St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 18, 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
Send items to sfx1640bulletin@gmail.com
Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date
THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
20TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

*Collection: Maintenance Fund

NO MASS
MON, AUG 19—FRI, AUG 23
Fr. Rob will be away

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Parish Picnic

Let’s welcome Fall and gather with family and friends!!

Sun, Sep 8 — Noon to 4pm

Sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4DA9AD28A3FE3-stfrancis

SEPTEMBER COLLECTIONS

Sep 1 FAW School
Sep 8 Catholic University of America
Sep 22 Maintenance Fund

Use Online Giving and make your support for St. Francis easy and convenient!

SHARING OUR TREASURE

AUGUST 11, 2019

1st Collection (Offertory): $2,843.00
Online Giving $875.00
Second Collection (FAW) $1,448.00

“An humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God.”
—St. Faustina Kowalska
(1905-1938)

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES START
SEPTEMBER 15!

Register online now for Family of Faith 2019-2020, our family-centered children's faith formation program (Pre-K through Grade 8).

Family of Faith will meet from 9:15-10:30am at Father Andrew White School on the first and third Sundays each month during the school year.

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.
THAT MAN IS YOU — TMIY —
is an interactive, multimedia men’s programfocused upon the development of authentic maleleadership. It is designed to help men become the best husbands and fathers they can be, after the heart of God. **We meet Saturday mornings, starting Sep 14, 6-7:30am, at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall.**

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

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**AN EVENING WITH DAN SCHUTTE AND A MORNING RETREAT!**

Join us for two special events with Dan Schutte, American composer of Catholic liturgical music and contemporary Christian songs, including *Here I am Lord, City of God,* and *Sing a New Song.*

**“Disciples of Hope” Concert**
**Fri, Sep 13 — 7pm**

St Mary’s Ryken Romuald Hall Auditorium

Concert-only tickets $10 students/$20 adults

**“Here I Am Lord” Retreat**
**Sat, Sep 14 — 9am-12pm**

Camp Maria Retreat Center

Dan will host a retreat at the Retreat Center’s Spiritual Center. Registration 8-9am. A light breakfast will be served.

**Tickets for both events at www.smrhs.org**

Questions? Lynn Delahay, 204-925-6485

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**APOLOGETICS ON MONDAY NIGHTS**

Ken Scheiber, a theology teacher at St. Mary’s Ryken High School, will offer weekly Apologetics classes on Mon nights at 7pm in the St. Aloysius hall beginning in September. Learn how to speak up about your faith! Topics for September:

9/9 Transgenderism and the Catholic Church
9/16 What Duties Do We Have to Immigrants?
9/23 Sex Abuse Scandal: Fact and Fiction
9/30 Mercy-Killing Isn’t Merciful

For a complete list of topics (through 4/13/2020) visit https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/news/apologetics-series

**Apologetics is a term used to describe defense of Catholic teaching and fundamental theology.**
Bible Study Course Begins September 11

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.

Next Altar Server Training and Refresher

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.

This is also a mandatory refresher training for all current servers.

Adults are also welcome to serve. Please email Fr. Rob for a separate training date.

Healing prayers, Preaching the Word of God, and Holy Mass to be celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Solomons, on Tue, Aug 27 at 7pm, and at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Wed, Aug 28, at 7pm. All are welcome.

The Holy Father’s Intention for August:

Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become every more clearly “schools of true human growth.”

Book Club

Starts Thu, Sep 12, 9am in the Parish Hall (no evening session)

Praying the Rosary Like Never Before by Edward Sri

For more info, email Paula McLeod, paula.mcleod@gmail.com

Bereavement Support Group

A parish grief support group for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one in the recent past. Sundays, 9:15-10:15am in the Rectory

Meetings this fall:

Sep 22

Oct 13

Nov 10

Dec 15

Newtowne Manor House Restoration

Donations to:

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Memo Line: Manor House Restoration

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Dear Parish Family,

Last weekend I spoke at all the Masses asking for your help in raising funds to complete our Parish Hall renovation. The Hall was built around 1970 and is the central place where we gather as a parish for fellowship and meetings.

After consultation with the Finance Council and Pastoral Council, we agreed that it is time to update the Parish Hall in two important ways. The first was to install a state of the art audio-visual system, complete with a wide screen, DVD/Blue Ray/laptop projector, and surround sound. This project was completed in March of 2018 and has made our movie nights possible, among other faith-related activities. This project cost approximately $18,000.

The second project is to paint the main room and ceiling of the Parish Hall. The original plan was to paint over the existing paneling. Moisture issues near the windows and in the walls, however, have made it impossible to paint over the existing paneling. The cost for the painting the main room of the Parish Hall is approximately $20,000. The funds for the new AV system and painting came out of the $400,000 settlement from Fr. Mattingly.

Thanks to Ronnie and Joey Thompson’s generosity, dry wall will be done for us at no additional cost. A number of anonymous benefactors are covering a large part of the cost for room darkening shades and faux wood blinds. That leaves us with an additional $7,100 cost to complete the trim work, chair railing, and remaining cost of the blinds. All of this weekend’s maintenance fund collection will be used towards the Parish Hall renovation. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Peace and blessings,

Father Rob