St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 9, 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 FRIDAYADORATION
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 this week, 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.

**IT’S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!**
Religious Education classes for children begin Sun, Sep 16, 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 are in the vestibule. Questions? Email Paula McLeod, paula.mcLeod@gmail.com.

“Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult, and left untried.”
— G.K. Chesterton
MEN — GIVE A WEEKEND TO GOD!

ANNUAL ST. MARY’S COUNTY MEN’S RETREAT, OCT 26-28, LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC

Each October for the past 60 years, the men of the St. Mary’s County parishes have gone on retreat at Loyola on the Potomac, located on the banks of the Potomac and Port Tobacco rivers in Faulkner MD. The weekend includes generous amounts of time for personal reflection and prayer and the cultivation of a deeper relationship with God. This year’s retreat begins Friday evening Oct 26, and concludes with lunch on Sunday, Oct 28. For more information or to make a reservation contact Al Gough, 301-475-5449, al.gough@yahoo.com, or visit www.loyolaonthepotomac.com “Come Away and Rest Awhile”. A deposit of $115 and a registration form are required to secure your room. Total fee for the weekend is $245 ($195 for first time retreatants and young adults up to age 30).

FALL IS A BUSY TIME — LIGHTEN YOUR “TO DO” LIST BY ENROLLING IN ONLINE GIVING!

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
• Your regular, automatic contribution gives Father and the Finance Council predictable income that helps budget our parish resources throughout the year
• Your contribution can be made even when you’re away from home or can’t join us at Mass, so we can keep our doors open, lights on, and programs running

It helps you
• Donations can be made with check, ACH, and debit or credit cards — weekly, monthly, annually: whatever fits your budget — and you can schedule pledges and special collections, too
• 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, and provides confirmations and 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.

Sign up today at stfrancisxavierchurch.org
Q: What should we do before our examination of conscience?
A: We should ask God’s help to know our sins and to confess them with sincere sorrow.

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington (CCAW) will host its Annual Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows Mass on Sat, Sep 15, at the St. Mary’s Queen of Peace Cemetery in Helen, MD. Rosary & Mass will be offered for the deceased members of our community. Service begins at 9am, with Rev. Rob Maro. Rain or shine (under an enclosable tent). Call CCAW at 301-475-5005 or 301-932-1766 for more information.

Bereavement Group Meets Sep 23
St. Francis Xavier Parish offers a grief support group for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one in the recent past. First meeting is Sep 23, 9:15-10:15am, in the Rectory. Call or email Fr. Rob, sfxparishmd@gmail.com, 301-475-9885.

Newtowne Manor House Restoration
Donations to:
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MEMO LINE: MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION
For more information:
Lynn Delahay, 204-925-6485
George Matisick, 301-475-9698
newtownemanorhouse@gmail.com

STARTS SEPTEMBER 19
MEETS THE 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH, 6:30-8:30PM IN THE RECTORY
WE’LL BE DELVING INTO THE NEW TESTAMENT
BRING YOUR BIBLE— IF YOU DON’T HAVE ONE, LET US KNOW! FOR MORE INFORMATION,
EMAIL SFXPARISHMD@GMAIL.COM

JOIN US ON THURSDAYS!
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.

FOOD DRIVE SEP 22
At 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

GATTON’S
Barber Shop
Est. 1933
Hollywood MD
Tuesday-Saturday
301-373-5300 www.gattonbarbershop.com
Dear Parish Family,

I hope you will be able to join me next Sunday, September 16, at the 11am Mass, when Auxiliary Bishop Michael Fisher will formally install me as your pastor here at St. Francis Xavier. I thank God for being assigned to this parish, so beautiful and rich in history. And I’m deeply grateful to so many of you who make it a joy for me to be here because of your kindness, support, and warm welcome.

Following the Mass there will be a Potluck Luncheon in the Parish Hall. My sincere thanks goes out to the Knights of Columbus for their help in organizing this celebration.

It’s September and “back to school” in many ways! Religious education classes (Catechism or CCD) start next Sunday for our parish children. This year we’re excited to have parents and children attend Religious Education classes together on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at Fr. Andrew White School (along with the children from St. Aloysius Parish).

RCIA classes begin Thursday, September 13, for adults who wish to explore entering the Catholic Church. RCIA also prepares adults who are Catholic but have never been confirmed. Catholics seeking an update on the faith also are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, please see the flyers in the back of the church.

The first meeting for our new parish bereavement group will be Sunday, September 23 from 9:15-10:15am in the rectory. Anyone who has lost a loved one is most welcome to attend. Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob