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

**St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)**

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 23, 2018**

**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
Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away; God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.”
— St. Teresa of Avila

If you or someone you know is searching for a faith home and is interested in exploring our Catholic faith, invite them to join us for RCIA!

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.

While this class is designed for the unbaptized or those baptized in another faith, it also aids those who were baptized Catholic but never confirmed.

Participants attend weekly sessions on Thursdays, 7-8:30pm, in the rectory.
It’s not too late to join us!

Contact Fr. Rob at sfxparishmd@gmail.com for more information.

Heavenly King,
You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.
Saint Michael is our protector; I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger.
Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News; I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice and to teach me the truth.
Saint Raphael is the healing angel; I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, lift it up to Your throne of grace and deliver back to us the gift of recovery.
Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of the archangels and their desire to serve us.
Holy angels, pray for us. Amen.
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 is $245 ($195 for first time retreatants and young adults up to age 30).

INTO THE DEEP

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

How do I hear God speak? How do I discern a job, relationship, or big decision? “Into the Deep” is a retreat for young adults (college-age through 30s) providing practical lessons on prayer, discernment, and how to listen to the voice of God in the depth of your heart. Join us Fri night, Sep 28 and Sat, Sep 29 at the Archdiocese of Washington Pastoral Center featuring talks by Fr. Mark Ivany, Vocations Director, Archdiocese of Washington, and Megan Philip, Coordinator of Campus/YA Ministry

Tentative Schedule:
Friday, 6:30pm-10pm; Saturday, 10am-7pm
5001 Eastern Ave, Hyattsville MD 20782 (Fort Totten Metro) — Free, on-site parking
$20 — Register at DCCatholic.eventbrite.com
Questions or accommodation requests: Megan at DCCatholic@adw.org

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• 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

Sign up today at stfrancisxavierchurch.org
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!

OCTOBER 3
MEETS THE 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS OF THE MONTH, 6:30-8:30PM IN THE RECTORY

We’re examining the New Testament
Bring your Bible— if you don’t have one, let us know! For more information, email sfxparishmd@gmail.com

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

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FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL CRUSAIDER CONNECTIONS

The Virtue of Faith: Our parish school is participating in a Virtues in Practice program this year.

Each month, the whole school focuses on the same virtue, as they hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. They also learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits.

This month students and their families are learning about the first theological virtue: Faith.

Please join them by saying the “Act of Faith” prayer during the month of September.

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

In this faith I intend to live and die.

Amen.

Newtowne Manor House Restoration

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Dear Parish Family,

Last Sunday’s Pastor Installation was truly a blessed and joyous day for me, one that I’ll cherish for quite some time. I am grateful beyond words to so many of you who came to show your support and for the wonderful feast that we shared, thanks to your generosity in making the Potluck Luncheon so bountiful. It was also a great joy to welcome Bishop Michael Fisher back to our parish for the first time since his episcopal ordination. I know how much he loves coming here, and I assured him that he is always most welcome to spend time with us here in God’s country any time he needs a break from the city.

This week, on September 29, the Church celebrates the feast of the three archangels. St. Michael (whose name means, “Who is like God”?) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. St. Gabriel (“Strength of God”) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, “Hail, full of grace,” is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. St. Raphael (“Medicine of God”) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

The name ‘angel’ means servant or messenger of God. God gave them to us to help and protect us from the power of the Evil one. In this fallen world that so desperately needs God, let us turn all the more to His angels, whose mission is to guide and protect us along the path to salvation.

With joy, in Christ,
Father Rob