St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 30, 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
“Be ever more convinced that your Guardian Angel is really present, that he is ever at your side.”
— St. John Bosco (1815-1888)
Fall is a busy time! Shorten your “to do” list by enrolling in Online Giving!

Enroll at stfrancisxavierchurch.org. Click on Online Giving — My Online Donation—select “View Donor Portal” to set up your one-time or recurring contribution. Use your credit card, debit card, or checking account — it’s that easy!

TUESDAY EVENING MASS PRECEDED BY ADORATION & CONFESSIONS
At Holy Angels Church in Avenue
Every Tuesday
Adoration & Confessions from 6-7pm
Mass at 7pm

The Good News About Sex, Openness to Life, & Marriage
Humanae Vitae: 50 Years Later

Join us for an engaging Panel Discussion with:
• RC & Ed Schnitker
• Kelly & Wayne Van Ryswick
• Fr. Carter Grimm
• Fr. Larry Swink
Food & refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend, though not for young children.

St. Francis Xavier Church – Parish Hall
Compton, Maryland
Thursday, October 25, 2018 @ 7:00-8:30pm

October Collections
Oct 7  FAW School
Oct 14  World Missions
Propagation of the Faith
Oct 21  Maintenance Fund

Mini-course on the Nicene-Constantinopolitan and Apostles Creed

Presented by Peter LaPorte in three sessions here at St. Francis Xavier. Peter is a new parishioner who has recently completed his graduate certificate in Theology from St. Leo’s University. The first talk will focus on the history of the Creed and what it means to say, “I believe.” Join us Sunday, Oct 14, 9-10am in the church. All are welcome!

Volunteers Needed
It might just be Fall, but volunteers are needed to help with this year’s Christmas Bazaar!

We are also in need of a chair and/or co-chairs. If you are interested in helping, or would just like more information, please email Fr. Rob at sfxparishmd@gmail.com or call the rectory at 301-475-9885.

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Spirit Night at The Rex:
To aid the Crusader Cup Golf Tournament on Oct 3, Father Andrew White School is having a Spirit Night at The Rex restaurant in Leonardtown on Mon, Oct 1. Attend this family friendly event from 5-8pm and 20% of your check will be donated to FAW. Enjoy a dinner out and support our parish school.
Holy Hour of Reparation & Listening Session

Tuesday, October 2, 2018
Holy Hour: 6:00 – 7:00pm
Immediately followed by a Listening Session in the church, 7:00 – 8:00pm

All are invited to join Father Rob for a time of prayer and discussion as we grapple with the current crisis in the Catholic Church.

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Dear Parish Family,

This coming Tuesday, October 2, there will be a Holy Hour of Reparation and Listening Session in the church for anyone who would like to attend. The purpose of the Holy Hour will be to pray about the current crisis in the Church. By calling it a Holy Hour of Reparation, we acknowledge the grave evil that has been done in the sight of God and ask for God’s mercy upon the Church and on the whole world. A listening session will follow immediately in the church for anyone who would like to stay. The purpose of the listening session will be to give people an opportunity to voice their questions and concerns about the current crisis. For more details, please see the bulletin and flyers in the back of the church.

We also celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels on Tuesday. The Church has always taught that each person has a guardian angel to watch over them and help them to attain salvation. Our angel’s protection continues throughout our whole life. In fact, they even accompany our soul to purgatory or heaven, becoming our co-heir in the heavenly kingdom.

I would strongly encourage you to teach your children to pray this prayer to their Guardian Angel every day if you haven’t already. It is simple and beautiful. I prayed it often as a child and still pray it to this day. A partial indulgence is attached to those who recite this prayer.

**Prayer to My Guardian Angel**

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,*  
to whom God’s love commits me here,  
ever this day (or night), be at my side,  
to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Peace and blessings,  
Father Rob

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**For healing:** Zachary Henry, Deb DoVole, Thomas Tippett, Richie Fazio, Myla Ashton, Russell Plunkett, 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:** especially those known only to God.

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.