St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 14, 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, JULY 14**

**15TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

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

**NO MASS JUL 15-19**

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED JUL 16 & 17**

**JULY 16: OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

The origins of this feast reach all the way back to the Old Testament. The prophet Elijah prayed, fasted, and ministered from Carmel, a mountain in Israel. Over time, Christian hermits made their homes there, establishing a community and naming their church Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Upheaval forced this Carmelite order out of the Holy Land and into Europe, where they established monasteries for men and women across the continent. Great saints and doctors of the Church have come from the Carmelite order, including St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Edith Stein.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, JULY 21**

**16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

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.

**SEMINARIAN TALKS...**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

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

- **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*

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“**A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God.”**

— St. Faustina (1905-1938)
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 for details 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.

St. Mary’s in Bryantsown is offering a series on mental wellness
Good mental health is an important factor in having a happy life. This 4-session series will give insight into what mental wellness is and how to maintain it. Included in this we will discuss helpful strategies for facing and helping our loved ones to face depression, anxiety, addiction, and grief.

Caitlin Langreich will give the presentations. Caitlin has an MA degree in clinical mental health counseling and is a certified clinical trauma professional. You do not have to come to each presentation to benefit from this series and there will be time for Q&A. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about how to achieve and maintain mental wellness, please join us!

Tuesdays 7-8:30pm Jul 9 & 23; Aug 6 & 20.
For more information about this series, email Fr. Conley at frcconley@comcast.net.

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. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations (vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020) with any questions.
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Dear Parish Family,

This week we had a most joyous event in my family. My brother, Chris, and sister-in-law, Carleen, hosted a “reveal party” whereby they announced the gender of their baby (to be born in January). Though I couldn’t attend because it was held in New York, I was able to watch the video that captured the celebration that the baby was a boy, to be named after my brother… Christopher Joseph Maro!

I also have two wonderful nieces, who are quite excited to be older sisters to a little brother. But there was something extra special about my brother’s joy in having a son to carry on his name, as well as the family name. I’ve never seen my brother moved to tears like that before. It was a beautiful moment of joy for our whole family. And the birth of Christopher will be very meaningful for me as I think about baptizing my nephew, because I had not yet been ordained when my nieces were baptized.

As I reflect on the eruption of joy that I witnessed on that video, I couldn’t help but think of the infinite joy that God has in creating each one of us. If that’s the joy that my brother has, in receiving this wonderful gift of life from God, could his joy surpass that of God the Father’s when we come into existence? This little baby hasn’t done anything yet… he simply is, he exists… and that is cause for great joy.

Let us take some time this week to reflect on the gift of life. If you are capable of showing such immense joy over your children, think how much more does God the Father take delight in creating us and loving us into existence?

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob
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