St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 5, 2019

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

**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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, MAY 11**
*Our Second Grade students celebrate their First Holy Communion
9am

*Collection for FAW School
*Snack Pack Collection

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE FOR APR 28, 2019**

Because of an early transmission deadline from LPi, our bulletin printer, we were unable to include the contribution amounts for last week. They will be published in the May 12 bulletin.

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**“Mary was not ‘full of grace’ because she was beautiful; she was beautiful because she was full of grace.”**

—Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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**THE MIRACLE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

Friday, May 17, 2019 at 7:00pm

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HALL**

Admission is free

Shown on the wide screen and in surround sound!

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**MASS AND PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

for Miscarried Babies and Their Parents

Saturday, May 18, 2019
2 p.m.

Bereavement with guest speaker immediately following mass:

St. Andrew Apostle Catholic Church
11600 Kemp Mill Road
Silver Spring, MD

Father Dan Leary, Pastor

For more information, contact Miscarried Babies Ministry team couple in your area:
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“If you want a love message to be heard, it has got to be sent out. To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep puffing oil in it.” ~Saint Teresa of Calcutta
**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.

**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.

**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!

**HELP YOUR MARRIAGE**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (retro-vigh) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program Aug 30 - Sep 1, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, call 443-400-7017, or email: 3015@retrouvaille.org
Lenten Mission Drive: Each year our parish school raises money for various projects to help the Sisters of Charity and their mission in Belize. During Lent, students and their families raised over $3,600 to help build a house for one of the El Salvadoran refugees, a catechist who worked with St. Óscar Romero. We are proud to report that the $6,000 we raised last year was used to build the Mrs. Christin Gaston (our beloved 1st grade teacher) house. Her family traveled to Belize and built this house in April. Pictures can be found at https://photos.app.goo.gl/F9AUmmY57ZHjSeCw7.

The Virtue of Zeal: Each month, we focus on a virtue as we hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues, while learning more about saints who exemplify these good habits. This month: Zeal. Join us by modeling how you are driven by an intense love for God.

Band & Chorus Spring Concert: On the St. Mary’s Ryken stage at 6:30pm, Thu, May 9. Enjoy a showcase of our students’ talent and hard work. Baked goods will be for sale. See you there!

The Spiritual Book club will be starting a new book on Thursday, May 9. We’ll be reading and discussing *The World’s First Love* by Bishop Fulton Sheen. Join us Thu mornings at 9am, or Thu evenings at 7pm. For more information contact Paula McLeod at Paula.mcLeod@gmail.com.
Dear Parish Family,

May, a time of rebirth in nature, is fittingly dedicated to Our Lady, the Mother of our life in Christ and our spiritual mother.

It is a great practice during this month of May to find some particular and concrete way to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Some popular devotions to Our Lady include praying the Memorare, reciting the Angelus prayer at either 6am, 12 noon or 6pm (replaced in the Easter season by the Regina Coeli), wearing her brown scapular or Miraculous Medal, praying the rosary and honoring her through small acts of love and sacrifice.

Next Monday, May 13, is the feast day honoring Mary as Our Lady of Fatima, named for her appearances to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. Two of the children, St. Jacinta and St. Francisco, were canonized in Fatima by Pope Francis two years ago on May 13, marking the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s appearance there.

On Friday, May 17 we will show the movie, The Miracle of Our Lady Fatima, as part of our monthly films of faith. It’s a classic, heartwarming film for the whole family. I remember watching it when I was growing up and it still resonates with me today: the call to conversion, repentance from sin, reparation and devotion to prayer, especially the rosary.

May also brings to mind the sacrament of First Holy Communion for our second graders. Please keep them in your prayers this week as they prepare to receive Jesus’ Body and Blood for the very first time this Saturday, May 11 at a special 9am Mass.

Peace and blessings, Father Rob
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