St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 10, 2019

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

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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, FEBRUARY 10
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
*Collection for Maintenance Fund
*Food Pantry Collection
*Bereavement Group: 9:15am, Rectory
Future dates: Mar 17, Apr 14 (same time/place)

WEDNESDAYS IN THE RECTORY, 7-8:30 PM:
Feb 20; Mar 13, 27; Apr 10.
To register or more info email
Fr. Rob: sfxparishmd@gmail.com

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
*First Communion Parent/Child meeting:
9am, Church
*Annual Appeal Commitment Sunday

“Let each of us make his sacrifice in the spirit of Christ, who has promised us a hundredfold reward for all that we do for others in His name.”
—Cardinal Patrick O’Boyle

SHARING OUR TREASURE
FOR FEB 3, 2019

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“Another good way to grow in friendship with Christ is by listening to his Word. The Lord speaks to us in the depths of our conscience, he speaks to us through Sacred Scripture, he speaks to us in prayer. Learn to stay before him in silence, to read and meditate on the Bible.”
—Pope Francis

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

“...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.

CUPID’S DANCE

Knock, knock!
Who’s there?
Nunsense
Coming in March
**Switch to Online Giving and Remove One Item from Your Weekend “To Do” List**

Enroll at stfrancisxavierchurch.org. Click on Online Giving — My Online Donation—select “View Donor Portal” to set up your one-time or recurring contribution. Use your credit card, debit card, or checking account — it’s that easy!

**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.

**Healing Prayer Service with Father Dan Leary**

Are you in need of physical, emotional, or spiritual healing?

Father Dan Leary, St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Silver Spring, will lead a healing prayer service at St. Aloysius Church Sunday, Feb 24, at 6:30pm.

The evening will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Praise and Worship, Prayers for Healing, and a talk by Fr. Dan.

All are welcome.

**Pancake Supper**

**March 5 — 4:30-7pm**

Adults $11 — Children $5
Children 3 and under FREE
Seniors 55+ $10
Carry outs available!

Pancakes, eggs, country sausage, bacon, home fries, applesauce, juice, milk, coffee, tea.

Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department

**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: keyofghm@gmail.

**Encounter Grace Women’s Series**

**RECLAIM**

Ladies! Join the Encounter Grace team on **Saturday, March 23, 2019** at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church and Family Life Center from 8:30 am- 1:00 pm for a day of reflection & sisterhood exploring ways to reclaim who we are - and whose we are - saying yes to God’s plan for us in whatever season of life we find ourselves.

**Guest Speakers**

Tickets on sale at [www.encountergrace.co](http://www.encountergrace.co)

Early Bird pricing through February 15, 2019: $25.00, includes breakfast & materials.

After February 15, 2019 cost is $30.00

Appropriate for ages 16+
Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

SAVE THE DATE:
Our annual auction and social — “SHAMROCKIN’ SHENANIGANS AUCTION AND SOCIAL” is Sat, Mar 16!

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.”

Sacramental Preparation Dates

First Communion Parent/Child Meeting:
Sun, Feb 24, 9 am, in the Church

Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting:
Sun, Mar 10, 9am, in the Church

Newtowne Manor House Restoration

Donations to:
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Memo line: Manor House Restoration

For more information:
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50th Anniversary of the Annual Appeal

Last year’s Appeal achieved 99% of its goal with $14,165,000 donated to the many ministries of the Church of Washington! The theme of the 2019 Appeal is Our Faith. Our Hope. Our Mission.

Different from a one-time special collection, the Appeal is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, today, payable over ten months that will help support the ministries and mission of all our faith communities of the Church of Washington. This year’s Annual Appeal weekend will be Feb 23-24. Please stay tuned for more details.
Dear Parish Family,

Monday, February 11, is World Day of the Sick, a day to offer prayers for the sick and for their caregivers. As we offer those prayers, we are reminded that the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available to any Catholic who is seriously ill due to sickness, accident, old age, or as a preparation for surgery. In this sacrament the person is anointed with blessed oil (called “the oil of the sick”) by the priest, and through his prayers, receives health and strength to the soul and sometimes to the body.

In 1858, Our Lady appeared 18 times to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous (later St. Bernadette) near Lourdes, France. Every year, thousands of pilgrims visit Lourdes, many with the help of the Order of Malta, for healing in the waters of the grotto where Bernadette encountered Our Lady.

This year, as we pray for the sick and their caregivers, we also pray for healing in our world and nation:

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

O ever-immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortress of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared at the grotto of Lourdes, you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favors and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of believers, Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob
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