St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 26, 2018

Welcome New Parishioners!
Registration forms are in the church vestibule and on our parish website

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

Oldest Catholic Church in Original Thirteen Colonies

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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
**We must fear God out of love, not love Him out of fear.**

— St. Francis de Sales

**THIS WEEK**

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

**INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**
http://roundme.com/tour/249939/view/733404

**TASTE and SEE the GOODNESS of the Lord**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SEPTEMBER 1: NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**SEPTEMBER 2: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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. Registration forms in the vestibule, or email Paula McLeod, paula.mcleod@gmail.com.

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Are you or someone you know searching for a faith home? Were you never baptized, or baptized in another Christian tradition, and interested in becoming Catholic? Maybe you were 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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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/.

IT’S FINALLY HERE! OUR PARISH ONLINE GIVING PORTAL
THE NEXT GENERATION OF ONLINE GIVING USED BY MORE THAN 10,000 CHURCHES TODAY!

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Look For: Online Giving — My Online Donation
Click on “View Donor Portal” to set up your one-time or recurring contribution — no paper forms! Use your credit card, debit card, or checking account — it’s just that easy!

Why should I use Online Giving?
It helps our parish
• Regular, automatic contributions give St. Francis Xavier predictable income the parish can count on, helping Father and the Finance Council budget our parish resources throughout the year
• You can give weekly, monthly, annually — pledges, special collections, offertory — whatever fits your budget — all from one place
• Contributions can be made even when you’re away from home or can’t join us at Mass

It helps you
• Donations can be made with check, ACH, and debit or credit cards
• Ideal for those of us who don’t write checks or carry cash (or misplace our Sunday envelopes)
• ParishSOFT’s self-service system puts you in charge of your personal online contributions—and provides email confirmations and expiring credit card notifications
• Your end-of-year contribution report and giving history are always available online

Worried about online security and keeping your financial data private and safe? Online giving is provided by ParishSOFT, the same company that provides accounting and membership software to the Archdiocese of Washington, with PCI Level 1 Compliance, 256 Bit Encrypted SSL to keep your data secure.

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Q: What must we do to receive the sacrament of confession worthily?

A: first, examine our conscience; second, be sorry for our sins; third, have the firm purpose of not sinning again; fourth, confess our sins to the priest; fifth, be willing to perform the penance the priest gives us.

**LVRSA Fundraiser at Ledo’s in Leonardtown**

**Wed, Sep 5, 4-8PM**

Please be sure to let your cashier/server know you are there to support the LVRSA fundraiser (even write it on your bill) so the Leonardtown Volunteer Rescue Squad can get credit for your purchase. Hope to see you there and thank you all so much for your support!

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**UPCOMING FOOD DRIVES**

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

Sat, Sep 8 — 10am-2pm
at the 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
Dear Parish Family,

As school begins for the children this week and next week, we pray this new year will be both a joyous and fruitful year of growth in knowledge and love of God. May God bless each of you in abundance!

I’m also excited to have our adult faith formation programs up and running again in September here at the parish. It’s very important that we never stop learning about our Faith. Although everyone might not be able to attend a Bible Study or a book club, there are many other ways to keep ourselves spiritually fed.

Spiritual reading is a great way to continue learning if you can’t come to a faith formation class. Some saints, like St. Ignatius of Loyola, had a radical conversion to Christ because they read a good spiritual book. To help in that effort, we have some wonderful and inspiring audio CDs and books available in the back of the church. I hope you will take advantage of them and keep watching the bulletin for more details about our programs this fall.

A Blessing for a New School Year

O Lord of wisdom, You who know the innermost secrets of the universe, send us your Paraclete and cause us to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

When it comes time to work, give us the grace to stay focused. When we participate in a competition, give us the grace to show good sportsmanship. When it is time to enjoy, give us the grace to help us set concerns aside.

Above all, O Lord, let us grow closer to you. We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob

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

Monday – August 27
St. Monica
8am — Charles D. Downs †

Tuesday – August 28
St. Augustine
No Mass

Wednesday – August 29
Passion of St. John the Baptist
8am — Annette Quigg †

Thursday – August 30
8am — Rev. Thomas J. Sheehan †

Friday – August 31
8am — Perry Abell †

Saturday – September 1
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4pm — James St. Clair Hill †

Sunday – September 1
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Students & Teachers in our parish

For healing: Russell Plunkett, John Russell, 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: Dorothy Cullison, James McFadden, Larry Higgs, Jeffrey Mattingly.

Email sfxparish.md@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.