St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
*Bible Study: 7-8:30pm, Rectory
Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
*Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
*First Friday Adoration: 8:30-9:30am, Benediction 9:20am

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
That Man Is You! 6-7:30am, Parish Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
Respect Life Sunday
*Second Collection: FAW School
*Snack Packs for Kids collection

October Collections

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

Sharing Our Treasure September 22, 2019

1st Collection (Offertory)  $2,278.00
Online Giving  $850.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)  $1,183.00

Thought of the Week...

“It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men and women as angels.”

—St. Augustine of Hippo (354-540 AD)

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.

Festival of Praise

Sunday, October 13, 2019
7:00 – 8:30 pm
St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall, Leonardtown

Please come and join us on Sunday, October 13, 2019 for a Festival of Praise! The night includes adoration, lively praise and worship music, a talk and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and among us. Prayer ministry and confessions are also part of the evening. All are welcome—especially youth and young adult groups!

For more information, email Fr. Rob Marro: sfxparishmd@gmail.com
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.

“ON AN EMPTY STOMACH, YOU CAN’T LEARN ANYTHING”

Our Snack Packs for Kids at Benjamin Banneker Elementary School (BBES) Resumes Next Sunday!

Did you know that one-third of St. Mary’s public school children live in food-insecure households? While these children may get lunch at school, they go home on the weekend with the real fear of hunger.

St. Francis Xavier parish is partnering with the St. Mary’s Interfaith Council to provide healthy, kid-friendly, easy to prepare snack foods to keep children from going hungry. **Using the approved shopping list below, pick up snacks when you’re at the grocery store. