St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 17, 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 17**

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

*Collection for Church in the Developing World*

*Bereavement Group meets: 9:15am, Rectory*

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**Nunsense!**

Don't Miss It!

March 16—7pm  March 17—2pm

In the Parish Hall

Tickets $20 in advance, $25 at the door

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**

Series on “The Mass” continues:

7-8:30pm, Rectory

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

**FOR MAR 10, 2019**

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—Mother Angelica

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(One of the oldest Catholic 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 iTunes/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,

Father Rob Maro

Reverend Robert G. Maro

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**2nd Sunday of Lent**

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. - Lk 9:29-31

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**Thought of the Week:**

"Sometimes my worst day—one filled with pain and suffering—in the eyes of God, is my best day if I've born it cheerfully and I've born it with love.”

—Mother Angelica
Pray For Life
This month, we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on March 19. Remembering his very special role as the earthly foster father of Jesus, we invoke St. Joseph’s intercession, asking the Lord to bless all those for whom adoption has a place in their story. And, recalling the mercy which God our Father has shown to us, we also ask that, through our words and actions, they may encounter the outstretched hands of his mercy.

Did You Know?
March 21 is World Down Syndrome Day. Expectant parents—often overwhelmed by the diagnosis—are frequently pressured to abort their children. Tragically, even with the existence of multiple organizations devoted to facilitating adoption for children with Down syndrome, the majority of babies diagnosed before birth are aborted.

Life can be beautiful when we recognize that every life is a gift. We pray that parents find inspiration and courage through the witness of those who welcome life in all circumstances, and receive life-affirming support on their own journey. (Adapted from the USCCB pro-life activities web site)

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

Bishop Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered in Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to joyfully embrace the way of happiness.

Parishioner Comments
“A powerful, sincere reflection... Deep, yet easy to understand.”

Julie - Holyoke, CO

“Fr. Barron weaves Scripture, prayer and practical experience into a seamless whole that uplifts, challenges and inspires.”

Michael - York, PA
**LEN T E N**

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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**F A T H E R  A N D R E W W H I T E S C H O O L**  
**C R U S A D E R  C O N N E C T I O N S**

YARD SALE—FAW Theater Department is hosting a Yard Sale on March 23rd! Table rental is $25 if you would like to sell your items. If you are doing Spring Cleaning, items for donation can be dropped off at the school. Contact Lisa Brown for more information at lisabrown2874@yahoo.com.

NOW ENROLLING—Our award winning parish school has openings for grades PK—5. Visit the website at www.fatherandrewwhite.org or call 301-475-9795 for a personal tour of the school. Come meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how our students are “Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith.”

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**3RD ANNUAL “WALK IN THE PARK” 5K FUN RUN/WALK — SAT, APRIL 6**

This fun event benefits our parish’s Newtowne Manor House Preservation/Restoration Fund. **Open to all ages and abilities.** Course starts at SFX Church and follows the road into Newtowne Neck State Park. Registration starts at 8am, and run/walk starts at 9am. Registration fee of $20 includes a t shirt to help preserve this religious and historical landmark. **Kids 12 and under are free.** Info on registration is in the vestibule and at www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org. Questions? Call Sarah Matisick, 301-247-7416.

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**NEWTO NE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION**

**Donations to:**

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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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**GATTON’S Barber Shop**

Est. 1933  
Hollywood MD  
Tuesday-Saturday  
301-373-5300 www.gattonsbarbershop.com
Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we have the performers from Our Cabaret Productions, based out of Scranton Pennsylvania, with us for the long awaited production of Nunsense! I would like to especially acknowledge AnnMarie Abell for all of her work and dedication as the chair of the Nunsense Committee, as well as to each member of the committee itself, who gave so generously of their time: Anne Hayes, Louise Jordan, Jacquelynn Kirby, and Brenda Rezza.

I would also like to acknowledge the Outreach Committee for taking an active role in supporting our efforts as well: Anne Hayes (was a part of both committees), Heather Earhart, Audrey Cosgrove, Veronica Johnson, and Carol Perrie. It has been a blessing to work with all of you on this project!

To everyone who donated baskets for the raffle, I am deeply grateful for your generosity. Though space does not permit me to mention everyone individually, your names will be noted in the program for the show. Again, my hope is that this will be a way to bring our parish and the wider community together for a fun afternoon/evening.

Some have asked me if the show is respectful of religious sisters. My friend, John Baldino, one of the actors, has assured me that it is. And I can assure you that I wouldn’t have invited them here if there was ever a doubt in my mind. I was taught by religious sisters and have the utmost respect for them and the work that they do. In researching the show I learned that the writer’s original intentions was to show the humor of nuns so as to present them as real people. Hope to see you there!

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob

Saturday — Mar 16
4pm George Tennison†

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

Monday — Mar 18
St. Cyril of Jerusalem
8am — Lucy Marie Lacey†

Tuesday — Mar 19
Solemnity of St. Joseph
No Mass

Wednesday — Mar 20
8am — Joseph Daly, M.D. †

Thursday — Mar 21
No Mass

Friday — Mar 22
No Mass

Saturday — Mar 23
St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
4pm — Lucy Marie Lacey†


Our beloved dead:  Teenie Cusic, John Hall, Mary Louise Berry

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.