St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 11, 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.mcleod@gmail.com

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
*Collection: FAW School
*Bereavement Group: 9:15am, Rectory
A parish grief support group for anyone
who has experienced the loss of a loved one
in the recent past.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15:
SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY
A HOLYDAY OF
OBLIGATION
Mass will be celebrated at 8am and 7pm

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
20TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
*Collection: Maintenance Fund

★Sep 8: Annual Parish Picnic!
Sign-ups and details in the back of church

SHARING OUR TREASURE
AUGUST 4, 2019

1st Collection (Offertory): $3,047.00
Online Giving $1,280.00
Second Collection (CCC & CCHD) $379.11

"If you ever feel distressed
during your day,
call upon Our Lady.
Just say this simple prayer:
‘Mary, Mother of Jesus,
please be a mother to me now.’
I must admit: this prayer has never failed me.”
—St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

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. Sessions begin Sun, 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, visit the parish
webpage: 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.
“I am spiritually close to the victims of the violent episodes which in these days has bloodied Texas, California, and Ohio in the United States, striking defenseless people. I invite you to join in my prayer for those who have lost their lives, for the wounded, and for their families.”

—Pope Francis, during his Aug 4, 2019, Angelus prayers

NEXT ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
SAT, SEP 7, 9-9:45AM IN THE CHURCH
All students entering 3rd grade and up (having received their First Holy Communion) are welcome. To register, please email Fr. Rob, sfxparishmd@gmail.com. At least one parent must be present with her or his child throughout the entire training.

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.
Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother is a Catholic DVD and discussion-based Bible Study, starting on Wed Sep 11, 7-8:30pm in the rectory. You’ll take an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary’s unique role in God’s Kingdom and in our lives.

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys...and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. See flyers in the church vestibule for more details.

To register, please email Paula McLeod: paula.mcleod@gmail.com.
Dear Parish Family,

On Thursday, August 15, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have two Masses on that day, at 8am and 7pm. The Assumption means that Our Lady did not have to wait until the end of the world (like we will) for her body to be gloriously united with her soul after death. This is one of the special privileges she received as the Mother of God. Mary’s Assumption into heaven speaks to us of the great hope that, at the end of time, the bodies of the just will be gloriously reunited to their souls in the Kingdom of her Son. We profess this belief every time we recite the Nicene Creed at Mass: “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.”

We meditate on the mystery of the Assumption when we pray the fourth Glorious Mystery of the rosary. But it’s also necessary to keep in mind what the Assumption is not. Some have thought that Mary “ascended” into heaven by her own power. This is not true. Only Christ, by His own power, ascended into Heaven. Mary was assumed or taken up into heaven by God.

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us that the purpose of this life is ultimately to get beyond this life. Our Lady lived her life with her eyes fixed on Christ and being united with Him one day in heaven for all eternity. Imploring the aid of Our Lady in his Angelus Address on August 15, 2003, Pope St. John Paul II said, “One day may we also partake in your same glory in Paradise, where today you were raised above the choirs of angels to lasting glory with Christ. Praised be Jesus Christ!”

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday – August 10**
*St. Lawrence*
4pm — Msgr. James Lockman †

**Sunday – August 11**
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Kaitlin Tennison †

**Monday – August 12**
*St. Jane Frances de Chantal*
8am — Harold Maro †

**Tuesday – August 13**
*Saints Pontian & Hippolytus*
No Mass

**Wednesday – August 14**
*St. Maximillian Kolbe*
8am — Shirley Nickerson †

**Thursday – August 15**
*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
8am — Carolyn Russell Weiler †
7pm — Celebrant’s Intention †

**Friday – August 16**
*St. Stephen of Hungary*
8am — Charles Downs

**Saturday – August 17**
4pm — Carolyn Russell Weiler †

**Sunday – August 18**
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am — Shirley Nickerson †
11am — St. Francis Xavier Parish

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**The sick:** Mary & Sanford Brooks, Nancy Luginbill, Michelle Brinsfield, Therese Igot, Bill Lavender, Danielle Kirrane, January Donovan, Lynda Brigati, Carol Russell, Valerie Brown, Frank Greenwell, Lisa Davis, Joanie Johnson, Allen Sieverston, Richie Fazio, Myla Ashton, Bobby Spalding, Judy Bakewell, John Abell, and Erin Schaller.

**Our beloved dead:** Gertrude Oertly, Cynthia Pellegrini Johnson, Doug Woodburn. All victims of terrorism.

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.