St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 30, 2019

Newtowne Mission from 1640  
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Current Church Built 1731

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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.mcleod@gmail.com

Bulletin Items
Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date
Send items to sfx1640bulletin@gmail.com
THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 30
13TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

THURSDAY, JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

Rectory Office Closed

FRIDAY, JULY 5
Holy Hour 8:30-9:30am—Benediction at 9:20am

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, JULY 7
14TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

JULY COLLECTIONS

Jul 7   FAW School
Jul 14  Maintenance Fund

SHARING OUR TREASURE
JUNE 23, 2019

1st Collection (Offertory): $2,206.00
Online Giving $845.00
Second Collection (Peter’s Pence) $491.00

“Do you want many graces?
  Go and visit the Blessed Sacrament often.
Do you want few graces?
  Visit the Blessed Sacrament rarely.
Do you want none at all?
  Then never pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament.”
— St. John Bosco (1815-1888)

The SFX Outreach Committee is looking to energize and increase our food pantry donations!

For the month of JULY our focus is on MEALS: Spaghetti & sauce, Banquet® Homestyle Bakes, Hormel® Compleats Meals, Ramen Noodles, Hamburger Helper.

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. A volunteer delivers donations weekly to the food pantry.

Thank you for your help with this vital parish ministry, in support of the food pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside Church.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.
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 Jul 14 & Aug 11 9:15-10:15am, in the Rectory. All are welcome. Questions? Email Fr. Rob, at sfxparishmd@gmail.com.

The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for the Month of July:

The Integrity of Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

That Man Is You — TMIY —

is an interactive, multimedia men’s program focused upon the development of authentic male leadership. It is designed to help men become the best husbands and fathers they can be, after the heart of God. Stay tuned as we prepare to launch this program on Saturday mornings in September.

For more info, email or call Matt Cosgrove, matthewcosgrove@verizon.net, 610-368-2900.

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SPEAK, LORD, YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING; YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF EVERLASTING LIFE.

Let Jesus speak to you on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Oct 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.
**MEET THE AUTHOR!**

Our featured speaker will be Catholic author and speaker, Mary E. Lenaburg, who will share her new book, *Be Brave in the Scared: How I Learned to Trust God During the Most Difficult Days of My Life* (Ave Maria Press).

Poignant and moving, Mary is a storyteller like none other. Her talk will be followed by a book signing. Books will be available for purchase at the event or you can bring your pre-purchased book for her to sign.

Tickets are on sale at www.encountergrace.com. It will surely be an afternoon to remember! Please join us!

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**FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS**

**School’s Out!**

For your enjoyment:

Second Graders (now Third Graders) process to our regular First Friday Mass, dressed in their finest First Holy Communion apparel. Keep them in your prayers!

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**NEWTOWNE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION**

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Memo line: Manor House Restoration
For more information:
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Support our SFX Newtowne Endowment Fund, established in conjunction with the Community Foundation of Southern Maryland

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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Dear Parish Family,

First off, I’d like to wish everyone a relaxing, safe, and happy Fourth of July. Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Thu, Jul 4 in observance of the holiday. On that day there will be one Mass at 8am.

The Fourth of July is a good opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of freedom. For the Christian, freedom is not doing whatever we feel like doing. Rather, true freedom means that we’re free to choose the good and follow God’s laws. It is in the truth of Christ that we are truly made free. Jesus said that in knowing the truth, the truth will set us free (John 8:32).

The truly free person knows that only Christ can satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart for love, truth, goodness, beauty, and happiness. With this in mind, we know that the Ten Commandments and the teachings of the Church don’t restrict our freedom but actually liberate us from the disordered passions of our fallen nature. Sin makes us a slave to our passions and robs us of the true freedom and joy that comes from living as His sons and daughters.

As I have been getting to know our seminarian, Thong, I am reminded of what a tremendous gift we have with the religious freedom that we enjoy in this country. Thong’s story can help us to appreciate all the more what a privilege it is to practice our faith so openly and freely. As I hear about religious persecution in different parts of the world, it is a reminder that we don’t have to go to Mass every week… we get to go to Mass every week!

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob
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