St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER — DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 28, 2019

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

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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 28 — 2ND EASTER**
**DIVINE MERCY**
*Polish Dinner, Parish Hall, 4–7pm

**FRIDAY, MAY 3**
*First Friday Adoration: 8:30am-5pm
Vespers & Benediction 4:30pm

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, MAY 5—3RD EASTER**
*Collection for FAW School
*Snack Pack Collection

**SATURDAY, MAY 11**
*First Holy Communion, 9am

**SUNDAY, MAY 12 — 5TH EASTER**
*May Crowning immediately following the 8am Mass
*Collection for Catholic Relief Services
*Food Bank Collection

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**
*Sacrament of Confirmation, 7pm

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**
*Movie Night, 7pm, Parish Hall

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE FOR APR 21, 2019**

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—I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust My mercy.”

—Our Lord to St. Faustina Kowalska
Mother’s Day Carnations
If you wish to place a carnation(s) on the altar for Mother’s Day, please use the envelopes on table in the narthex of the church. Place in the collection basket by May 5. Donation is $2 per carnation: make checks payable to Knights of Columbus. Call Jim Howe, 301-904-9041.

Bereavement Support Group
A parish grief support group for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one in the recent past. Meetings this spring and summer will be on the following dates:
- May 19
- June 9
- July 14
- August 11
We meet from 9:15-10:15am, in the Rectory. All are welcome. For more information, please email Fr. Rob, at sfxparishmd@gmail.com.

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May Collections
May 5 FAW School
May 12 Catholic Relief Services
May 19 Maintenance Fund

PARISH HALL CLOSED IN AUGUST
Please note that the Parish Hall will be closed from August 5—26 for painting of the existing paneling and ceiling in the main meeting room. There will be no reservations accepted for events during this time. The Parish Hall will reopen Monday evening, August 26. I appreciate your patience as we refresh and brighten up our hall.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall
Admission is free
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Newtowne Manor House Restoration
Donations to:
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Memo line: Manor House Restoration
For more information:
Lynn Delahay, 204-925-6485
George Matisick, 301-475-9698
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BOOK CLUB
The Spiritual Book club will be starting a new book on Thursday, May 9. *The World’s First Love* by Bishop Fulton Sheen. Join us Thu mornings at 9am, or Thu evenings at 7pm. Contact Paula McLeod, Paula.mcleod@gmail.com

WALK IN THE PARK THANKS
Thanks to all of you who supported and came out for the 3rd Annual Walk in the Park on April 6, to benefit the parish’s Newtowne Manor House Preservation/Restoration Project. It was a cool morning, but everyone hung in there; die-hard runners thought the temperature was perfect! Sponsorships and donations totaled $4,500.00; with registrations, $7,130.00. “In Kind” donations came to $350.00 plus mailings, signs, coffee, food, water. Our only expense was $1,864.00 for Walk & Manor House logo shirts, for a net of $5,266.00. T-shirts will be on sale next weekend after each Mass. Stop by!

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS
Ledo’s Dinner & Faith Rally Concert: Mon, April 29, join the FAW Rhythm Rejoicers and the Community Choir for an evening of faith and music, at 6pm at St. Aloysius Church. Free and open to the whole community! Before the concert, meet friends at Ledo’s for dinner. Mention FAW and 20% of your bill (from 4-8pm) will be donated to the school.

Eat out at Kevin’s Corner Kafe: Wed, May 1, 5-8pm! For every $9.99 chicken dinner purchased, FAW will make a profit. Proceeds help Destination Imagination program offset the cost of sending a team to the Globals competition in May.

HELP HUNGRY KIDS
Use the approved shopping list below and pick up snacks when you’re shopping.

Drop off your donation in the back of church NEXT WEEKEND.

Volunteers will pack the snacks into bags, and school counselors will inconspicuously put the packs into student backpacks to take home.

Email Wendy Schaller, at schaller@md.metrocast.net

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)
Dear Parish Family,

Last Sunday we celebrated the Resurrection of Our Lord and we have continued that celebration all week long in what the Church calls “the Octave of Easter.” The celebration with an octave occurs twice a year: once after the Solemnity of Christmas and again after the Solemnity of Easter. What it means is that the first eight days after the Solemnity are really treated as one festive day. So Easter “day” really concludes this Sunday as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday we mark when Our Lord first instituted the sacrament of confession. Jesus asked St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) to promote this message of God’s merciful love. When she was canonized in 2000, Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

In addition, Our Lord wanted a particular image of mercy painted. A replica of this image hangs on the wall near the confessional in our church. It is a depiction of the merciful Christ with red and white rays of light, signifying Jesus’ Blood, which He poured out for us with His death on the Cross, and water, which reminds us of our Baptism. At the bottom of the image we find the words, “Jesus, I trust in You.”

Jesus asked St. Faustina to invite us to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and to ideally do so at three o’clock, the Hour of Mercy. This Sunday let’s remember to pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy. It is so important that we turn to Our Lord’s mercy and never forget that He is willing to forgive us when we sin against Him.

Peace and blessings, Father Rob
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