St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 7, 2019

Newtowne Mission from 1640 ✠ First Chapel Built 1662
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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, APRIL 7**
**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**
*Collection for Father Andrew White School*
*Snack Packs for Kids collection*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14**
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
*Collection for Maintenance Fund*

**GOOD FRIDAY**
*Collection for the Holy Land*

*Collection for Father Andrew White School*
*Snack Packs for Kids collection*

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**“Remember that you have only one soul; that you have only one life, which is short and has to be lived by you alone; and there is only one glory, which is eternal.”**
—St Theresa of Avila

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**HOLY WEEK 2019**
**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**
THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST (MOVIE)
7:00 pm in the PARISH HALL

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18**
MORNING PRAYER at 9:00 am
EVENING MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER at 6:00 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19**
MORNING PRAYER at 9:00 am
STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 3:00 pm
SERVICE OF THE LORD’S PASSION at 7:00 pm

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20**
MORNING PRAYER at 9:00 am
EASTER VIGIL at 8:00 pm

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21**
MASSES at 8:00 & 11:00 am

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
**FOR MAR 31, 2019**

1st Collection (Offertory): $2,603.00
Online Giving $745.00
2nd Collection (None) ——

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**5th Sunday of Lent**

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”
— Jn 8:10-11
The SFX Outreach Committee is looking to energize and increase our food pantry donations!

Each month we’ll focus on a specific category of foods, as a fun way to gather more donations for those in need in our community.

For the month of APRIL our focus is on Side Dishes: instant potatoes, rice, pasta salad kits, macaroni & cheese.

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. We’ll take care of the rest! Thank you for your help with this vital parish ministry, in support of the food pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside Church.

Thank you for your generous response to the Lenten Food Drive, we delivered 580 pounds of food to the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside Church. Pantry volunteers are very appreciative of our parish’s support.

FORGIVE SOMEONE WHO HAS WRONGED YOU. THIS CAN BE DIFFICULT AND CHALLENGING, BUT MAKING AMENDS CAN HAVE A TRANSFORMATIVE EFFECT ON YOUR LIFE.

DATE CHANGE!!

2019 Annual Jubilarian Mass now
Sun, June 16 at 2pm!

The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years will be held Sunday, June 16, at 2pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. 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.
Third Annual Easter Egg Hunt
The Knights of Columbus 10957 along with WOLF are teaming up with others in our community to host our third annual Easter Egg Hunt! Free! Open to all ages! Saturday, April 13, Noon-3pm, at the parish Hall. Sign up from 12-12:45pm. Hunts will be grouped by ages: 0-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12 & up. Youngest hunters go first, at 1pm. Indoor & Outdoor fun for all ages. Hot dogs, snacks, and more provided. Have your cameras ready: the Easter Bunny and a friendly Wolf will be there too! See you there!

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

FAW Play:
This Thu, April 11 and Fri, April 12, our School students will present, “Snow White and the Seven Fairy Godmothers!” Tickets and concessions will be available for purchase at the door. Doors open at 6pm; show time is at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

Congratulations:
Two of the FAW Destination Imagination teams advanced to the State Competition last Saturday. The DI Operators finished in first place and advance to the Globals in Kansas City, MO in May!

We are also very proud of our service learning team which created a “Cabin of God’s Love” that contains essential items for people to take or donate as needed. It is located outside Our Lady of the Wayside Church Hall.

Butter Braid Fundraiser:
FAW students are now selling Butter Braids! If you’d like to try this delicious treat, please call the school office to place an order. 301-475-9795.

Holy Angels Our Lady of Fatima Sodality is sponsoring a huge yard sale
SAT, MAY 11, 7AM-1PM
At Holy Angels Hall. Tables available for rent; call Joan Warczynski, 301-904-1956. Set up will be Fri, May 10, 5-8pm. American Legion Post 221 Auxiliary will have a table at Holy Angels. Food & Drink available for purchase. Participating in the Community Yard Sale will be the 7th District Fire Dept. and Rescue Squad Auxiliaries, located at the Fire House and Rescue Squad Buildings.

Newtowne Manor House Restoration
Donations to:
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April Collections
Apr 7 FAW School
Apr 14 Maintenance Fund
Apr 19 The Holy Land
Apr 21 Easter Offering

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Dear Parish Family,

As you look around the church, you’ll see that our statues, crucifix, and the painting of St. Francis Xavier are veiled in a stark, purple cloth. The crucifixes remain covered until Good Friday but the other holy images remain covered until the start of the Easter Vigil.

The origins of veiling holy images during the last two weeks of Lent goes back to the former liturgical calendar when the Passion was read on the Fifth Sunday of Lent (hence called “Passion Sunday”) and the start of Passiontide. It is meant to help us focus on the essentials of our Lord’s great work of Redemption. The holy images that once gave us consolation are now removed from our view, so they might give us even more joy when they are unveiled at Easter.

The veils also create a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday, especially if you attend daily Mass. The very sight of the images each day, covered in darkness, can be a point of mediation for each of us.

The unveiling of the crucifix and other images before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a “veiled” world, in exile from our true home – Heaven. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we finally are able to see the beauty of eternity. In this sense, our celebration of Easter is a foretaste of Heaven.

Families are encouraged to imitate this practice of veiling sacred images at home. It can help us to enter more fully into the solemnity of the Sacred Triduum.

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob
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