St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 29, 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
This Week

July 29: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1: Memorial of St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori

“Without prayer we have neither light nor strength to advance in the way which leads to God.”

“The past is no longer yours; the future is not yet in your power. You have only the present wherein to do good.”
— St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)

Looking Ahead

August 5: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collection for Catholic Communications

This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts.

Your support helps spread the gospel message!
To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

SEPTEMBER 16—New Date!!
Due to an archdiocesan conflict, the date of Father Rob’s Installation as Pastor has been moved to September 16

The Installation will take place at the 11am Mass. All are invited!

“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.”
— St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW ‘PRESERVATION MARYLAND’ SITE AND INTERPRETIVE PANELS?

There are three panels: A site panel, located next to the church, and two interpretive panels, located on the northwest side of the Manor House.

Pictured below is one of the panels. Be sure to view all of them in person!

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.

TRAVEL THE CANADIAN ROCKIES OR VISIT THE HOLY LAND AND OBERAMMERGAU
Sponsored by Our Lady Star of the Sea

- **Summer 2019 train trip in the Canadian Rockies**—currently accepting deposits for this incredible 7 day journey through the best of Canada. A $100 (refundable) check deposit is all that is required to hold your space.

- **2020 Oberammergau Passion Play**, including a **5 day trip to the Holy Land** before heading to Germany to witness the play. For more information on either trip please contact Mary Beth Brown: 443-623-6368 or marybeth@bytheseatravel.com.
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.

Q: Does the priest actually forgive our sins?

No. Only God can forgive sins. But Our Lord chose to use priests as his instruments for the forgiveness of sins.

THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Priests and their Pastoral Ministry

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

August Collections

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Newtowne Manor House Restoration

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Dear Parish Family,

Some of you may know that before I entered the seminary I worked as the Director of Religious Education for Blessed Sacrament Parish in D.C. I would always tell people that, without question, my favorite part of that job was coordinating the R.C.I.A. The R.C.I.A. stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is the process by which persons who were never baptized, or who were baptized in another Christian tradition, become members of the Catholic Church.

Most of all, I loved it because of the people. They were hungry to learn more about God and what the Catholic Church teaches about our faith in Jesus Christ. My interaction with them helped me to better learn my faith and strengthened my own beliefs and convictions. I’m forever grateful to God because I considered it a great honor and privilege to walk alongside the men and women making a journey of faith like that.

Last year, it was a great joy for me to resume coordinating the R.C.I.A. here at St. Francis Xavier. We were so blessed to welcome three new Catholics into the Church at the Easter Vigil. I am now in the process of forming a new R.C.I.A. class to begin this coming September. A person does not have to be certain he or she wants to convert to Catholicism when the classes begin. All that is needed is an open mind and heart.

If you know of someone who might be interested, please encourage them to contact me.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob
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