St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 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 after the 4pm Mass, Sundays 7:30-7:50am
& 10:30-10:50am, 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
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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**September 1: New Confession Schedule**
See the bulletin cover for details

**September 2: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Looking Ahead**

**September 9: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
*Annual Collection for the Catholic University of America (CUA)*

CUA’s mission centers on the discovery of knowledge and truth through excellence in teaching and research, all in service to the Church — a service that is greatly needed today. University faculty and scholars promote Catholic social teaching and, through their research and discourse, help form the Church’s response to challenging social issues of our time. Your donation provides aid in furthering CUA’s mission.

Thank you for your gift.

**September 16: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
*Collection for Father Andrew White School*

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

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

**September 23: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
*Maintenance Fund collection*

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**Labor Day**

The Rectory Office will be closed on Labor Day

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"Christians are born for combat, whereof the greater the vehemence, the more assured, God willing, the triumph: ‘Have confidence: I have overcome the world’"  
(John 16:33)  
—Pope Leo XIII
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 saintaloysiuschurch.org/countyfair/.

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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

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**Convenient. Simple. Secure.**
Q: What is an examination of conscience?

A: An examination of conscience is a sincere effort to call to mind all the sins we have committed since our last worthy confession.

**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!

**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.

**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

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**Newtowne Manor House Restoration**

Donations to:

St. Francis Xavier Church
21370 Newtowne Neck Road
Leonardtown MD 20650
Memo line: Manor House Restoration

For more information:

Lynn Delahay, 204-925-6485
George Matisick, 301-475-9698
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**SIGN UP NOW!**

**BEGINS THU, SEP 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.
Dear Parish Family,

The recent news about cover up and scandal in the Church hierarchy has left many of us feeling angry, confused, and stunned over the past few weeks. Below are some tips to help us through these difficult times of crisis.

Keep Christ as the focus and remember that we are not Catholic because of any one individual.

Do not abandon your practice of the Faith. Your faithfulness is a sign of hope to others!

Read spiritual books and articles that nurture your faith and lift up your soul.

Recall the many edifying examples of fidelity to Christ and His Church among priests, deacons, and religious sisters whom you have known throughout your life.

Stay close to the Blessed Virgin Mary and pray the rosary daily for the leaders of our Church and for the survivors of abuse.

Pray frequently the St. Michael the Archangel Prayer for the protection of our Church from attacks of the Evil one.

Pray to St. Joseph (patron of the universal Church) daily to protect the Church from confusion and division.

Pray to the great pope saints (i.e., Pope St. Gregory the Great and St. John Paul the Great) who guided the Church in difficult times.

Be confident in Christ’s words, “that the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church” (Matt. 16:18).

Stay informed about what is going on but limit your intake of the news so as not to be overwhelmed.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Rob

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

Sunday – September 2
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Students & Teachers in our parish

Monday – September 3
St. Gregory
8am — William “Melvin” Pilkerton Jr.

Tuesday – September 4
St. Augustine
No Mass

Wednesday – September 5
8am — Annette Quigg †

Thursday – September 6
8am — Barbara Russell †

Friday – September 7
8am — Charles D. Downs †

Saturday – September 8
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4pm — James St. Clair Hill †

Sunday – September 9
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Special Intention

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For healing: Veronica Mileski Quirrenbach, Jeannie Rickman, 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 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.