St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
ASH WEDNESDAY
A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE
MASS CELEBRATED AT 8AM & 7PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 9
New Altar Serving Training:
9am, Church. One parent must be present with their child for the entire time. The minimum age is third grade; servers must have received First Holy Communion. To register, email Fr. Rob, sfxparishmd@gmail.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT, 7PM

SHARING OUR TREASURE
FOR FEB 24, 2019

1st Collection (Offertory): $3,060.00
Online Giving 2/17 & 2/24 $1,445.00
No 2nd Collection

"Lent is a time of grace, to convert and live out our baptism fully."

—Pope Francis

Nunsense — at SFX Parish Hall
March 16—7pm  March 17—2pm
Tix $20 in advance, $25 at door
Call 1-800-838-3006

Donations for raffle baskets are welcomed and needed! Call AnnMarie Abell, 301-904-7279, or email annmarie.abell@icloud.com.

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 39 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.
The SFX Outreach Committee is looking to energize and increase our food pantry donations!
Each month we’ll focus our food pantry donations towards a specific category of foods. This is a fun way to gather more donations for the needy in our community.

For the month of MARCH our focus is the annual Lenten Food Drive, coordinated with Catholic Charities — look for the paper bags in the back of church. The bag will suggest donations based on your last name. Please return the bags with your donations the weekend of Mar 30/31.

Of course, any donation is always welcome and greatly appreciated. Suggestions are listed on a flyer in the back of church. Bring non-perishable foods to church and place them in the plastic bin in the vestibule and we’ll take care of the rest! Your generous donations are taken weekly to the Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside. Thanks for participating in this vital parish ministry!

10% of Maryland’s population lives in food-insecure households, meaning they’ve had difficulty at some time during the year providing enough food for all their family members. Your donation not only provides sustenance, but also helps relieve the stress and anxiety that goes along with not knowing if you have enough food to feed yourself and your family. Thank you for all you do.

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.

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 Cudahy
Professor of Philosophy
Chesapeake College
Benet Johnson
V.P. Enrollment & Ave Maria University
Fr. Scott Woods
Asst. Vocation Director
ADW St. JPII Seminary

General Schedule
9:00 -10:00am – Enthusiastic Adoration
10:00-11:00am – Mass
11:00-3:00pm – speakers and fair

Colleges presenting include:
Ave Maria University
Christopher 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

Severalmen’s and women’s religious orders will be present
Lunches and snacks available
For more information, please contact Rich Okou - rokon@sjhollywood.org

More information available at: wwwStJohnsSummerProgram.com/CCVF
Thanks to everyone who came out to hear Dr. Adam Rothman, Professor at Georgetown University, speak to us last Sunday evening about the legacy and connections between Newtowne and Georgetown. Dr. Rothman’s enlightening and informative talk was part of our annual Manor House Lecture Series. We had a great turnout and my sincere thanks goes out to Sarah Matisick for doing an outstanding job in organizing and promoting this event.

**March Collections**

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**FOR MARCH 9/10**

**MAY NOT REFLECT LATEST CHANGES**

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**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

**Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections**

Shamrockin’ Shenanigans Auction•Social, Sat, March 16:

**TICKETS NOW ON SALE!**

$40/person 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!

**Cabin of God’s Love:** Our Smarties Destination Imagination team is creating a “free store” that will be housed at a local food pantry for people in need. They are collecting items for this service learning project. (toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks (all sizes), books, hairbrushes, hair clips, plastic water bottles, soaps) All donations are greatly appreciated. Kindly drop off your donation in the marked box in our school lobby. We thank you for your participation and support of this project.

**FAW Yard Sale:** Ready to start your spring cleaning? Don’t throw away your unwanted stuff just yet! The FAW Theater Department is hosting a Yard Sale at FAW on March 23! There will be tables to rent ($25 for one or $40 for two) if you would like to come and sell your items. If you would like to donate items to the Theater Department, items will be accepted after school starting on March 18. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a table please contact either Lisa Black or Lisa Brown: fawresource@fatherandrewwhite.org or lisabrown2874@yahoo.com.
Dear Parish Family,

Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, March 6. It is a great time for us to take stock of our spiritual lives so as to set up good habits and eliminate the bad ones. A good game plan is to focus on four traditional spiritual practices of the Catholic Church: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, and Study. Below are some suggestions.

**Prayer.** Spend more time in intimate conversation with God. Start your day together as a family with a brief morning prayer and end it with evening or night prayer. Or try to attend at least one daily Mass a week. Join fellow parishioners in praying the Stations of the Cross here at St. Francis Xavier at 7pm in the church every Friday during Lent, beginning Friday, March 8.

**Fasting.** During Lent, we fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (for those under 60), and give up meat on all the Fridays in Lent. We’re also encouraged to “give up” something we enjoy but we can also give up things like complaining, gossip, grudges, and worrying.

**Almsgiving.** This means giving of your time, talent and treasure to those in need. Some ways we can help here at St. Francis Xavier are by donating to the local food pantry and Snack Pak for Kids. Another way to help the poor is by participating in the 2019 Annual Appeal.

**Study.** Spend a few minutes each day reading Holy Scripture or a good spiritual book. Or set aside time each week to talk about the Sunday Gospel with your family. The daily readings are readily available by signing up for daily emails from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org/bible/readings.

Let’s make this our best Lent yet!

Father Rob

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**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†

**Monday – Mar 4**  
St. Casimir  
No Mass

**Tuesday – Mar 5**  
No Mass

**Wednesday – Mar 6**  
Ash Wednesday  
8am — John Allen Bernard†

**Thursday – Mar 7**  
Sts. Perpetua and Felicity  
8am — E. Patrick McDonough†

**Friday – Mar 8**  
St. John of God  
8am — Charles D. Downs †

**Saturday – Mar 9**  
St. Frances of Rome  
4pm — Perry Abell †

**Sunday – Mar 10**  
1st Sunday of Lent  
8am — Gerald Abell Sr†  
11am — St. Francis Xavier Parish

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

**Our beloved dead:** Amy Bentley, Lucy Lacey, 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.