St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 24, 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, FEBRUARY 24
7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
*First Communion Parent/Child meeting: 9am, Church
*Annual Appeal Commitment Sunday
*Manor House Speaker Series: From Newtown to Georgetown: Connections and Legacies, 6:30pm, Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, MARCH 3
8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
*Collection for Father Andrew White School
*Snack Packs for Kids collection

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
ASH WEDNESDAY
MASS CELEBRATED AT 8AM & 7PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 10
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
*Collection for Maintenance Fund
*Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting: 9am, Church

SHARING OUR TREASURE
FOR FEB 17, 2019

1st Collection (Offertory): $3,102.00
Online Giving ———
No 2nd Collection ———

March Collections
Mar 3 FAW School
Mar 10 Maintenance Fund
Mar 17 Church in the Developing World

“When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us.”

—St. Isidore, Bishop (560-636)

2019 ANNUAL APPEAL
A gift to the Annual Appeal will touch the lives of thousands of people in a very positive way.
As always, 100% of your contribution will be designated to ministries and programs supported by the Appeal.
Retreat for Survivors of Abuse

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is sponsoring retreats for survivors. The Archdiocese will offer a men’s retreat on Apr 5-7, and a women’s retreat on Apr 12-14, for survivors. These retreats are an occasion for survivors to reflect on God’s plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information and to register go to adw.org/the-way-retreat/ or call Deborah McDonald at 301-853-4466.

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.

You Can’t Learn on an Empty Stomach

SFX parish partners with the St. Mary’s Interfaith Council to provide healthy, kid-friendly, easy to prepare snack foods to keep children in food-insecure households from going hungry on the weekends. Use the approved shopping list below and pick up snacks when you’re at the grocery store. Drop off your donation in the back of church next weekend. To learn more or to help with this parish ministry, email Wendy Schaller, at schaller@md.metrocast.net

Snack-Packs for Kids Shopping List

- Applesauce snack cups
- Cans of pasta with meat
- Cracker packs
- Easy Mac N Cheese - Granola bars
- Fruit cups in juice packs
- Fruit Snacks (100% fruit)
- Instant lunch bowls - Instant oatmeal
- Juice boxes (100% fruit) - Ramen noodles
- Rice Krispies treats - Small boxes of cereal
- Shelf-safe milk boxes (single-serving size)

Lenten Small Group Study

This Lent, St. Aloysius Church will be offering a small group series called The Heart of Holiness: Finding Peace in the Love of God. Interested in hosting a small group? Please contact Leonard Wathen at 301-475-8064 x16 ASAP. Sign up for a group at: www.ConnectStMarys.com.

2019 Catholic College and Vocations Fair

Saturday, March 9th, 2019
at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Parish
43950 St. John’s Road, Hollywood, MD 20636

Speakers

- Dr. John Cudahl
  Professor of Philosophy
  Christendom College
- Brent Johnson
  V.P. Enrollment & Ave Maria University
- Fr. Scott Woods
  Asst. Vocation Director
  ADW St. JPII Seminary

General Schedule

9:00-10:00am – Eucharistic Adoration
10:00-11:00am – Mass
11:00-3:00pm – speakers and fair

Colleges presenting include:
- Ave Maria University
- Christendom College
- Franciscan University of Steubenville
- Mount St. Mary’s University
- Northeast Catholic College
- The Catholic University of America
- Thomas Aquinas College
- Thomas More College of Liberal Arts
- University of Mary
- Wyoming Catholic College

Several men’s and women’s religious orders will be present
Lunch and snacks available
For more information, please contact Rich Oku - roku@sjchicago.org

More information available at:
www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com/CCVF
FAW School Open House:
Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? You are cordially invited to visit our award winning parish school! Father Andrew White is having an Open House TODAY, Sunday, Feb 24 from 12-1pm. Come meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how our students are “Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith.”

First Friday Mass: We celebrate Mass as a school family every Friday. On First Fridays a class or special group hosts the Mass. At these 9am First Friday Masses at St. Aloysius, students lead by being the lectors, altar servers, gift bearers, and chorus. Older students sit alongside their younger class buddies to help them more fully participate. We invite all parishioners to join us any Friday. This Friday, March 1, we hope to see you as the Kindergarten hosts the 9am Mass.

Shamrockin' Shenanigans Auction•Social, Saturday, March 16:
Tickets are now on sale!
$35/person or $60/couple until 3/1, $40/person after 3/1. Admission includes an open bar (beer & wine), Irish pub fare, and entertainment by DJ Ernie Riviere from Invincible Entertainment! Doors open 5:30pm, silent auction 6-8pm, and live auction 8pm. Visit http://fatherandrewwhite.org/faw-spring-social-2019 to purchase your tickets online TODAY!

For March 2/3
Lector
4pm  D McLeod
8am  M Detrick
11am J Howe
EMHC E Dorrans
J Berned
C DeLozier
S Fletcher
B Geary, C Black
D Blair
L Black
Servers

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.

At the Leonardtown Fire Hall
Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department
Dear Parish Family,

This week we enter the month of March, which traditionally is dedicated to St. Joseph because his feast falls on March 19. In my family we grew up praying the Prayer to St. Joseph for Protection while waiting for the school bus in the morning. I still say it often and it remains one of my favorite prayers:

**Prayer to St. Joseph for Protection**

O St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He repose near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen

With the exception of Jesus, no one ever cared for Our Lady as much as St. Joseph did. As the earthly father of Christ, St. Joseph is also the father, patron, and guardian of the universal Church. In a special way he is the spiritual father of each and every one of us, and a model to priests precisely because of his spiritual paternity.

In these trying times that our Church and our world face, let’s call on his intercession all the more during this month of March, to protect us and draw us ever closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob

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**Mass Intentions**

- **Saturday – Feb 23**
  - St. Polycarp
  - 4pm — Olive Dove Jr.†

- **Sunday – Feb 24**
  - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
  - 8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
  - 11am — Betty Farrell †

- **Monday – Feb 25**
  - 8am — Olive Dove Jr.†

- **Tuesday – Feb 26**
  - No Mass

- **Wednesday – Feb 27**
  - 8am — John Stephen Lynch†

- **Thursday – Feb 28**
  - 8am — George Tennison†

- **Friday – Mar 1**
  - 8am — Charles D. Downs †

- **Saturday – Mar 2**
  - Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
  - 4pm — Paul Plant†

- **Sunday – Mar 3**
  - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
  - 8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
  - 11am — Betty Farrell†

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**For healing:** Richard Harrell, Glen Priddy, Kitty Priddy, Gertrude Oertly, Lisa Davis, Norma Miller, Joanie Johnson, Nick Gibson, Allen Sieverston, Ashley Gatton and Baby Jameson Gatton, Thomas Tippett, Richie Fazio, Myla Ashton, Olas Miller, Mary Katherine Keller, Lucy Lacey, Joan Polko, Shirley Nickerson, Bubby Spalding, Judy Bakewell, John Abell, Carolyn Russell Weiler, and Erin Schaller.

**Our beloved dead:** Margaret Tintle

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.