St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 9, 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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
*National Collection for Retired Religious
*Bereavement Group: 9:15-10:15, Rectory
*Children’s Choir practice after 11am Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13
*Book Club: 9-10am & 7-8pm, Hall
*RCIA: 7-8:30pm, Rectory

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
*Collection for Maintenance Fund
*Children’s Choir practice after 11am Mass

“I am the ever Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God.”
Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12

St. Francis Xavier’s Angel Tree Project is sponsoring 20 children across St. Mary’s County this Christmas season.

How it works: There is a small tree in the back of the Church with tags. Each tag lists toys or clothing items requested by the families for their child.

Once you have chosen your tag(s), purchase one or more of the gifts listed on the back of the tag. Return your unwrapped gifts and the tag (for tracking purposes) to the tree by Sunday, December 16. Gifts will be collected each Sunday after 11am Mass. Monetary donations are accepted to cover the gifts if you prefer not to shop. Donations of wrapping paper are also needed.

Please contact Veronica Johnson at 240-298-8194 or vmjohnson0716@gmail.com if you have any questions. We hope that this will become a new tradition for our Parish, and we truly appreciate your generosity!

This year’s Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will need to be postponed to late winter/early spring. More information will be forthcoming. Please stay tuned for details!

SHARING OUR TREASURE
FOR DEC 2, 2018

1st Collection (Offertory): $3,225.00
Second Collection (FAW School): $506.00

“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.”
— St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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 December 9, 16, and 23.
Please contact Bob Schaller 240.577.1697 or schaller@mdmetrocast.com for more information.
Sunday Breakfast
Sunday, December 16, 2018 — St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall
8:30am — 12:30pm

Regular and Blueberry Pancakes
Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, or Biscuit with Sausage Gravy,
Coffee, & Juice

Free Will Donation to benefit
Care-Net Pregnancy Center

Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 16 from 4-6pm, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine (3900 Harewood Rd., NE DC) will hold an Advent concert with reflections on the Nativity story followed by caroling around the Christmas tree. Contact 202-635-5400, events@jp2shrine.org.

Remember your loved ones this Christmas

Christmas Flower Offering and My Christmas Offering envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Please submit your offerings by December 16. Names will be published in the bulletin. Our parish will be decorated with your gracious offering, in honor of beloved family and friends and in memory of our dearly departed.

Join our parish for Best Advent Ever
A free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you’ll receive an email with...

**Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team.
**Practical tips for your everyday life.
**Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith Journey.

Sign up at BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18

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Enrich Your Prayer Life this Advent!
Free sources for you, available in the vestibule:
— The Little Blue Book for Advent, with daily six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels.
— The Magnificat Advent Companion, with scriptural reflections, meditative prayers, essays, poetry, and much more.
The small but mighty books are perfect for use at home, at work, or whenever you find six-minutes in your busy day. They’ll help to open your heart this Advent and let the Light of Christ enter in.

December 26, 6pm, at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall
Two of our parishioners, Dot Bell and Lynn Delahay, and Carol Zentherofer (Our Lady of the Wayside), will be singing with this fabulous group. Enjoy seasonal holiday classics and the world premier of An Alleluia Flourish! by Julian Wachner. More at www.encorecreativity.org

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections
The Virtue of Generosity:
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 generosity. Please join them by modeling how you give without counting the cost during the month of December.

Celebrate Advent: Join our students as they begin “Lighting the Way” to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Students are practicing the virtue of generosity as they love and care for our neighbors by bringing in donations of pasta, peanut butter and jelly, cereals, and canned vegetables that will help those at the SoMD Food Bank & Outreach Services and the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

NEWTOWNE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION
Donations to:
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For more information:
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O come, desire of nations,  
bind in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, desire of nations,
Dear Parish Family,

Each year around this time I’m reminded of the reflection, “Eight Gifts That Do Not Cost A Cent.” I came across it years ago and always find it to be a good reminder as we prepare for Christmas. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do:

The Gift of Listening... but you must really listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

The Gift of Affection... appropriate hugs, pats on the back, etc. These small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.

The Gift of Laughter... Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, “I love to laugh with you.”

The Gift of a Handwritten Note... A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime and may even change a life.

The Gift of a Compliment... A simple and sincere compliment can make someone’s day.

The Gift of a Favor... go out of your way to do something kind for someone.

The Gift of Solitude... There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others when they need it.

The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition... The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word or a smile to someone. It could be as simple as saying hello or thank you.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob

Saturday – December 8
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9am — Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Daly †
4pm — Billy Goddard †

Sunday – December 9
First Sunday of Advent
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Rev. Joseph J. Kleinstuber †

Monday – December 10
8am — Helen & John Duffy †

Tuesday – December 11
No Mass

Wednesday – December 12
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
8am — Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Daly †

Thursday – December 13
St. Lucy
8am — Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Daly †

Friday – December 14
St. John of the Cross
8am — Charles D. Downs †

Saturday – December 15
4pm — Billy Goddard †

Sunday – December 16
First Sunday of Advent
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Rev. Joseph J. Kleinstuber †

Prayer Requests


Our beloved dead: Zachary “Bo” Henry

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.