St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 16, 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
**THIS WEEK**

**SEPTEMBER 16: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
*Pastoral Installation of Fr. Rob Bishop Fisher to preside, 11am Mass
Pot Luck Luncheon follows: Parish Hall
*Collection for Father Andrew White School
*Religious Ed classes for children begin, 9:15-10:30am at St. Aloysius

**SEPTEMBER 20**
*Book Club: Two sessions: 9am & 7pm: Parish Hall
Email Paula McLeod, paula.mcleod@gmail.com
*RCIA meets: 7-8:30pm, Rectory

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SEPTEMBER 23: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
*Maintenance Fund collection
*Bereavement Group meets:
  9:15-10:15am, Rectory
  Call or email Fr. Rob to register

**SEPTEMBER 27**
*Book Club: Two sessions: 9am & 7pm: Parish Hall
*RCIA meets: 7-8:30pm, Rectory

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*Thought of the Week*

“Pray with confidence, with confidence based upon the goodness and infinite generosity of God and upon the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray.”

— St. Louis de Montfort (1673-1716)

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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.**

**Or maybe you’re an adult Catholic wanting to know more about the faith.**

**We have a class for you!**

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, in the rectory. Classes started last week, but it’s not too late to join us!**

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

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**DON’T FORGET THE KIDS! SNACK PACK FOOD DRIVE**

**SATURDAY, SEP 22**

For Benjamin Banneker Elementary School
Drop off items from 10am-2pm at McKay’s in Leonardtown

*Sponsored by St. Mary’s County Interfaith Council*
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 details or reservations: 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).

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL
CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

A heartfelt thank you to St. Francis Xavier parish, a supporting parish of our school, for all that you do for our students at Father Andrew White (FAW) School. Your prayers and gifts of time, talent, and treasure mean so much. May God bless you always!

FAW SPIRIT NIGHT AT LEDO’S PIZZA

Join other parishioners for dinner at Ledo’s this Tuesday, Sep 18. When you mention “FAW” Ledo’s will donate 20% of the sale to our parish school! This offer is good from 4pm – 8pm and includes sit down or carry out service. See you there — and thank you for your support!
**NEW BOOK! “THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS”**

by C.S. Lewis

A classic masterpiece of religious satire, portraying human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to “Our Father Below.” One of the most engaging accounts of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written.

**JOIN US ON THURSDAYS! Two sessions!**

Thu mornings at 9am & Thu evenings at 7pm

Both sessions held in the Parish Hall. For more information, email Paula McLeod, paula.mcleod@gmail.com.

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**STRONGER: A RETREAT FOR MEN**

Stronger is a men’s retreat and a response to Saint John Paul II’s call to “be strong with the strength of faith... today, more than in any other age, you need this strength” (homily, Krakow, 10 June 1979, no. 4).

The retreat will focus on strengthening faith in four areas of men’s lives – at home and at the parish, in the workplace and in society – within the context of four leadership calls by God to be a son, a husband/father, a missionary and a saint. Come be stronger in the Lord and learn to be the great leader that God desires you to be for the world!

Sat, Sep 22, 9am-4:30pm, at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, 3900 Harewood Rd NE DC. For details and to register, visit strongerretreat.eventbrite.com.

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**MANOR HOUSE MEETING**

The next Manor House meeting is scheduled for Thu, Sep 27 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend!
Dear Parish Family,

It is with profound joy and gratitude that I celebrate my installation as your pastor with you this weekend! My sincere thanks goes out to the Knights of Columbus for organizing the Potluck Luncheon, as well as to everyone who brought food for this occasion.

The prayer below is one that I gave to my mother, shortly after I was ordained a priest. It consoles me to know that she is praying for me and my brother priests, as it now hangs on my mom’s refrigerator at home. I wanted to pass it along to you because it is such a beautiful prayer, and in the hopes that you will remember me when you pray it. All of us priests depend on your prayers, which are truly a gift beyond price or any earthly measure. Thank you!

**Prayer for Priests**

O Jesus, eternal Priest,
keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart,
where none may touch them.
Keep unstained their anointed hands,
which daily touch Your Sacred Body.
Keep unsullied their lips,
daily purpled with your Precious Blood.
Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,
sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.
Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world’s contagion.
Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

With joy, in Christ,
Father Rob

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**Saturday – September 15**
*Our Lady of Sorrows*
4pm — James St. Clair Hill †

**Sunday – September 16**
*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Special Intention
Installation of Rev. Robert G. Maro as pastor

**Monday – September 17**
*St. Robert Bellarmine*
8am — James McFadden †

**Tuesday – September 18**
*No Mass*

**Wednesday – September 19**
*St. Januarius*
8am — James Allan Connelly †

**Thursday – September 20**
*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-song*
8am — Barbara Russell †

**Friday – September 21**
*St. Matthew*
8am — Charles D. Downs †

**Saturday – September 22**
*Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
4pm — Bernard “Tub” Delahay †

**Sunday – September 23**
*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Special Intention

**For healing:** Myla Ashton, Russell Plunkett, Olas Miller, Mary Ann Snow, Virginia Modrzkowski, 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:** Joan Greer, Veronica Mileski Quirrenbach, Jeannie Richman, Russell Plunkett. 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.
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