St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019

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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

*SUNDAY, JANUARY 13*  
**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
*Collection for Church Missions in the US*  
*Father Richard Kunzeman will speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach*

*SUNDAY, JANUARY 20*  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
*Collection for the Maintenance Fund*

*MONDAY, JANUARY 21*  
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

*TUESDAY, JANUARY 22*  
March for Life

**Cross Catholic OUTREACH**

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

Father Richard Kunzman will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach (CCO). CCO was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

**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**

Jan 6 FAW School  
Jan 13 Church Missions in the US  
Jan 20 Maintenance Fund

**Sharing Our Treasure**

For Dec 30, 2018  
1st Collection (Offertory): $3,893.00  
Christmas Collection $8,153.00

*Thought of the Week...*  
“The Shepherds and the Magi teach us that to meet Jesus it is necessary to be able to raise one’s gaze to the heavens, not to be withdrawn in oneself, in one’s egoism, but to have the heart and mind open to the horizon of God.”  
— Pope Francis

**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.wyldc.org
**SURRENDERING THE SECRET**

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.**

New class begins this month. To sign up or for more information contact Care Net Pregnancy Center of Southern Maryland at 410-326-6866 or sts@carenetsomd.org.

**TODAY AT 3 PM AT ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH**

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents **Youth Musicians in Concert**

All are invited to an afternoon of beautiful piano and instrumental music of the season performed by talented high school accompanists and instrumentalists!

**HELP OUR MARRIAGE**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? 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.

**Our Parish Family of Faith Program resumes:**

Sundays, Jan 6 & 20, 9:15-10:30 am, at FAW School. January’s theme is the Eucharist.

**Archdiocese of Washington**

St. John Paul II Seminary invites men in their 20’s – 40’s who are interested in learning more about the priesthood to attend a discernment retreat led by priests of the Archdiocese of Washington at Saint John Paul II Seminary.

The retreat will be an opportunity to pray and reflect on God’s call, meet priests and seminarians, hear their stories, and learn more about the seminary and priesthood.

Registration is now open at www.DCPriest.org

For more information contact the
Office of Priest Vocations
202-636-9020 / vocations@adw.org

**Religious Education**

Have you gotten your Quilt Raffle Ticket yet? Stop by the table outside of church after Mass! You could win a Homemade queen-size Americana Design quilt, or a hand made full-size afghan. Drawing is Jan 27! Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus, to benefit their charitable works.
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CONFIRMATION
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Dear Parish Family,

Today, the **Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord** Jesus Christ, is one of the oldest Christian feasts. *Epiphany* comes from a Greek verb meaning *to reveal*. Over the centuries, it has celebrated various events that reveal Christ and manifest Him to the world: His birth, the visitation of the gift-bearing Magi, His baptism in the Jordan River, and His first miracle in Cana. Today, the Feast of the Epiphany primarily recalls the visitation of the Wise Men to the Christ Child, when His Kingship of all peoples and nations is recognized.

There is a fascinating Epiphany custom that has its origin in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland. In fact it became so popular that it is now a part of our Catholic heritage around the world today. The parish priest would visit homes and, using blessed chalk, mark the lintel of the front door with an inscription like this:

20 ★ C+M+B+19

This transcription signifies 2019 for the year; C for Caspar, M for Melchior, and B for Balthasar (the names of the three wise men). The star (★) symbolizes the star that guided the magi and the three crosses symbolize the Trinity. It can also be said that the C+M+B means *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless this house.”

*On the holy night in Bethlehem, Jesus was born among us in the poverty of a stable; on the day of the Epiphany, the Magi acknowledged Him as the long-awaited Messiah of the nations; today, all of our attention is focused on His person and mission.*

— *Pope St. John Paul II*

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob

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**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 †

**Monday – January 7**
St. Raymond of Penyafort
8am — Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Schmeiser †

**Tuesday – January 8**
No Mass

**Wednesday – January 9**
8am — Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Schmeiser †

**Thursday – January 10**
8am — Betty Farrell †

**Friday – January 11**
8am — Charles D. Downs †

**Saturday – January 12**
4pm — Jack Lukasewicz †

**Sunday – January 13**
The Baptism of the Lord
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — John Lynch †

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**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.

**Our beloved dead:** Johnie 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.