St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 28, 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 28
17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4
18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

*Collection: Catholic Communications (CCC) & Human Development Campaigns (CCHD)
CCC supports local communications efforts in radio, television and print. The CCHD supports organizations that serve the poor and disenfranchised. Please be generous.

*The Message of Divine Mercy: 9am, Church
Our summer seminarian, Thong Nguyen, gives the final of his three talks today. Please come out and support him in this vital part of his formation for the priesthood.

AUGUST COLLECTIONS

Aug 4 Catholic Communications
Human Development Campaign
Aug 11 Father Andrew White School
Aug 18 Maintenance Fund

SHARING OUR TREASURE
JULY 21, 2019

1st Collection (Offertory): $3,396.00
Online Giving $885.00
Second Collection (None) —

“Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love.”
— St. Therese of Liseux (1873-1897)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration for Family of Faith 2019-2020, our family-centered children’s faith formation program (Pre-K through Grade 8), is open online! Family of Faith will meet from 9:15 to 10:30am at Father Andrew White School on the first and third Sundays of each month during the school year, beginning on Sep 15, 2019.

Families are asked to commit to missing no more than three of our sessions. Those who are unable to make this commitment are asked to register for My Catholic Faith Delivered, a grade-specific, comprehensive online faith formation program, instead of Family of Faith.

To register for Family of Faith and/or My Catholic Faith Delivered, please go to our parish webpage: https://www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org.

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.

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. Email Fr. Rob at sfxparishmd@gmail.com for more information.
**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

Coming Saturday mornings this September!

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

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**Bereavement Support Group**

A parish grief support group for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one in the recent past. Join us August 11, 9:15-10:15am, in the Rectory. All are welcome. Questions? Email Fr. Rob, at sfxparishmd@gmail.com.

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**Do you know someone who is homebound or residing in a nursing home and who would benefit from a visit or Communion call?**

Please call or email the rectory and let us know! Our Parish Outreach Committee is presently reaching out to those parishioners unable to attend Mass. Email sfxparishmd@gmail.com or call 301-475-9885.

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**St. Mary’s in Bryanton Presents**

**A series on MENTAL WELLNESS**

Good mental health is an important factor in having a happy life. This series will give insight into what mental wellness is and how to maintain it. Guided by Caitlin Langreich, we will discuss helpful strategies for facing and helping our loved ones to face depression, anxiety, addiction, and grief. Ms. Langreich has an MA degree in clinical mental health counseling and is a certified clinical trauma professional.

Two sessions remain—please join us!

Tuesdays 7-8:30pm; Aug 6 & 20

You do not need to have attended the previous sessions to benefit.

??: Email Fr. Conley, frcconley@comcast.net.

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**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.

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**CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA**

Wednesday, Jul 31, at St. Ignatius Church, in St. Inigoes. Mass will be celebrated at 11am by Fr. Bill George, SJ.
Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Our Parish School
Established in 1954, Father Andrew White School (FAW) is a Pre-K through 8th Grade Catholic School sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. We look at each child as a gift from God and focus on Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow and Living Our Faith. Father Andrew White School embodies the true spirit of learning, as evidenced by receiving the 2012 National Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in Academics. We are building future leaders while embracing Christian values.

For more information, please call 301-475-9795, or email frandwh@verizon.net

Discover the amazing plan God has for you and your marriage at 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.

Newtowne Manor House Restoration

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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,

Before I entered the seminary, I worked as the Director of Religious Education at Blessed Sacrament Church in Washington, DC. I would always tell people that, without question, my favorite part of that job was coordinating the R.C.I.A. The R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which persons who were never baptized, or who were baptized in another Christian tradition, become members of the Catholic Church.

Most of all, I loved work with the R.C.I.A. because of the people. They were hungry to learn more about God and why the Catholic Church teaches what she does on certain issues. My interaction with them helped me to better learn my faith and strengthened my own beliefs and convictions. I'm forever grateful to God because I considered it a great honor and privilege to walk along side these people in their journey of faith.

Last year it was a great joy to welcome two new Catholics into the Church at the Easter Vigil. We were also blessed to have two baptized Catholics receive the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. I am now in the process of forming a new R.C.I.A. class to begin this coming September. A person does not have to be certain they want convert to Catholicism when the classes begin. All they need is an open mind and heart. If you know of someone who might be interested, please encourage them to contact me.

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob
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