St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
JUNE 23, 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

Marriages: Make arrangements with your Pastor at least six months in advance; call the Rectory

Religious Education Classes
Email Paula McLeod, paula.mlced@gmail.com

Bulletin Items
Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date
Send items to sfx1640bulletin@gmail.com
**THE REAL PRESENCE**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23—MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**

*Doughnut Social: Parish Hall After the 8am & 11am Masses*

*Peter’s Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today.

**FRIDAY, JUN 28: MOVIE NIGHT**

The Hills Are Alive…

Bring the kids and the popcorn and join us for family fun!

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30**

13TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE June 16, 2019**

1st Collection (Offertory): $2,785.00

Online Giving $1,155.00

Second Collection (None) —-

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“**When you look at a crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now!**”

—St. Teresa of Calcutta

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**THE SOUND OF MUSIC**

Friday, June 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HALL

Admission is free

Shown on the wide screen and in surround sound!

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**JOIN US FOR A**

**Sunday Doughnut Social**

**TODAY!! June 23**

After the 8am and 11am Masses

St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall

**COMPLIMENTS OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

St. Francis Xavier the Missionary Council 10957
**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 summer will be on the following dates:

- July 14 & August 11

9:15-10:15am, in the Rectory.

All are welcome. Questions? Email Fr. Rob, at sfxparishmd@gmail.com.

**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.

High school aged young men, who desire to grow in holiness, will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, plus time for fraternity, sports, and reflection.

Bus transportation available. Details and registration at www.DCpriest.org. Questions? vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020.

**Let Jesus Multiply the Love in Your Marriage**

Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 25-27, 2019 in Gaithersburg, MD.

Go to moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It’s not too early to sign-up!

Early registration is highly recommended.

**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.
Welcome Our Summer Seminarian

Thong Nguyen (pronounced WIN) will be with us for the next 7-8 weeks.

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.

Please introduce yourself to Thong after Mass.

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

School’s Out!
But check out the pendants our Kindergarten Class artists (now our First Graders) made!

Newtowne Manor House Restoration

Donations to:
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Memo line: Manor House Restoration
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You can donate online at https://www.cfsomd.org/sfx-newtowne-endowment-fund/

Or by check, made payable to Community Foundation of Southern Maryland (note SFX-Newtowne in the memo line) to PO Box 716, Charlotte Hall MD 20622.

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Father Andrew White, S.S.
Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This is a good time to remind ourselves of the outward signs of reverence due to the Most Blessed Sacrament. As Catholics we believe that Jesus is truly present — Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity — in the Eucharist. Our interior attitude and exterior actions should reflect that belief.

One thing you may have noticed is that we have started bowing to the main altar during Mass and not to the tabernacle (on the back altar). Though it seems natural to bow to the Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle, I recently learned that the Church wants us to bow to the main altar only during Mass because that is where the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Upon entering and leaving the church, we always greet Our Lord in the tabernacle by genuflecting on one knee. If you are unable, due to illness or disability, to genuflect, then a reverent bow from the waist is appropriate.

The way we dress for Holy Mass is a sign of respect for others and for Our Lord, calling for “Our Sunday Best.” Something to keep in mind as the warmer summer months allow us to dress somewhat more casually, but always with good taste and modesty.

A respectful silence in church allows others to pray and creates an atmosphere of reverential awe in the presence of God. This is true not only before Mass begins but after Mass as well. These outward signs of reverence toward Our Lord in the Eucharist show our great love for Him who loves us beyond measure.

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob


Our beloved dead: Frances Bourdon, Carolyn Russell Weiler, Olas Miller, Shirley Nickerson.

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.