St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Newtowne Mission from 1640 & First Chapel Built 1662
Current Church Built 1731

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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
8:30-9:30am—Benediction at 9:20am

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 15**
24th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
*Collection: Maintenance

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**
*Bible Study: 7-8:30pm, Rectory
*Mary: *A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*
To register: paula.mcleod@gmail.com

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**
*Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall
*Praying the Rosary Like Never Before by Edward Sri
To register paula.mcleod@gmail.com

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**
*Family Movie Night:
The Trouble with Angels
7pm, Parish Hall
Two mischievous students turn a convent school upside-down with their pranks. Starring Hayley Mills, June Harding, and Rosalind Russell

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**
That Man Is You!: 6-7:30am, Parish Hall

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**
25th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
*Bereavement Group: 9:15-10:15am, Rectory

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
**SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

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**RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES FOR OUR CHILDREN START TODAY!!**

If you still haven’t registered, it’s not too late! Visit www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org and sign up for Family of Faith 2019-2020, our family-centered children’s faith formation program (PK - 8). Family of Faith meets 9:15-10:30am at FAW School the first and third Sundays each month during the school year. Questions? Email paula.mcleod@gmail.com or Father Rob, sfxparishmd@gmail.com.

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**PICNIC PRAISE:** Thanks to everyone who helped and participated to make this outdoor parish event a huge success!

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**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

“God never tires of forgiving us. We are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy.”

—Pope Francis

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**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN SEARCH OF A FAITH HOME? WE CAN HELP PUT THEM ON THE PATH TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH!**

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 details.
An interactive, multimedia men’s program focused upon the development of authentic male leadership. Designed to help men become the best husbands and fathers they can be, after the heart of God. **Saturday mornings, 6-7:30am, at SFX Parish Hall.** Light breakfast provided!

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

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**PHô-ndraiser—TODAY!**

Join for us lunch TODAY—Sun, Sep 15 from 12-2pm at St. George Community Center for a bowl of Vietnamese beef noodle soup (PHô—pronounced FUH). A donation is much appreciated. The Community Center is located at 19100 St Georges Church Rd, Valley Lee, MD 20692

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**177 Project returns to St. Aloysius Church—Sunday, Sep 22**

This nationwide tour is designed to help bring more people into Eucharistic Adoration. Acoustic concert begins the evening at 7pm, followed by Holy Hour. Confession will be available. Doors open at 6:15pm; no tickets are necessary. The event is free to attend. A free-will offering will be taken. Lee Roessler will be the artist traveling for this event. Visit the177project.com for more info.

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**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@ihmrc.org.

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**LONGWOOD GARDENS AND THE WINTERTHUR**

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church Travel Club in Solomons is offering a 2 day/1 night luxury motor coach trip in early December to Longwood Gardens and the Winterthur museum. Dec 9-10; $279 per person includes bus, hotel, entry to both sites, 1 breakfast, $20 dining dollars at Longwood Gardens. $100 (refundable) deposit due Oct 15. For more details, contact Mary Beth Brown, 443-623-6368, Marybeth@bytheseatravel.com.
**Learn How to Defend Your Faith**

Ken Scheiber, a theology teacher at St. Mary’s Ryken, will offer weekly Apologetics classes on Mon nights, 7pm in the St. Aloysius hall.

**Upcoming Topics:**
- 9/16  What Duties Do We Have to Immigrants?
- 9/23  Sex Abuse Scandal: Fact and Fiction
- 9/30  Mercy-Killing Isn’t Merciful

Complete list at saintaloysiuschurch.org/news/apologetics-series

*Apologetics is a term used to describe defense of Catholic teaching and fundamental theology.*

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**Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections**

**Harris Teeter Rewards Card:**
Did you know that you can help Father Andrew White School earn money by linking your Harris Teeter rewards card? This is totally free! The next time you are at Harris Teeter, simply give the cashier our code 5002 and your VIC card will be linked for the entire school year! Thank you also for encouraging family members and friends to support our school!

**Yankee Candle Fundraiser:**
Our Yankee Candle Sale is underway! This is a great fundraiser for our school since 40% of all sales comes right back to FAW! Online sales are available as well as catalog sales. These make great gifts for any holiday.

Call or stop by the school to place an order:
301-475-9795 — or go online to www.yankeecandlefundraising.com, Scroll down to “Start Shopping” and enter our school Group #990049705. It’s that easy!

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**St Ignatius Church Yard Sale**

Sat, Oct 5—7am-2pm. Bake table, raffles, bargains, and treasures.
Breakfast and lunch items at reasonable prices. Take Rt 6 W from La Plata about 11 miles; church is on the left at top of hill.

**Newtowne Manor House Restoration**

**Donations to:**
St. Francis Xavier Church
21370 Newtowne Neck Road
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**Memo line:** Manor House Restoration

**For more information:**
Lynn Delahay, 204-925-6485
George Matisick, 301-475-9698
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**We Pray the Rosary**
† At 7:30AM before our weekday Masses (Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri)
† 30 Minutes Before all Masses
The First Sunday
Dear Parish Family,

Typically September 15 is known as the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Whenever it falls on a Sunday, however, we celebrate that particular Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering, Mary reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the infinite value of meditating on Our Lord’s suffering and death.

Below are the seven sorrows of Mary.
This week, I encourage you to take one sorrow per day and meditate upon the different scripture passages in your prayer:

- The prophecy of Simeon
  *Luke 2:25-35*
- The flight into Egypt
  *Matthew 2:13-15*
- Loss of the Child Jesus for three days
  *Luke 2:41-50*
- Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary
- Crucifixion and Death of Jesus
  *John 19:25-30*
- The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross
- The burial of Jesus

Faithfully, in Christ,
Father Rob
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