St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 22, 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
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 22**
25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

*Second Collection: Maintenance Fund
*Bereavement Group: 9:15-10:15am, Rectory

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

*Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**
That Man Is You!  6-7:30am, Parish Hall

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**
26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**
27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
Respect Life Sunday

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**OCTOBER COLLECTIONS**

Oct 6  FAW School
Oct 13 World Missions
Oct 20 Maintenance Fund

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**

1st Collection (Offertory):  $2,753.00
Online Giving:  $1,190.00
Second Collection (Maintenance):  $349.00

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**LADIES! JOIN THE ENCOUNTER GRACE TEAM ON SAT, OCT 26, 2019 AS THEY HOST A FULL-DAY WOMEN’S CONFERENCE ON THE CAMPUS OF ST. MARY’S RYKEN HS**

The Begin Again Catholic Women’s Conference is a day designed with YOU in mind. Featuring keynote speaker Laura K. Fanucci (author of Everyday Sacraments, To Bless our Calling) and musical guest Corrie Marie. Enjoy a day filled with inspirational, educational, and engaging workshops and presentations that will help you get back to the basics of the faith, so you can begin again renewed and refocused on your life in the faith. **Cost includes breakfast, lunch, keynote, choice of two breakout sessions, swag bags, and so much more.**

Conference details and link to purchase tickets at www.encountergrace.co. For more info, email encountergraceco@gmail.com or call 301.848.2980.

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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.
Men—there’s still time to join the 50+ men registered for the That Man is You! men’s program here at St. Francis Xavier. That Man is You! combines Scripture, solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. We meet every Saturday, 6-7:30 am in the Parish Hall.

For more information and to register, contact Matt Cosgrove: matthewcosgrove@verizon.net or Mark Coontz: mark_coontz@live.com.

ST. JOHN’S SCHOOL (SJS)
SPAGHETTI DINNER & 5K FUN RUN/WALK

Fri, Oct 4 — Enjoy a delicious all-you-can-eat Italian dinner made by our SJS teachers at the Monsignor Harris Center AND support student activities for Catholic Schools Week. Dinner will be held the night prior to the Eagle 5K Run/Walk — runners, come enjoy a pre-race, carb-filled dinner! Spaghetti (meat/meatless), lasagna, salad, bread. Adults $10; 6-12, $5; 5 and under, free.

EAGLE 5K FUN RUN/WALK

Sat, Oct 5 — Honoring Pat Suit, SJS alumna and former principal, who passed away from breast cancer on Jan 22, 2013. Her life and legacy are honored through this event; proceeds go toward the Pat Suit Scholarship Fund and MedStar St. Mary's Hospital Cancer Care and Infusion Services. Tickets range from $10 for the kids’ fun run to $30 for adults. Registration and sponsorship information is available at www.sjshollywood.org.

About the Author

Fr. Charles Connor was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Scranton in 1999. He has authored numerous Catholic books and co-produced several series for the Eternal World Television Network. He currently teaches theology and Church history at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Talk and Book Signing with Fr. Charles Connor

Sunday, October 20, 2019
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Leonardtown
7:00 pm — Vespers (Church) followed by Fr. Connor’s talk
Book signing & wine/cheese social to follow in the Parish Hall
For more information, email Fr. Rob: sfxparishmd@gmail.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:**

- 9/23  Sex Abuse Scandal: Fact and Fiction
- 9/30  Mercy-Killing Isn’t Merciful
- 10/07  Christopher Columbus: Hero or Villain?
- 10/21  The Moral Hazards of Contraception

Complete list at saintaloydysseychurch.org/news/apologetics-series  (*Apologetics is a term used to describe defense of Catholic teaching and fundamental theology.*)

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**Pig Roast Fundraiser**

At the Immaculate Conception Parish Center
Sunday, September 29, 2019
from noon to 3 p.m.
Cost is $20 per person
Children under 9 eat free!
Door prizes with ticket purchase and 50/50 raffle

Menu includes Roast Pig BBQ, Baked beans, Potato Salad and Cole slaw. Soft drinks, Tea and Coffee.

All proceeds will go to Immaculate Conception Church

Come join the fun and invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

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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.

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**FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS**

**Golf Tournament:** Mark your calendars for our 10th Annual Crusader Cup on Fri, Oct. 18, 2019 at Breton Bay Country Club! This is Father Andrew White School’s golf tournament. Please visit http://fatherandrewwhite.org/crusader-cup-golf-tournament/ for event flyers that include information on how to register or sponsor the event. We would love to see you at THE CRUSADER CUP PAR-TEE for a great cause.

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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,

As we enter into the beauty of the season of fall, I’d like to share one of my favorite poems about nature with you. The author is Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889). Hopkins was an English poet and Jesuit priest and is known as one of the leading Catholic poets of our time.

Two of Hopkins’s main themes were nature and religion. He is considered to be among the leading Victorian poets and influenced other 20th century poets such as T.S. Eliot, Dylan Thomas, W.H. Auden, and countless others.

God’s Grandeur
The world is charged with the grandeur of God. It will flame out, like shining from shook foil; It gathers to a greatness, like to ooze of oil Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod; And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil; And wears man’s smudge and shares man’s smell: the soil Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent; There lives the dearest freshness deep down things; And though the last lights off the black West went Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs— Because the Holy Ghost over the bent World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings!

Peace and blessings,
Father Rob
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