St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 1, 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, SEPTEMBER 1**

**22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

*Collection: FAW School

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

Labor Day Holiday: Rectory closed

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Altar Server training & refresher: 9-9:45, church

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

**23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

*Collection: Catholic University of America

*Food Pantry collection

*Parish Picnic: Noon-4pm (rain date Sep 15)

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**Parish Picnic**

Celebrate our Parish Family and Fall!

Sun, Sep 8

11am: Mass

12-4pm: Picnic

We’ll provide burgers & hot dogs—sign up in the back of church or online to bring the sides!

Sign up at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4DA9AD28A3FE3-stfrancis](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4DA9AD28A3FE3-stfrancis)

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

**AUGUST 25, 2019**

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**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW ON THE FENCE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? WE CAN HELP!**

Do you have an unbaptized friend, or one 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.

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*Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.*

—St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)
"FEED MY SHEEP"
Help keep the Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside stocked with needed supplies to help our brothers and sisters in food-insecure households.

For the month of SEPTEMBER our focus is on SIDE DISHES: Instant potatoes, rice, pasta salad kits, macaroni and cheese. DROP OFF DONATIONS NEXT WEEKEND!

Of course, any donation is always welcome and greatly appreciated. Suggestions are listed on a flyer in the back of church. Bring non-perishable foods to church and place them in the plastic bin in the vestibule. DONATIONS ARE DELIVERED WEEKLY TO THE FOOD PANTRY. Thank you for your help with this vital parish ministry.

The World Apostolate of Fatima-Archdiocese of Washington Division invites you to participate in Rosary and Mass celebrated by Msgr. Balbago. Join us in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to honor Our Lady of Fatima’s apparition to the children. Fri, Sep 13, 1pm, 400 Michigan Ave, NE DC. Free parking.

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, such as 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.

Tickets for both events at www.smrhs.org
Questions? Lynn Delahay, 204-925-6485

SURVIVING DIVORCE
Discover a place of caring and acceptance as you put the pieces of your life together. You’ll find encouragement, support, continued learning, and growth — with others who are going through the same experience.
Groups are led by trained volunteer facilitators who have been through the experience of divorce themselves. No matter how recent or distance your divorce or separation may be, there is something in this series for you. At Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park for 12 weeks on Sundays, 6-7:30 pm, starting Sep 22. Suggested $25 donation for book and materials. Child care can be provided; let us know in advance. To register, email your name & phone number to atthewell@ihmrcc.org.
**Bible study course begins September 11**

*Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* is a Catholic DVD and discussion-based Bible Study, starting 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.

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**Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections**

**We Are Ready!**

Our school faculty took part in the annual Opening School Mass at the National Shrine. What better way to prepare for welcoming your children than to enter into prayer with fellow teachers from around the Archdiocese. School has started—watch this space each week for news about what’s happening at your parish school!

**Book Club**

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

We’ll be reading *Praying the Rosary Like Never Before* by Edward Sri.

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

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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. Sundays, 9:15-10:15am in the Rectory. Meetings this fall:

- Sep 22—Oct 13—Nov 10—Dec 15

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**New Server Training and Mandatory 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.

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**Newtowne Manor House Restoration**

**Donations to:**

St. Francis Xavier Church
21370 Newtowne Neck Road
Leonardtown MD 20650

Memo line: Manor House Restoration

For more information:

Lynn Delahay, 204-925-6485
George Matisick, 301-475-9698

Newtownemanorhouse@gmail.com
Dear Parish Family,

It’s with great joy that we will once again have a **parish picnic next Sunday, Sep 8** (the rain date will be Sep 15) here on the parish grounds. The festivities will begin after the 11am Mass. Please see the sign up sheets in the vestibule of the church for a potluck luncheon. My sincere thanks to Anne Hayes and the Outreach Committee for all of their help in organizing this event, as well to the Knights of the Columbus for their assistance with barbecuing the hamburgers and hot dogs and planning games for the children.

Registration for Religious education classes is available via our parish webpage; **classes start on Sunday, Sep 15 for our parish children.** This is the second year that we are using the *Family of Faith* program, whereby parents and children attend Religious Education classes together on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at Father Andrew White School (along with the children from St. Aloysius Parish).

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes begin on **Thursday, Sep 19.** The R.C.I.A. is for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic (either unbaptized or baptized in another Christian denomination). R.C.I.A. also prepares adult Catholics who need to be confirmed. Please email me for more details and to register.

This weekend you’ll hear some of the men of parish speak at all the Masses about our new men’s ministry, ‘That Man is You!’ Please stay tuned for more on that in my next column.

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob

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**Saturday – August 31**
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4pm — Shirley Nickerson †

**Sunday – September 1**
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Fr. Kevin Dansereau

**Monday – September 2**
8am — Shirley Nickerson †

**Tuesday – September 3**
*St. Gregory the Great*
No Mass

**Wednesday – September 4**
8am — Shirley Nickerson †

**Thursday – September 5**
8am — Judith Dansereau

**Friday – September 6**
8am — Charles Downs †

**Saturday – September 7**
4pm — Carolyn Weiler †

**Sunday – September 8**
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Rev. Paul-Stephen Holt †

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**The sick:**  Katherine Mueller, Pauline House, Marian Tennyson, Joan Collette, 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, Bubby Spalding, Judy Bakewell, John Abell, and Erin Schaller.

**Our beloved dead:**  Patrick McDonough, Glenn Whitney, Gertrude Oertly, Doug Woodburn.

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.