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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
**July 9: Memorial of St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions**

Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse of the Paris Foreign Mission Society to his martyrdom in Beijing. Not long after his baptism, Augustine was ordained as a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815.

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**Sharing Our Treasure**

**June 30, 2019**

1st Collection (Offertory): $2,776.00
Online Giving: $1,100.00
Second Collection (None)

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**Thought of the Week**

“The devil fears hearts on fire with love of God.”

—St. Catherine of Siena

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**This Week**

**Sunday, July 7**

14th Sunday Ordinary Time

*Collection FAW School

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**Looking Ahead**

**Sunday, July 14**

15th Sunday Ordinary Time

*Collection Maintenance Fund
*Bereavement Group: 9:15-10:15am, Rectory

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**R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is an exploration of Catholic teachings, traditions, and practices. Participants attend weekly sessions beginning in the fall each year. It is a process whereby adults become fully participating members of the Catholic Church. **Is there someone you can invite to explore the Catholic faith – someone unbaptized, or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition?** Perhaps you know a Catholic adult interested in being confirmed. Email Fr. Rob at sfxparishmd@gmail.com for more information.

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**Seminar Talks...**

Our summer seminarian, Thong Nguyen, will be giving three talks throughout the summer. Please come out and support him, as this is a vital part of his formation for the priesthood:

- **Friday, Jul 12 at 8:45am in the Parish Hall:** Bringing Christ to Others
- **Wednesday, Jul 24 at 7pm in the Parish Hall:** A Journey from Vietnam to the Seminary
- **Sunday, Aug 4 at 9am in the church:** The Message of Divine Mercy
Help Support Our Historic Church for the Long Term!

St. Francis Xavier was founded in the early 17th century, and our current Church has been in continuous use and a critical part of the fabric of the community since 1731. Our Church is on the List of Historic Places of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Through the generous support of an anonymous parishioner, The "SFX-Newtowne Endowment Fund" has been established in conjunction with the Community Foundation of Southern Maryland to help ensure the preservation and vitality our historic Church. The fund is designed to preserve and grow the principal of donations made into the Endowment and use a portion of annual investment dividends and gains to provide support for preservation work done to the 1731 Church.

There are TWO ways you can help grow the SFX Newtowne Endowment Fund!

**Online**
https://www.cfsomd.org/sfx-newtowne-endowment-fund/

or

**Mail**
P.O. Box 716, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
(Please make Checks Payable to "Community Foundation of Southern Maryland" and note "SFX-Newtowne Endowment Fund" in the memo line)

The Community Foundation of Southern Maryland is a 501(c)(3) public charity. All gifts to the SFX-Newtowne Endowment Fund are deductible to the fullest extent of the law. If you have questions about the SFX-Newtowne Endowment Fund or the Community Foundation of Southern Maryland, please call (240) 670-GIVE (#483) or email director@cfsomd.com.

About the Community Foundation of Southern Maryland

The Community Foundation of Southern Maryland is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, autonomous, public charity created by and for the people of Southern Maryland. We work with you to help you fulfill your charitable interests and goals — easily and effectively.

We build charitable funds that support community needs and opportunities. At the Community Foundation of Southern Maryland, we realize that your gifts are more than money. Your gifts are made up of your hopes and dreams for a better community. We want to help you make an impact today and for years to come by creating your own LEGACY.
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!

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND & PRAGUE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

**APRIL 14-24, 2020**

Escorted by Helena Moran, Immaculate Heart of Mary parishioner. Join Helena on a pilgrimage to Warsaw, Krawkow, Czestochowa, Prague, and more. Divine Mercy Sunday, we will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow: tour the shrine, visit where St. Faustina lived and died, and participate in the Hour of Mercy.

$3,463.00 per person: includes airfare, 9 nights accommodation, breakfast & dinner, plus knowledgeable & friendly Catholic/Christian guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transport.

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Dear Parish Family,

The sound of our beautiful new church bells ringing throughout the day is a wonderful reminder of the presence of God here at this historic church. We are now blessed to have a full digital upgrade of our bell system through the generous outpouring of donations from so many of you, that were made in memory of Charles Downs, throughout the past year.

I think the bells are a fitting tribute to Charles because they lift our minds and hearts to God as Charles did throughout his life. The church bells bring us joy because they point us to God and set our sights on things above; and that’s how I think of Charles and the joy that he brought so many of us. Charles’s love for God and his faith was edifying and inspiring because it always flowed out to love of neighbor.

The prayers that the Church uses for a solemn blessing of church bells teach us that the bells have a great spiritual symbolism. I’ll close with this beautiful excerpt from the Roman Ritual prayers for the blessing of church bells:

Grant, we pray, that this bell, destined for your holy Church, may be hallowed by the Holy Spirit through our lowly ministry, so that when it is tolled and rung the faithful may be invited to the house of God and to the everlasting recompense.

Let the people’s faith and piety wax stronger whenever they hear its melodious peals. At its sound let all evil spirits be driven afar; let thunder and lightning, hail and storm be banished; let the power of your hand put down the evil powers of the air, causing them to tremble at the sound of this bell, and to flee at the sight of the holy cross engraved thereon.

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob

Saturday – July 6
St. Maria Goretti
4pm — Tub Delahay †

Sunday – July 7
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Clete Straub

Monday – July 8
8am — Shirley Nickerson †

Tuesday – July 9
St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions
No Mass

Wednesday – July 10
8am — Shirley Nickerson †

Thursday – July 11
St. Benedict
8am — Shirley Nickerson †

Friday – July 12
8am — Charles Downs †

Saturday – July 13
St. Henry
4pm — Shirley Nickerson †

Sunday – July 14
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am — Daniel Guy Sr. †
11am — St. Francis Xavier Parish


Our beloved dead: Those known only to God.

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.