St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 31, 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

Migrations: 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 31**

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Lenten Food Drive*

*Help feed your neighbors in need.*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Collection for Father Andrew White School*

*Snack Packs for Kids collection*

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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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**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 23/24, 2019**

1st Collection (Offertory): $2,683.00

Online Giving $595.00

2nd Collection (None)

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“Lent is like a long ‘retreat’ during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One.”

(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

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Dear Father Rob and Parishioners of St Francis Xavier:

Thank you for your support of the Snack Pack program at Benjamin Banneker Elementary. Your support has truly solidified this program. Special thanks for making sure there has been donations of milk, which enables us to give out milk more than once a month. Also the children enjoy the extra treats donated. Your generous donations and outpouring of love for these children is clearly shown by the amounts given each month. Thanks to the two special helpers that coordinate the collection and delivery of these items.

I extend our gratitude from St. Mary’s Interfaith Council as well as from the principal and counselor at Benjamin Banneker Elementary.

Sam Brown, Snack Pack Coordinator
St. Mary’s Interfaith Council

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. Volunteers will pack the snacks into bags, and on Fridays the BBES school counselors will inconspicuously put the packs into student backpacks to take home. To learn more or to help with this parish ministry, email Wendy Schaller, at schaller@md.metrocast.net

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

Switch to Online Giving and Remove One Item from Your Weekend “To Do” List
Enroll at stfrancisxavierchurch.org. Click on Online Giving — My Online Donation—select “View Donor Portal” to set up your one-time or recurring contribution. Use your credit card, debit card, or checking account — it’s that easy!

Pray the Rosary for Healing
Join the Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women in a nightly Rosary Telephone Call,
8pm EST, Mon-Sat for the healing of all hurt by individuals within the Church.
Nightly through Sep 4, 2019.

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)
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.

For April 6/7

MAY NOT REFLECT LATEST CHANGES

LECTOR  EMHC  SERVERS
4pm  J Howe  P McLeod  L Earhart
8am  T White  P Bussler  D Blair
11am  M Cosgrove  B Bowles  C Black, L Black  M Roman

Thanks to everyone who supported Nunsense to make our show a huge success! We are pleased to report that $2,722.23 was raised in support of our parish.

Father Andrew White School
Crusader Connections

“Snow White and the Seven Fairy Godmothers” is coming to FAW! Please join us on April 11 or 12th to see this amazing show! Tickets and baked goods available at the door. Doors open at 6pm, and showtime is 6:30pm. See you there!

First Friday Mass—we hope to see you as the 6th grade students host the 9am mass on Friday, April 5.

Are you considering a Catholic education for your child? We have openings in Kindergarten through Grade 5. Visit our award winning parish school and meet the dedicated and caring staff.

Find out how our students are “Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith.”

Newtowne Manor House Restoration

Donations to:
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21370 Newtowne Neck Road
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Memo line: Manor House Restoration
For more information:
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Dear Parish Family,

This week I’d like to call special attention to the Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion recalling the events of the last day of Jesus on earth. We begin as He is condemned by Pontius Pilate and conclude as He is laid in the tomb. Images of the Stations are traditionally found in all Catholic churches. But do you know how it all started?

This devotion began when the Blessed Mother daily visited the scenes of Our Lord’s suffering and death after He ascended into heaven. After Constantine legalized Christianity in 313 AD, the scenes from Christ’s passion and death in Jerusalem were highlighted with stations. St. Jerome (342–420), lived in Bethlehem towards the end of his life and tells how countless pilgrims from all over the world would visit these holy places, tracing Christ’s way to the Cross.

By the fifth century, there was a growing interest to “re-produce” these holy places in other parts of the world for people who could not travel to the Holy Land. At least this way, they could do so spiritually in their hearts. By the end of the 17th century, having the Stations of the Cross in churches became more popular. In 1731 Pope Clement XII permitted the Stations of the Cross to be erected in all Catholic churches and set the number at 14.

A plenary indulgence is granted for those who piously exercise the Way of the Cross, actually moving from station to station. At our parish, we pray them every Friday in Lent at 7pm.

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob

Saturday – Mar 30
4pm — Kathleen Roy†

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

Monday – Apr 1
8am — Celebrant’s Intention

Tuesday – Apr 2
St. Francis of Paola
No Mass

Wednesday – Apr 3
8am — Luci Marie Lacey†

Thursday – Apr 4
St. Isidore
8am — Edmund Campion Walsh†

Friday – Apr 5
St. Vincent Ferrer
8am — Charles D. Downes †

Saturday – Apr 6
4pm — Celebrant’s intention

Sunday – Apr 7
5th Sunday of Lent
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Celebrant’s intention


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

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.