St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 15
Stations of the Cross, 7pm

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, MARCH 17
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
*Collection for the Church in the Developing World
*Nunsense at 2pm, Hall

APR 6!
START TRAINING!
Info in the vestibule or at www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org. $20 fee includes t-shirt. Free to kids 12 and under. Join us! Benefits our Manor House Restoration Fund.

SHARING OUR TREASURE FOR MAR 3, 2019

1st Collection (Offertory) $3,174.00
Online Giving $895.00
2nd Collection (FAW) $340.00

“Our Cabaret Productions
“The entire cast and crew of Nunsense did an amazing job. It was laughter from start to finish.”

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.

1st Sunday of Lent
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” - Lk 4:1-3

Thought of the Week...
“Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.”

—Pope Francis
OUR KIOSK IS LOCATED IN THE VESTIBULE
Order by March 31, 2019 to get 20% off
during our Lent and Easter promotion!

Retail Price for 1 CD: $4.50
Sale Price for 1 CD: $3.60

Fr. Mike Schmitz shares important insights on
the meaning of Christ’s Cross. He shows how
God’s rescue mission for us includes the need for
each person to embrace his own cross in order to
reestablish trust in the Father and the
understanding that love requires sacrifice. It also
includes a bonus segment on Stations of the
Cross, which features reflections on the Lord’s
Passion and Death, accompanied by moving
audio dramatizations from the Truth and Life
Audio Bible.

Parishioner Comments
Fr. Mike’s simple, yet powerful, reflections helped me
to contemplate Christ’s passion in light of God’s
perfect, fatherly love for me.

Dennis – Batavia, IL

I was struck by the depth of this message for me
personally, and how it deepened my relationship with
God.

Martha – Aiken, SC

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The Oldest Catholic Church in the Original Thirteen Colonies

February 28, 2019

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier,

You may recently have received either through email or via mobile text a note purporting to be
from me asking that you purchase i-Tunes/Google Play gift cards on my behalf. This is a
“phishing” scam that fraudsters have been using in a number of dioceses around the
country. They create email addresses and phone accounts that appear similar to a priest’s
parish email address or phone number and then fraudulently encourage unsuspecting
parishioners to send them gift cards.

Please know that I would never send such a communication to you, and please do not respond
to such emails or otherwise contact the fraudsters or provide any personal information to
individuals whose emails or mobile numbers you do not recognize.

I apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this phishing scam may have created.

Sincerely yours, in Christ,

Reverend Robert G. Maro

TICKETS ON SALE AT WWW.ENCONTEGRACE.CO

ENCOUNTER GRACE WOMEN’S SERIES

RECLAIM

Ladies! Join the Encounter Grace team on Saturday, March
23, 2019 at St. 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

Heather Dehnen
Megan Flores
Laura R. Roland

Tickets on sale at www.encountergrace.co
Early Bird price through Feb 5, 2019: $25.00, includes breakfast & materials.
After February 15, 2019 cost is $30.00
Appropriate for ages 16+

IT’S BACK!
FISH &
CHIPS
FRIDAYS

7TH DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUB
DRIVE THRU FISH & CHIPS DINNER
FRIDAYS 5-7 PM

7TH DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUB
21804 COLTONS POINT RD
BUSHWOOD, MD
$11.00 CASH OR CREDIT

HOMEMADE BEER BATTERED WILD CAUGHT
ATLANTIC COD
STEAK FRIES, HOMEMADE COLESLAW, TARTAR
SAUCE AND ROLL

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OPTIMIST YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAMS
**Newtowne Manor House Restoration**

**Donations to:**
St. Francis Xavier Church  
21370 Newtowne Neck Road  
Leonardtown MD 20650  
MEMO LINE: MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION

For more information:
Lynn Delahay, 204-925-6485  
George Matisick, 301-475-9698  
newtownemanorhouse@gmail.com

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**Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections**

Shamrockin' Shenanigans  
Auction/Social, Sat, Mar 16:  
GET YOUR TICKET TODAY!  
$40/person Admission includes an OPEN BAR (beer and wine), Irish pub fare, and entertainment by DJ Ernie Riviere from Invincible Entertainment!  
Doors open 5:30pm, silent auction 6-8pm, live auction 8pm  
Visit fatherandrewwhite.org/faw-spring-social-2019 to purchase tickets online!

**Now Enrolling:** Our award winning parish school is now enrolling students for the 2019-2020 school year, for openings in grades PK - 5.  
Visit www.fatherandrewwhite.org or call 301-475-9795 to set up a personalized tour with the principal.

**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: fawsresource@fatherandrewwhite.org or lisabrown2874@yahoo.com.

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**Lenten**

Parish Hall  
Friday, March 22  
6-8pm

Come out and enjoy a social evening.

Dinner Menu from Crab Knockers to include:  
Fish, Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Rolls  
Coffee & Tea  
Adults $12 — Children 5 to 10 $6  
4 years old and younger Free

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**Remember the Forgotten by Volunteering at a Local Nursing Home or Hospital. Even Simply Visiting with Those There Will Be Greatly Appreciated.**

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**Weekend Ministry Schedule**

For March 16/17  
MAY NOT REFLECT LATEST CHANGES

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Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday at the 11am Mass our R.C.I.A. catechumens and candidates will be sent forth to participate in what is known as the Rite of Election at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. that afternoon. There they will be acknowledged (along with other parishes across the entire Archdiocese) by Cardinal Wuerl, as candidates for full initiation into the Catholic Church at this year’s Easter Vigil. This happens across the entire world in every diocese on this first Sunday of Lent.

To send a catechumen or candidate to the Cardinal means that it has been discerned that the person is ready to enter the Catholic Church. Here at St. Francis Xavier, we have four men and women who are preparing to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil: James Black, Todd Earhart, Stacy Koviak, and Angela Rudman. Please keep them in your prayers.

Finally, we are just one week away from our musical production, Nunsense. My sincere thanks goes out to everyone who donated raffle baskets. I’ve been very impressed with what I’ve seen. If you haven’t bought your tickets to the show, you can still purchase them this weekend and next after all the Masses, as well as online and through the 1-800 number. Please bring your family and friends and let’s make it sell out show!

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob

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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

Monday – Mar 11
8am — Celebrant's intention

Tuesday – Mar 12
No Mass

Wednesday – Mar 13
8am — Christopher Maro

Thursday – Mar 14
8am — George B. Matisick †

Friday – Mar 15
8am — Charles D. Downs †

Saturday – Mar 16
4pm — George Tennison

Sunday – Mar 17
2nd Sunday of Lent
8am — Daniel Guy Sr. †
11am — St. Francis Xavier Parish

For healing:

Our beloved dead: Mary Louise Berry, Amy Bentley, Lucy Lacey

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