St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 25, 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
You either belong wholly to the world or wholly to God. You cannot please both God and the world at the same time. They are utterly opposed to each other in their thoughts, their desires, and their actions.

—Saint John Vianney (1786-1859)

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Last Sunday in the Liturgical Year

Thursday, November 29
*Book Club: 9-10am, & 7-8pm; Hall
*RCIA: 7-8:30pm, Rectory

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
*Collection for FAW School

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
SOLEMNITY OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Mass celebrated Fri, Dec 7, 7pm (Vigil)
Sat, Dec 8, 9am (Holy Day)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
*National Collection for Retired Religious

SHARE OUR TREASURE
FOR NOV 18, 2018

1st Collection (Offertory): $3,844.30
2nd Collection (Maintenance Fund): $1,048.00

LADIES DAY OF PRAYER
Sponsored by St. Michael’s, Mon, Nov 26 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park.
The day begins at 9:15am with coffee and doughnuts, then 3–4 short inspirational talks. Rosary will be prayed; Confessions will be available. Mass at Noon, followed by brown bag lunch (drinks/desserts provided). The day adjourns at 2:30pm (you may leave earlier as needed). Bring your friends and join us for this precursor to the season of Advent.

Church Cleaning Schedule Available
Copies of the schedule are in the back of church. And thank you for participating in this important parish ministry! More volunteers are always welcome; email Wendy Schaller, schaller@md.metrocast.net.
**NEW BOOK STARTING**
**NOVEMBER 29!**
Scott Hahn’s “Signs of Life”
Join us! Two sessions meet
Thursdays in the Parish Hall:
9-10am and 7-8pm.
Email Paul McLeod,
paula.mcleod@gmail.com.

**PRAY THE ROSARY FOR HEALING**
Join the Washington
Archdiocesan Council of
Catholic Women in a nightly
Rosary Telephone Call,
8pm EST, Mon-Sat for the
healing of all hurt by
individuals within the Church.
Nightly through Sep 4, 2019.
Call 605-468-8016 and insert code 357090#.

**DECEMBER COLLECTIONS**
Dec 2   FAW School
Dec 9   Retired Religious in the US
Dec 16  Maintenance Fund
Dec 25  Christmas

**PAPA JOHN’S 40% OFF COUPON:**
Support FAW School’s Destination
Imagination teams and receive 40% off your
Papa John’s order at the Leonardtown,
Hollywood, and Charlotte Hall locations.
**Offer is good until Jun 30, 2019!**
Papa John’s will donate 10% back to FAW
Destination Imagination teams. Order online at
papajohns.com and use promo code: FAWDI.

**Sing for Christmas!**
Monday, December 24 at 4pm, the Children’s Choir will sing for the Children’s Christmas Mass. We welcome singers grades pre-K to 8 to join the children’s choir.

**Practices will be held after 11am Mass on November 25, December 9, 16, and 23.**
Please contact Bob Schaller
240.577.1697 or schaller@mdmetrocast.com for more information.

**Bereavement Support Group**
A parish grief support group for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one in the recent past.
Our next meeting is Sun, Dec 9, 9:15-10:15am, in the Rectory. All are welcome. For more information, please email Fr. Rob, at sfxparishmd@gmail.com.

**BEST ADVENT EVER**
Next weekend (December 1-2) we begin the holy season of Advent. **Best Advent Ever** is a free email program from Dynamic Catholic. Each day, you’ll receive an email with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey. It’s a great way to slow down and focus on what matters most as we prepare for Christmas. All you have to do is sign up at BestAdventEver.com
Mass with Healing Prayers

There will be a Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Lexington Park, Mon, Nov 26, at 7pm. Confessions will begin at 6:30pm, healing prayers will be immediately following the Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father:
I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears.
Now I am healing you. --2 Kings 20:5

RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

As we move into the next stage of the Season of Healing, we recognize that the healing continues for all survivors of abuse. On Sat, Dec 1 from 8:30am-3:30pm, the Archdiocese of Washington is offering a one day retreat for survivors. This day is not therapeutic in nature or an opportunity for professional counseling, rather it is a day centered on Christ and prayer.

To protect the privacy of those attending, the location will not be publicized. For details and to register go to https://adw.org/outreach-to-survivors/.

TUESDAY EVENING MASS PRECEDED BY ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

At Holy Angels Church in Avenue
Every Tuesday
Adoration & Confessions from 6-7pm
Mass at 7pm

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

The Virtue of Stewardship:
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 stewardship. Please join them by modeling how you return to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure during the month of November.

Bears Hugs for Healing

You can help deliver stuffed bears to hospitalized children and Give a Bear Hug this Christmas!
Just drop off your donated bears by Dec 6, at Heavenly Presents, 22697 Washington Street (on the Square), in Leonardtown. Store hours are Tue - Sat, or use the after-hours drop box outside the store front door. Your tax-deductible monetary donations will be used to purchase bears at a discounted price! Please make checks payable to the Bread of Life Center for Peace and mail them to: PO Box 338, Leonardtown, MD 20650. OR you may purchase a bear or make donations through our website at www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org.

Due to health and safety concerns, donated bears must be new and delivered in their original packing with store tags attached. Used stuffed bears are not accepted by the hospitals.
For more information on how you can help, call Patricia Disandro, 240-681-3606.

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
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Dear Parish Family,

Once again, I’d like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who helped to make our 31st annual Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar such a huge success last weekend. It’s wonderful to see how this event brings so many people together, both from within the parish and outside the parish. In particular, I’d like to acknowledge all of the hard work and efforts of Sue Breck, our Christmas Bazaar chairperson. When we were in need of a chairperson, Sue immediately came forward and gave it her all. I’m also very grateful to Beth Long, who worked so closely with Sue over the past several months. They recruited many new & returning volunteers who so generously gave of their time. Thanks to all your efforts, we raised $5,012.50 this year. Well done!

Today, November 25, is the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Sunday before Advent and the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. With this feast, we celebrate the all-embracing authority of Christ as the King and Lord of all things, on earth and in heaven.

This solemnity was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in his encyclical Quas Primas. He connected an increasing denial of Christ as King to the rise of secularism in much of Europe at that time. Many Christians (including some Catholics) had begun to doubt Christ's primacy and existence, as well as the power and responsibility of the Church to carry on the authority of Christ. On this solemn feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, may we renew our commitment to allow Christ to reign over our mind, body, and will.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob