St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 26, 2019

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Current Church Built 1731

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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 26 — 6th Easter

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day Holiday: Rectory Office closed

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Sunday, June 2 — 7th Easter
The Ascension of the Lord
*Snack Packs for Kids collection: aids children in food-insecure households

Sunday, June 9 — Pentecost
*Bereavement Group: 9:15-10:15 am, Rectory

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**June Collections**

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**Sharing Our Treasure**

May 19, 2019

1st Collection (Offertory): $1,876.00
Online Giving: $915.00
Second Collection (Maintenance): $681.00

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*God does not give Himself wholly through any one friend, lover, husband or what not: I mean rather that although every real friendship is a mutual Christ-giving, no one friend can give God to you so perfectly as completely to satisfy and fill your need for His love.*

— Caryll Houselander (1901-1954)

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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, school counselors will inconspicuously put the packs into student backpacks to take home. **For more info or to help with this parish ministry, 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)

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**Camp Sunrise**

Cost: Free of charge

*Camp Sunrise is a program for grieving children and teens ages 7-16. This day camp offers children the opportunity to express feelings of loss and learn coping skills in a supportive environment.*

**CAMP DATES JUNE 7 – 9**

- June 7: Friday Meet and Great Dinner 5:10 - 7:00 pm
- June 8: Saturday 9 am - 3:45 pm
- June 9: Sunday 9 am - 2:45 pm

Call 301-994-2023 for more information
**PARISH HALL CLOSED AUG 5-26**

for painting of the existing paneling and ceiling in the main meeting room.
No reservations accepted for events during this time. The Hall will reopen Mon evening, Aug 26. I appreciate your patience as we refresh and brighten up our hall.

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**PARISH MOVIE NIGHTS**

Thanks to everyone who came out to see *The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima*. I also want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who so generously provided us with refreshments and snacks to help make it such an enjoyable evening. Please save the date for our next movie, *The Sound of Music*, on Fri, Jun 28 at 7pm in the Parish Hall. If you have suggestions for future films of faith, please email them to Fr. Rob at sfxparishmd@gmail.com.

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**Discover Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

> “I have often urged the faithful to perseverre in the practice of this devotion, which contains a message which in our day has an extraordinary timeliness, because an amazing spring of life, giving hope to every person, has stemmed precicely from the Heart of God’s Son, who died on the Cross. From the Heart of Christ crucified, the human heart is redeemed from sin. This man [of today] needs Christ’s heart to know God and to know himself. He needs it to build the civilization of love.”

*Pope St. John Paul II*

The Catholic Church for centuries has highlighted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a powerful source of holiness for parishes, families, and individuals. During this month of June, traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart, St. Aloysius Church will be dedicating our new chapel to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and we invite families and individuals to do the same.

**Sunday, June 9, 2019 @ 9:15 AM @ Parish Hall**

“What is Devotion to the Sacred Heart? A presentation by Leonard Whelan

**Friday, June 28, 2019 @ 7:00 PM @ Church**

*Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in our Chapel*

For more information, visit [https://saintalloysusacurch.org/sacred-heart](https://saintalloysusacurch.org/sacred-heart)

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**WOMEN OF FAITH CONTINENTAL PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**SAT, JUN 1 — 8:30AM**

Our Lady of the Wayside Parish Hall
(37575 Chaptico Road)

Join us for 8am First Saturday Mass beforehand.
Our guest speaker, Laura Roland, co-founder of *Encounter Grace*, will speak on the “Power of the Ordinary,” how God uses the ordinary to accomplish great things! The morning will begin with music, followed by recitation of the Rosary, breakfast, inspirational talk, and closing prayer.

Cost is $15, to register call 301-475-7139, stop by Heavenly Presents, or go online at [www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org](http://www.breadoflifecenterforpeace.org).

**Registration is due TOMORROW, Mon, May 27.** For more contact Frannie Taborek, 240-538-2981, fran.taborek@stracongroup.com or Becky Kendall, 301-904-7025, becky.kendall@hotmail.com.

