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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
“Human life is sacred and inviolable at every moment of existence, including the initial phase which precedes birth. All human beings, from their mothers’ womb, belong to God who searches them and knows them, who forms them and knits them together with his own hands, who gazes on them when they are tiny shapeless embryos.”

— Pope John Paul II (1920-2005)
Join us for a

SUNDAY WINTER BREAKFAST

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

Regular & 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!

Holy Hour of Reparation
for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

Tuesday, January 22, 2019
Holy Hour: 7:00 – 8:00pm

“A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may as impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life…”

- Pope St. John Paul II (1920-2005)

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Homilies Now Available on Our Parish Webpage
If you missed Fr. Kunzman (from Cross Catholic Outreach), listen to his homily, and all the homilies throughout the upcoming year, at www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org.
Find the toolbar at the top of the page to click on Homilies.

Attention College Students:
Catholic Charities has a variety of (unpaid) summer internship opportunities available for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students for 10 weeks this summer from late May to early August. Projects include programs providing direct services to clients as well as in administration, finance, and communications. Sites available throughout the Archdiocese. Apply by March 15!
Get information and apply at https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/intern/

Holy Mass with Healing Prayers
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lexington Park
Monday, Jan 28, at 7pm
Confessions at 6:30pm
Healing Prayers immediately following Mass
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

Newtowne Manor House Restoration

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Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Celebrate Catholic Schools:
We are kicking off Catholic Schools Week on the weekend of January 26th/27th! School students are serving as lectors and altar servers and bringing up the gifts. We have many special events this week to celebrate the uniqueness of our Catholic school. The children are participating in service projects, attending Family Math Night, and celebrating all that Catholic schools have to offer as we highlight how FAW is a community where we learn, serve, lead, and succeed.

Open Houses: Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? You are cordially invited to visit our award winning parish school!
Open Houses are Fri, Feb 1, 10-11:30am and Sun, Feb 24, 12-1pm. Come meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how our students are “Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith.”

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

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Dear Parish Family,

This Tuesday, January 22, marks the 46th anniversary when the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand in that tragic court case, Roe v. Wade. Since then, more than 56 million babies have been aborted, reflecting with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis calls a “throwaway culture.” In the face of such evil, we are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help. As a people of faith we believe our prayers are heard. We know that it is always better to light one candle than curse the darkness.

Though the annual March for Life already took place this past Friday, January 18, I invite you to join me for a Holy of Reparation this Tuesday, January 22, on the actual anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The Holy Hour will begin at 7pm in the church. We must all pray for others to see and respect the dignity of every life, from its very beginning (conception) to its natural end. We can observe this day through penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms.

On this past Monday, January 14, we returned to Ordinary Time, the period after the Advent/Christmas season and before the Lenten/Easter season. It is not called ordinary because it is plain or unexciting, but because it leads us on a meditation of the life of Christ in an “ordered” way. In this year’s cycle of Mass readings, our focus is on the life of Our Lord as recorded in the Gospel of St. Luke. It’s so important that we spend some time in God’s Word each day. One way to do this would be to read a few verses a day of St. Luke’s Gospel over the next few weeks until Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6.

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob

Saturday – January 19
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4pm — Rev. Thomas Gude †

Sunday – January 20
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Special Intention

Monday – January 21
Memorial of St. Agnes
8am — Rev. Thomas Gude †

Tuesday – January 22
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
No Mass — 7pm Holy Hour only

Wednesday – January 23
Memorial of St. Vincent
8am — Betty Farrell †

Thursday – January 24
Memorial of St. Francis de Sales
8am — Rev. Thomas Gude †

Friday – January 25
Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
8am — Charles D. Downs

Saturday – January 26
Memorial of the Saints Timothy and Titus
4pm — Betty Allison †

Sunday – January 27
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Special Intention


Our beloved dead: James Guy Hardesty.

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.