St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 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
“Married love particularly reveals its true nature and nobility when we realize that it takes its origin from God, who is love, the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.”

— Pope St. Paul VI, Humanae Vitae
**Sunday, October 21**

**Let the Knights Do It!**

First, join us for
**FELLOWSHIP HOUR!**
Doughnuts and Coffee
After the 8 & 11am Masses

Then join us for
**SPAGHETTI & TACOS DINNER!**
Salad, drinks, dessert too!
12:30-2:30pm
Free-will offering
In the Parish Hall
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
St. Francis Xavier the Missionary Council
Benefit our Membership Drive and
Local Charities

**WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**
Here at St. Francis Xavier, Mass on All Souls Day is offered for all those whose names are submitted to us on the special All Souls envelopes included with your October monthly envelope packet. Extra envelopes are available in the church vestibule.

During the month of November these envelopes will be placed on the altar as a reminder and remembrance of our dearly departed loved ones.

**MANOR HOUSE UPDATE**

Great News! The Newtowne Manor House is the recipient of the generous donation of $16,978.88 from the St. Mary’s County Garden Club. This donation is from the proceeds of the 2018 Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage held in May and an additional donation from the St. Mary’s County Garden Club in honor of the 80th Anniversary of the Garden Club in the county. The Newtowne Manor House was selected as the Garden Club’s special project.

We are honored to have been chosen as their special project and appreciate all the hard work by the Garden Club members to organize, plan and execute such an event. A special thanks to all the parishioners who helped out to make it such a success.

**NOVEMBER 2**
**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**
8:30am-5pm
Please join us for Vespers at 4:30pm
Followed by Benediction
Revive your spirit. Refresh your soul.
Spend 30 minutes with our Lord.

**FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS**

The Virtue of Reverence
Our parish school continues to participate in the 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 virtue of reverence. Please join them by modeling how you show your deepest respect for things of God during the month of October.
“ON AN EMPTY STOMACH, YOU CAN’T LEARN ANYTHING”
Snack Packs for Kids at Benjamin Banneker Elementary School (BBES)

Did you know that one-third of St. Mary’s public school children live in food-insecure households? While these children may get lunch at school, they go home on the weekend with the real fear of hunger.

St. Francis Xavier parish is partnering with the St. Mary’s Interfaith Council to provide healthy, kid-friendly, easy to prepare snack foods to keep children from going hungry. **Using the approved shopping list, pick up snacks when you’re at the grocery store. Then drop off your donation in the back of church the first weekend of each month.** Volunteers will pack the snacks into bags, and on Fridays the BBES school counselors will inconspicuously put the packs into student backpacks to take home. To learn more or to help with this new parish ministry, email Wendy Schaller, at schaller@md.metrocast.net

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**SNACKPACK SHOPPING LIST**
These items have been carefully selected to be healthy and easy for children to prepare at home: thank you for not making substitutions.

- Applesauce snack Ccups
- Cans of pasta with meat
- Cracker packs
- Easy Mac N Cheese
- Granola bars
- Fruit cups in juice packs
- Fruit Snacks-100% fruit
- Instant lunch bowls
- Instant oatmeal
- Juice boxes-100%fruit
- Ramen noodles
- Rice Krispies treats
- Shelf-safe milk boxes
  - single-serving size
- Small boxes of cereal

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**The Good News About Sex, Openness to Life, & Marriage**
_Humanae Vitae: 50 Years Later_

**Join us for an engaging Panel Discussion with:**
- KC & Ed Schnicker
- Kelly & Wayne Van Ryswick
- Fr. Carter Griffin
- 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
Dear Parish Family,

I’m very excited to host a panel discussion this Thursday evening, October 25 in the Parish Hall as we remember the 50th anniversary of Pope St. Paul VI’s pivotal encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, issued on July 25, 1968. I hope it will be an informative and enlightening discussion for everyone, as well as a fun time to come together for fellowship over some food and refreshments. Please see the bulletin and the flyers in the back of the church for more details.

I also want to express my deep gratitude for the many generous donations in memory of Charles Downs that have been pouring in over the past several months. Your generosity has made it possible for us to purchase the two new votive candles stands that now adorn our sanctuary. They are reminder to me of how much Charles was a light to so many of us who knew him. The light of Christ truly shined through Charles in everything that he did, and he will always be in our hearts and prayers.

The custom of lighting candles goes back to the early Church, when lit candles or oil lamps were burned at the tombs of the saints and martyrs. Today we light votive candles before a statue or sacred image, not to honor the statue itself, but whom that statue represents. The light signifies our prayers offered in faith coming into the light of God. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord and the saints to pray with us and for us. The light also reminds us of Christ, who said: “I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life” (John 8:12).

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob