St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 30, 2018

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

St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

Newtowne Mission from 1640 & First Chapel Built 1662
Current Church Built 1731

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

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“I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”
— Stephen Grellet

**THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30**
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1**
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
A Holy Day of Obligation
Mass at 12 Noon only
No Book Club this week

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6**
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
*Collection for FAW School
*Snack Pack for Kids Collection
*Religious Ed resumes:
  9:15-10:30am
  at St. Aloysius

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**
**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
**FOR DEC 23, 2018**

1st Collection (Offertory): $2,761.00
No 2nd Collection

**SNACK-PACKS FOR KIDS SHOPPING LIST**
- Applesauce snack cups
- 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
- Ramen noodles
- Rice Krispies treats
- Small boxes of cereal
- Shelf-safe milk boxes (single-serving size)

**WORKSHOP FOR LECTORS**
Sat, January 26
9am—Noon
St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall
This workshop will instruct lectors on how to be effective proclaimers of the Word in a liturgical setting, including an explanation of the Lectionary and the structure of the Catholic Biblical tradition. Open to all, both current lectors and anyone interested in becoming a new lector. A $5 registration fee can be paid at the door. RSVP by email to liturgy@adw.org.

**JANUARY COLLECTIONS**

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**SAVE THE DATE FOR**
**PANAMÁ in the CAPITAL**
**January 26, 2019**

*A ONE-DAY CATHOLIC FESTIVAL FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS CELEBRATING WORLD YOUTH DAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.*

www.wydfdc.org

#wydDC
Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland presents a Bible study designed to heal the heartbreak of abortion. Abortion is not a secret anymore; it is freely discussed in our society. Despite this openness, many women have pain and experiences that they don’t feel comfortable telling anyone. Surrendering the Secret allows women who need help to connect with women who can help.

You don’t have to be alone. There is hope. There is help.

The next class begins in January. To sign up or for more information contact Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland at 410-326-6866 or sts@carenetsomd.org.

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents
Youth Musicians in Concert
Sunday, Jan 6 at 3pm
St. Aloysius Church.
All are invited to an afternoon of beautiful piano and instrumental music of the season performed by talented high school accompanists and instrumentalists!
For details: keyofgmh@gmail.com.

Religious Education
Our Parish Religious Education, Family of Faith Program, resumes in January at Father Andrew White School. January’s theme is the Eucharist. Gatherings will be on Sundays, January 6 and 20 from 9:15 to 10:30 am.

Help Our Marriage
Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.
For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on Feb 1-3: www.HelpOurMarriage.com, 443-400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org
ATTENTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS AND FAW STUDENTS PREPARING FOR FIRST RECESSION OF THE FOLLOWING SACRAMENTS:

FIRST CONFESSION
Saturday, February 2, 2019
9am Penance Service at SFX Church

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Saturday, May 11, 2019
9am Mass at SFX Church

CONFIRMATION
Wednesday, May 15, 2019
7pm Mass at SFX Church

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

First Friday Mass:
FAW School celebrates Mass as a school family every Friday. On First Fridays a class or special group hosts the Mass. These 9am First Friday Masses at St. Aloysius are student led. Students partake by being the lectors, altar servers, gift bearers, and chorus. Older students sit alongside their younger class buddies to help them more fully participate. We invite all parishioners to join us any Friday. This Fri, January 4, we hope to see you as the 8th Grade hosts the 9am Mass.

Bring non-perishable foods to church and place them in the wicker trunk just inside the front door to the left. A volunteer delivers donations weekly to the Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE THESE SCHEDULES MAY NOT REFLECT THE LATEST CHANGES/SCHEDULING ACCOMMODATIONS

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NEWTOON MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION

Donations to:
St. Francis Xavier Church
21370 Newtowne Neck Road
Leonardtown MD 20650
MEMO LINE: MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION
For more information:
LYNN DELAHAY, 204-925-6485
GEORGE MATISICK, 301-475-9698
NEWTOWNEMANORHOUSE@GMAIL.COM

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Hollywood MD
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301-373-5300    www.gattonsbarbershop.com

WEEKEND Ministry Schedule

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Dear Parish Family,

Today is the **Feast of the Holy Family** of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It reminds us that the path to holiness is found when – like the Holy Family – we live our ordinary family life with Christ at its center.

It’s no secret that the family is in a great spiritual battle in today’s world. Yet one of the best weapons in our arsenal is when families pray together. The family rosary is a powerful way to do this. Through it you can teach your children their basic prayers by the repetition of the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be. It also teaches them how to meditate on the mysteries in the life of Christ and invokes Our Lady’s intercession and maternal protection.

This coming **Tuesday, January 1**, is the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** and also a holy day of obligation. It is a great way to honor Our Lady while welcoming the New Year, filled with energy and fresh opportunities for spiritual growth and holiness. We will have one Mass that day, at 12 noon.

And as we think about our New Year’s resolutions for 2019, let’s not forget about our spiritual life. One suggestion for re-kindling your daily prayer is through what is called the **10-7-3 Formula**: 10 minutes of mental prayer at a set time each day, 7 minutes of spiritual reading from a book related to living the faith and 3 minutes of scripture reading. That’s 20 minutes a day well spent!

May Our Lady and St. Joseph intercede for our families to increasingly become the sign of hope and mercy in the New Year.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob

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**Mass Intentions**

Saturday – December 29
4pm — Billy Goddard †

**Sunday – December 30**
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Mary Ann Snow

**Monday – December 31**
8am — Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Daly †

**Tuesday – January 1**
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
12pm — Betty Farrell †

**Wednesday – January 2**
Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
8am — Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Daly †

**Thursday – January 3**
Most Holy Name of Jesus
8am — Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Schmeiser †

**Friday – January 4**
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8am — Charles D. Downs †

**Saturday – January 5**
St. John Neumann
4pm — Billy Goddard †

**Sunday – January 6**
The Epiphany of the Lord
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Dave Myers †

**For healing:** Lisa Davis, Paul Schmitt, Norma Miller, Joanie Johnson, James Guy Hardesty, Nick Gibson, Allen Sieverston, Ashley Gatton and Baby Jameson Gatton, Thomas Tippett, Richie Fazio, Myla Ashton, Olas Miller, 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.

**For healing:** Johnnie Detrick.

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.