**Bring an item listed below (by your last name) and help “Comfy Chemo Bags” — a local ministry for cancer patients.**

A-F: Blank Journals     G-K: Pens for journals
L-P: Adult coloring books     Q-U: Colored pencils
V-Z: Prayer cards or inspirational items

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**QUO VADIS CAMP**

The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary Jul 28-31. For four days, high school aged young men, who desire to grow in holiness, will have an opportunity for mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available.

Details are available and registration is open at [www.DCpriest.org](http://www.DCpriest.org). Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.
Baby Bottles for CareNet Pregnancy Center
Pick up a bottle after Mass, fill it with spare change (or a check!), and return it to church Father’s Day weekend. Your donation helps provide free and confidential services and counseling to women and men regarding pregnancy. Call CareNet at 301-475-5833.

LAST CALL!!

SAFE FOOD HANDLING CLASS
Sat, Jun 1, 9am-12pm, SFX Parish Hall. Presented by St. Mary’s County Health Department. Class is FREE and open to all but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Certificate of Attendance is valid for 2 years. For details: Jim Howe, jhowe70@md.metrocast.net, 301-904-9041.

Anniversary Mass for Fr. John Lubey
Mon, Jun 3, 2019 - 7pm
St. Andrew the Apostle Church,
11600 Kemp Mill Rd, Silver Spring MD
Please join us as we commemorate the priesthood of Fr. John A. Lubey, who served the people of this parish and our Archdiocese with gentleness and compassion. Fr. Lubey was known for the gifts of prophecy and healing.

“Everyone receives the healing love of the Lord in some way. ... The Lord is the Healer; I am the instrument in the hands of the Healer.”

Newtowne Manor House Restoration
Donations to:
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FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Now Enrolling: Our award winning parish school is now enrolling students for the 2019-2020 school year, with openings in grades PK - 5. For more info, visit www.fatherandrewwhite.org or call 301-475-9795 to set up a personalized tour with the principal. Come meet the dedicated and caring staff and find out how the students are “Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith.”

Chick Fil A Spirit Night: Mon, Jun 3, from 5-7pm. FAW will receive a portion of all sales if you mention you are there to support the Spirit Night. Invite your family and friends and enjoy an evening out together! Kindly remember to mention you are there to support FAW so the school will receive the proper credit.

Mulberry Music Festival - Act I
St. Mary’s College of Maryland
Fri, Jun 14, 6 - 9pm
Featuring gospel recording artist, Jason Nelson, and a diverse line-up of local musicians:
The St. Peter Claver Gospel Choir
Dominion Apostolic Chorale   South Point Church Posse 4 Christ   John Tillery and Living Sacrifice Ministerio Amor en Cristo St. Luke’s of Scotland Choir
Free and open to all
On the Townhouse Greens of St. Mary’s College

GET PARISH & COMMUNITY FAITH-RELATED NEWS ITEMS IN THE BULLETIN
Email items to Lynn Marsh Freeman, sfx1640bulletin@gmail.com. Deadline is Friday, one week before the Sunday date.
Dear Parish Family,

I’m very happy to announce that we will once again have a seminarian stay with us for the summer. His name is Thong Nguyen (pronounced WIN). He gave me permission to share a little bit about his story with you before he arrives on June 22.

Thong was born in Vietnam and grew up in a Catholic family. He has three brothers who are seminarians in New Zealand and Colombia. His two older brothers are married; one lives in France and the other lives in the United Kingdom. Thong’s parents and sister still live in Vietnam.

While Thong was enrolled at the College in Hanoi in 2007, he saw many injustices in the communist country of Vietnam. After watching the DVD, The Life and Teaching of Pope John Paul II, Thong describes what he calls “a secret message” that came into his heart. The message that Pope Saint John Paul II gave to the world was, “Be not afraid.” Because of those words, Thong felt encouraged to do something for the Church and for his country. At that time, he co-founded and was nominated as a president of the Diocese of Vinh Catholic Student Association in Hanoi.

The Communist security police started to pay attention to him and would follow him and their community members. After speaking up for the freedom of religion in Vietnam, he was arrested by the communist government and then escaped to Thailand in 2011. Before coming to DC for seminary, Thong had been an advocate for human rights and religious freedom.

Let’s keep Thong in our prayers as he prepares to spend his summer with us in just a few short weeks.

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob
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