St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 19, 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
**The title of Queen is therefore a title of trust, of joy, and of love. And we know that what she holds in her hands for the fate of the world is good; she loves us, and she helps us in our difficulties.**

— Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

**THIS WEEK**

**AUGUST 19: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Collection for the Maintenance Fund*

**ANNOUNCING A**

**VIRTUAL TOUR OF**

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

Take an exciting virtual tour of our Parish church and grounds at:
http://roundme.com/tour/249939/view/733404

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**AUGUST 26: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 1: NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**SEPTEMBER 16: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Pastoral Installation of Fr. Rob Bishop Fisher to preside, 11am Mass*

*Religious Ed classes for children begin, 9:15-10:30am at St. Aloysius*

This year our children will be joining those at St. Aloysius parish the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month for classes.

To register your child, or for details, email Paula McLeod, paula.mcleod@gmail.com.

**NEW Confession SCHEDULE**

**Starting September 1**

Saturday AFTER the 4pm Mass
Sunday BEFORE the 8am & 11am Masses
7:30-7:50am
10:30-10:50am

**UPCOMING FOOD DRIVES**

Help lift and feed our neighbors

**Loaves and Fishes & St. Mary’s Helping Hands**

Sat, Sep 8 — 10am-2pm at Giant Food in the First Colony Center

Drop off your food donation and support these local food pantries

**Benjamin Banneker Elementary School**

“Snack Pack” Food Drive
Sat, Sep 22 — 10am-2pm at McKay’s in Leonardtown

*Sponsored by St. Mary’s County Interfaith Council*

**SEPTEMBER COLLECTIONS**

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VOLUNTEER & CHANGE A LIFE
AT THE ST. MARY’S COUNTY FAIR
SEPTEMBER 20-23

Each year the Catholic parishes of St. Mary’s County have a unique opportunity to spread the Good News of Christ and our Catholic Faith at the County Fair. You have been called! **Prayerfully consider volunteering for a 2-hour shift at the Catholic Evangelization booth, which will be open all four days of the Fair, whenever the Fair is open.** You won’t be alone—there will be other Catholics on hand to share their faith with visitors!

You don’t need to be a television evangelist or a Catholic theologian to inspire others to know Christ. You can make a difference. **Feel you need a little help to get you started? Come to our training session at St. Aloysius on Sep 13 at 6:30pm in the school gym.** Dinner provided.

To sign up or for more info, visit saintalloysiuschurch.org/countyfair/.

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**NEVER BAPTIZED?**

**BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER CHRISTIAN TRADITION, AND INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

**BAPTIZED CATHOLIC BUT NEVER RECEIVED THE SACRAMENTS OF EUCHARIST AND/OR CONFIRMATION?**

We invite you to join us for RCIA — The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults — an exploration of Catholic teachings, traditions, and practices. It is a process whereby adults become fully participating members of the Catholic Church. **Participants attend weekly sessions on Thursdays, 7-8:30pm, starting Sep 13, in the rectory.**

**IS THERE SOMEONE YOU CAN INVITE TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Please contact Fr. Rob at sfxparishmd@gmail.com for more information.

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“It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.”

*Mark 4: 31-32*
Q: What else does the sacrament of confession do for us?
A: The sacrament of confession also gives us the opportunity to receive spiritual advice and instruction from our confessor.

### OUR FALL SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB BEGINS THU, SEPTEMBER 6!

New this fall:
**two sessions!**
Thu mornings at 9am
Thu evenings at 7pm
Both sessions held in the Parish Hall.

Our featured book:
“Between Heaven and Mirth” by Fr. James Martin, SJ.

For more information, email Paula McLeod, paula.mcleod@gmail.com.

### FOR VOCATIONS!

Registration is open for two fun opportunities to help support our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood. Each year, a group of priests, seminarians, and lay people participate in a distance ride or run as a way to promote vocations through prayer, sacrifice, and raising financial support. The Ride for Vocations Team invites cyclists of all experience levels to join us for the St. Mary's Century Ride at either the 100, 64, or 37 mile distance on **Mon, Sep 3**. The Run for Vocations/Marine Corp 10K is **Sun, Oct 28**. Registration at www.DCpriest.org/promote. Email RFV@adw.org with any questions.

### Bereavement Group

Beginning in September, St. Francis Xavier Parish will offer a grief support group for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one in the recent past. For more information and to register, please contact Fr. Rob at sfxparishmd@gmail.com or 301-475-9885.

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP GATHERING IN LEONARDTOWN THIS WED, AUG 22

**7-8:30PM AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL** — Join Fr. Conley as we gather for prayer and praise of the Lord. The K of C Hall is across the street from Mattingly-Gardiner funeral home in Leonardtown. The event is free and all are welcome. These gatherings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information contact Fr. Conley, frconley@comcast.net
Dear Parish Family,

We are in the midst of a “Marian” time of the year as we celebrate the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 22, one of five Marian days in August and September. Others are the Assumption (August 15), Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (September 8), Most Holy Name of Mary (September 12), and Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15).

After Our Lord, Mary is honored more often on the Church calendar than any other individual, with 16 days dedicated to her unique place in Salvation History as the Mother of God, Mother of the Church, and Spiritual Mother to all of us.

Our Lady has always had a special place in my heart because I believe that she has nurtured my vocation to the priesthood. Each day I entrust myself and my brother priests to her motherly care. This is something we can all do, no matter what our vocation or state in life. Our Lady loves us and truly wants to help us.

Prayer to the Queen of Heaven
by St. Alphonsus Ligouri

*Mother of my God, and my Lady Mary, as a beggar, all wounded and sore, presents himself before a great queen, so do I present myself before you, who are Queen of Heaven and Earth. Disdain not, I implore you, to cast your eyes on me, a poor sinner.*

*God has made you so rich, that you might assist the poor, and has made you Queen of Mercy, in order that you might relieve the miserable. Behold me then, and pity me; behold me and abandon me not, until you see me changed from a sinner into a saint. So I hope. So may it be. Amen.*

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob

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**Saturday – August 18**
*Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
4pm — Benjamin “Alfred” Knott †

**Sunday – August 19**
*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Ronnie Delahay †

**Monday – August 20**
*St. Bernard*
No Mass—Communion Service

**Tuesday – August 21**
*St. Pius X*
No Mass

**Wednesday – August 22**
*Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
No Mass—Communion Service

**Thursday – August 23**
*St. Rose of Lima*
8am — Shirley Abell †

**Friday – August 24**
*St. Rose of Bartholomew*
No Mass—Communion Service

**Saturday – August 25**
*St. Louis*
4pm — Nolan Scully †

**Sunday – August 26**
*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8am — Perry † and Shirley † Abell
11am — St. Francis Xavier Parish

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For healing: John Russell, Dorothy Cullison, Olas Miller, Mary Ann Snow, Virginia Modrzakowski, Mary Katherine Keller, Lucy Lacey, Debbie Zeltwanger, Joan Polko, Shirley Nickerson, Bubby Spalding, Judy Bakewell, John Abell, Julie Broyles, Lillie Rideout, Carolyn Russell Weiler, and Erin Schaller.

Our beloved dead: Jeffrey Mattingly, Karen Finch, Charles Downs

Email sfxparishmd@gmail.com and let us join in prayer for one another. If you are seriously ill or preparing for a surgery, call the Parish Office to arrange for the sacrament of anointing.