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Welcome New Parishioners!
Registration forms are in the church vestibule and on our parish website

St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

3rd Sunday of Lent
March 24, 2019

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

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 24**
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

**MONDAY, MARCH 25**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**
Series on “The Mass” continues:
7-8:30pm, Rectory

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31**
4th SUNDAY OF LENT
Lenten Food Drive

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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**
Our designated food pantry is at Our Lady of the Wayside. 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 NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 30/31.

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.

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**TUESDAY EVENING MASS PRECEDED BY ADORATION & CONFESSIONS**
At Holy Angels Church in Avenue
Every Tuesday
Adoration & Confessions from 6-7pm
Mass at 7pm

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**Sharing Our Treasure For Mar 17, 2019**

1st Collection (Offertory): $3,519.00
Online Giving $920.00
2nd Collection (Developing World) $362.00

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“Lenten practices of giving up pleasures are good reminders that the purpose of life is not pleasure.”

—Venerable Fulton J. Sheen (1895-1979)
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

Spoken as He suffered the agony of the cross, the seven last sayings of Christ recorded in the gospels have been the subject of prayer and inquiry by Christians for two thousand years. In this revealing presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn unlocks for us the deeper significance of Our Lord's last words, carefully chosen so that we might better understand the immense love of God for every person and His plan of salvation. Learn how Jesus' words are as profound and gripping today as when He uttered them on that first Good Friday.

Parishioner Comments

This CD has re-started the spark I had lost! I am looking forward to listening to the other CDs I purchased!

Bob - Fremont, OH

This was amazing! Anyone who has questions about converting to Catholicism should listen to it ... so encouraging and enlightening!

Mandi - Lewiston, ME

The Kalnasy Concert Series presents...

Father David Beaubien
In Concert
With the St. Aloysius Handbell Ensemble
Georgia M. Harvey, accompanist

Sunday, March 31 — 3pm
St. Aloysius Church

Beautiful sacred music – with vocal arrangements by Fr. Beaubien
For more information:
keyofgmh@gmail.com

3rd Annual “Walk in the Park” 5K Fun Run/Walk — Sat, April 6
This fun event benefits our parish’s Newtowen Manor House Preservation/Restoration Fund. Open to all ages and abilities. Course starts at SFX Church and follows the road into Newtowen 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.

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
2019 Annual Jubilarian Mass

The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years will be held Sunday, June 23, 2019 at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Please call the parish office at 301-475-9885 or use the sign-up forms in the vestibule of the church to register.

Names of jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Friday, April 26.

Celebration of Maryland Day at St. Clement’s Island Museum on March 25, with a special ceremony from 2 to 3pm featuring Rev. Murphy, S.J. from Georgetown University. The celebration will feature the original iron cross that the first Jesuits brought to St. Clement’s Island for the first Mass in the English speaking New World. Also on hand will be the Relic of the Cross of Jesus from St. Ignatius Church in Chapel Point. The program will run from 10am to 5pm, including free museum admission and water taxi rides. Call 301-475-4200 for more information.

Box Tops: Did you know that each Box Top that is clipped is worth 10 cents? FAW School collects Box Tops, that are then turned in to purchase supplies for our students. If you have collected any Box Tops, kindly drop them off in the vestibule at church or at FAW during school hours. Thanks for your support!

Homilies Now Available on Our Parish Webpage

www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org.
Find the toolbar at the top of the page to click on Homilies.

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Two of our Destination Imagination teams, fourth grade and middle school, earned 2nd and 1st place respectively in a recent competition and will be competing at the State level on March 30! Basketball and cheerleading athletes displayed their hard work and talent at the SMYBL Showcase on March 15. Our Advanced Band received an “excellent” rating in a recent performance.

Open House This Month:
Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? Our award winning parish school, Father Andrew White, is now enrolling students for the 2019-2020 school year. We have openings in grades PK-5. Meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how our students are “Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith.” Call 301-475-9795 to set up a time to receive a tour and meet the principal.

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Gatton’s Barber Shop
Est. 1933
Hollywood MD
Tuesday-Saturday
301-373-5300
www.gattonsbarbershop.com

Celebrating Marriage

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
Dear Parish Family,

One of the things that I enjoy doing in my spare time is reading good Catholic poetry. This week, a good friend introduced me to this wonderful poem, by William Cowper (1731-1800). I think it’s a great poem for Lent. I found it to be so encouraging that I just had to share it with you:

Exhortation to Prayer

What various hindrances we meet
In coming to a mercy-seat!
Yet who that knows the worth of pray'r
But wishes to be often there?

Pray'r makes the dark'ned cloud withdraw,
Pray'r climbs the ladder Jacob saw,
Gives exercise to faith and love,
Brings ev'ry blessing from above.

Restraining pray'r, we cease to fight;
Pray'r makes the Christian's armour bright;
And Satan trembles, when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees.

While Moses stood with arms spread wide,
Success was found on Israel's side;
But when thro' weakness they fail'd,
That moment Amalek prevail'd.

Have you no words? Ah think again!
Words flow apace when you complain
And fill your fellow-creature's ear
With the sad tale of all your care.

Were half the breath thus vainly spent
Your cheerful song would oft'ner be;
'Hear what the Lord has done for me!

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob

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

Sunday – Mar 24
3rd Sunday of Lent
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Lucy Marie Lacey†

Monday – Mar 25
The Annunciation of The Lord
8am — John Geary†

Tuesday – Mar 26
No Mass

Wednesday – Mar 27
8am — Lucy Marie Lacey †

Thursday – Mar 28
8am — Cathy Devenney†

Friday – Mar 29
8am — Fr. Thomas Crowley †

Saturday – Mar 30
4pm — Kathleen Roy†

Sunday – Mar 31
4th Sunday of Lent
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Robert Randolph Maro†


Our beloved dead: Christine Russell, John Garner, Teenie Cusic, and John Hall

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.
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