayes.

Pictured here is the panel located next to the church.

Please view the panels at your convenience. The goal of the panels is to share a little of the historical significance of the beloved St. Francis Xavier Church and the Newtowne Manor House.

St. Francis Xavier Church and Newtowne Manor House were researched and placed on the Maryland Register of Historic Places in 1972.

For more information, visit http://www.preservationmaryland.org/?s=newtowne.
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.

**August Collections**

- Aug 5: Catholic Communications
- Aug 12: FAW School
- Aug 19: Maintenance Fund

**Join the Knights of St. John International, Ladies Auxiliary #359, to Experience the Story of Jesus**

Saturday, September 29  Cost $160
Includes Transportation, Show, Lunch Smorgasbord at Shady Maple, Tax, Tip, Refreshments on the Bus (Driver tip not included)

Bus leaves Charlotte Hall Park & Ride at 7am Matinee at 11am — Return around 7pm

For more info:
Ella Burton 240-434-3016
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**Q: From whom does the priest receive the authority to forgive sins?**

The priest receives the authority to forgive sins from Jesus Christ, who said to his apostles and to their successors in the priesthood: “Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you forgive are forgiven them; and whose sins you retain are retained” (cf. John 20:23).
Dear Parish Family,

Imagine this scene. It’s a Wednesday evening in July and you walk into the Old Towne Pub, here in Leonardtown. In a crowded room off to the side of the bar, one of our diocesan priests is giving a talk to a lively group of single and married young adults and about a hand full of priests. The young people there are eager to learn more about the Church’s teaching on the sanctity of human life, especially as it relates to the dignity of Christian marriage.

This scene actually took place a couple of weeks ago when I heard Fr. Carter Griffin speak at Theology on Tap (talks given in a restaurant or pub by a different speakers addressing current topics in religion/theology). Personally, it was edifying to see so many young people who wanted to learn more about the 50th anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI’s prophetic and timeless encyclical, *Humanae Vitae* (“On Human Life”).

Here at St. Francis Xavier, we will have an opportunity for further reflection and discussion on Thursday, October 25, 2018, in the form of a panel discussion. Fr. Carter Griffin, who spoke at Theology on Tap, will be one of the guest panelists. More details will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, I encourage you to read Blessed Pope Paul VI’s encyclical for yourself:

http://www.scborromeo.org/docs/humanae_vitae.pdf

I invite you to pray with it and let it speak to your heart. There is indeed good news to be proclaimed here!

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob