St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 13, 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
Indeed, by immersion in the waters of the Jordan, Jesus united himself with us. Baptism is, so to speak, the bridge he built between himself and us, the road on which he makes himself accessible to us.”
— Pope Benedict XVI

**This Week**

**Sunday, January 13**
**Feast Of The Baptism Of The Lord**
*Collection for Church Missions in the US
*Father Richard Kunzman will speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach

**Friday, January 18**
March for Life

**Looking Ahead**

**Sunday, January 20**
**Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**
*Collection for the Maintenance Fund
*Family of Faith: 9:15-10:30 am, FAW School

**Don’t Miss This!**
Please join us for Guest Speaker, Dr. Adam Rothman, Georgetown University professor, who will deliver a talk “From Newtown to Georgetown: Connections and Legacies.” Sun, Feb 24, at 6:30pm at SFX Parish Hall. This is a continuation of the Speaker Series started in 2012 to celebrate our 350th Anniversary. Desserts and coffee will be served.

**Workshop For Lectors**
Sat, Jan 26, 9am-Noon, 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 current lectors and anyone interested in becoming a lector. $5 registration fee payable at the door. RSVP to liturgy@adw.org.

**Sharing Our Treasure**
For Jan 6, 2019
1st Collection (Offertory): $3,203.00
2nd Collection (FAW School) $379.00

**Panamá In The Capital**
January 26, 2019

**Features:**
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- Bilingual Talks With Bishops and National Speakers
- Panamanian Music and Culture
- Adoration and Confession
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**SUNDAY WINTER BREAKFAST**

Sunday, January 27, 2019
SFX Parish Church Hall — 8:30am—12:30pm

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

**Your Free Will Donation benefits SFX Parish**

Don’t Miss the Raffle Drawing!
1st Place Quilt — 2nd Place Afghan

Purchase your raffle tickets after Mass or at the Breakfast!

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**HOLY MASS**
**WITH**
**HEALING PRAYERS**

Southern Maryland Mass with Healing Prayers
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
Lexington Park
Monday, Jan 28, at 7pm

Confessions at 6:30pm
Healing Prayers immediately following Mass

All are welcome to attend

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*Mark Your Calendars for Hilarity!*

Saturday, Mar 16, at 7pm
Sunday, Mar 17, at 2pm — SFX Parish Hall
All are invited to join us for our next exciting Bible Study series on the Mass.

This five-part program takes participants on an exciting tour of the liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. Find out why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, giving new life to the liturgical experience.

Wednesdays at St. Francis Xavier Rectory, 7-8:30 pm: February 6, 20; March 13, 27; April 10. To register or for more information, email Fr. Rob: sfxparishmd@gmail.com

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Winter Concert:
The FAW Chorus (Rhythm Rejoicers) and Band will take the St. Mary’s Ryken stage at 6:30pm on Thursday, January 17, 2019. Come enjoy an evening of music as our students showcase their talent and hard work. Baked goods will be for sale. We hope to see you there!

Thank You:
We would like to extend a big thank you for your tremendous support of our SCRIP gift card program especially during the holiday season. Your purchases helped us raise over $4,000 during that time period.

Buying SCRIP gift cards really does make a difference. If you’d like to continue to purchase gift cards for your every day purchases, you can contact our SCRIP coordinator at any time: fawscrip@gmail.com. Many thanks!

Newtowne Manor House Restoration

Donations to:
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Dear Parish Family,

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the **Baptism of Our Lord**. This brings us to the end of the Christmas season.

The Baptism of the Lord recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany, which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan river. Keeping in mind that Jesus is free of all sin and that He did not need to be baptized, we know that He did it as a model for us.

When Jesus was baptized the heavens opened, the **Holy Spirit** descended as a dove, and the voice of the **Father** said: “This is my beloved **Son**.” In this one event, we see that the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity are made explicitly present. This is why we consider Christ's Baptism to be another epiphany, as it reveals the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Many of the things that took place at Christ's baptism are symbolic of what happened at our own Baptism:

—At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity made its dwelling place in our soul.

—At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the “Beloved Son” of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted and beloved sons and daughters of the Most High God.

—At Christ’s baptism the heavens were opened; at our baptism heaven was opened to us.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob