St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 3, 2019

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

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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, FEBRUARY 3
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
*Collection for FAW School
*Snack Packs for Kids Collection

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners!

George Kirby, of Leonardtown, took home the Handmade Quilt, and Liza Ruppert, also of Leonardtown, won the Homemade Afghan. The Knights of Columbus thank everyone who came to breakfast last Sunday. Your free-will donations will provide support for our parish ministries.

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
*Collection for Maintenance Fund
*Bring non-perishable items for the Mary Lou Gough food pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside.
Place them in the trunk under the table in the vestibule. Donations are delivered weekly—thank you for your help with this ministry.

SHARING OUR TREASURE
FOR JAN 27, 2019

1st Collection (Offertory): $3,004.00
Online giving $340.00
No 2nd Collection

“You receive the body of the Lord with special care and reverence lest the smallest crumb of the consecrated gift fall to the floor. You should receive the word of God with equal care and reverence lest the smallest word of it fall to the floor and be lost.”
—Origen

HOMILIES NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR PARISH WEBPAGE
www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org.
Find the toolbar at the top of the page to click on Homilies.

KING CAKES 4 CARE NET

American Heritage Girls Troop MD 2540 is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Lexington Park CareNet Pregnancy Center.

For a donation of $40 you will receive a homemade King Cake baked by the AHG girls, delivered the weekend before Mardi Gras (Mar 2/3), to enjoy with your family or friends!

Each freshly homemade cake comes with the traditional baby trinket hidden inside and is decorated in colorful sugars.

AHG is donating its own time, talent, and treasure to make these cakes, so 100% of your tax-deductible donation will be passed to Care Net.

Find our flyers at the church entrance this weekend. Mail your order coupon to our troop to reserve your cake. Our goal is to sell at least 100 cakes and give at least $4,000 as a surprise gift to the Care Net Pregnancy.

Thank you for your support on behalf of Care Net Pregnancy Center. God bless you and God bless all unborn babies.

FEBRUARY COLLECTIONS

Feb 3 FAW School
Feb 10 Maintenance Fund
Feb 24 Annual Appeal
FROM NEWTOWN TO GEORGETOWN: CONNECTIONS AND LEGACIES
Join us as we welcome Dr. Adam Rothman, Georgetown University professor. 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.

The Kalnasy Concert Series Presents
STUDENTS IN RECITAL
Saturday, Feb 16, 9am-3pm
St. Aloysius Church
The Music Teachers Association of Southern Maryland (MTASM) invites you to enjoy vocal and piano performances from students of all ages. 45-minute recitals begin every hour.
For more information: keyofgmh@gmail.com.

ANGEL’S WATCH SHELTER IN WALDORF
is in need of food donations for meals: meats, produce, non-perishable foods (rice, beans, canned goods). Experienced cooks or servers who might be interested in cooking for a large group on a continued basis are also needed. For details: Kathy Clark: 301-274-0680, Kathy.Clark@CatholicCharitiesDC.org.

For many years Angel’s Watch Shelter has been a source of safety and new beginnings for women and their children fleeing domestic violence or homelessness in Southern Maryland.
We protect the location and identities of our residents and work one-on-one with them to guide them to an independent life free of abuse.
The Virtue of Honesty:
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 honesty.

Please join them during the month of February by modeling how you are trustworthy and true.

Open House This Month:
Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? Visit our award winning parish school! Sun, Feb 24, 12-1pm. Meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how our students are “Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith.”

“...be filled with the Spirit...singing and playing to the Lord...” Ephesians 5:18,19
Join your spirit with our Adult Choir members! New voices are always welcome. The Choir rehearses Wednesdays from 7-8pm in the church, and sings at the 4pm Saturday Mass. Rehearsals for the Holy Week and Easter liturgies start soon. Interested? Talk to a choir member after Mass, or email choir director Lynn Delahay, ldelahay@hotmail.com, or organist Richard Edwards, redwards93@verizon.net.
Dear Parish Family,

Last week in my homily I challenged everyone to read and discuss the Sunday Gospel as a family before coming to Mass each Sunday. Were you able to try it this past week? If you haven’t, it’s not too late to start. Don’t let your arrival at Sunday Mass be the first time you hear the Gospel. The more preparation you bring from home, the more the Scriptures will come alive for you at Mass. Here are a few tips to help get you started:

1. **Where to find the Sunday Gospel:**
The easiest way to do this is to Google, “daily Mass readings.” The first link that comes up is from the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). Once you enter the site, it’s all there for you.

2. **Say a prayer to the Holy Spirit:**
Before you get started, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your reading of Scripture. This is a powerful prayer and will reap great benefits. You can simply say: “Come Holy Spirit, please guide us as we read from God’s Holy Word.”

3. **Read the Gospel aloud two times:**
Sometimes we can’t take it all in on the first read. That’s why it’s good to read it once and then allow for a few minutes of silence. Then read it a second time.

4. **Start with a word, phrase, or question:**
Don’t try to unpack everything in one sitting. Keep it simple by talking about a word or phrase that strikes you. What drew you to that word? What did you notice now that you didn’t notice before? Or perhaps the passage raises a question in your mind. Feel free to ask it and see what others think.

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob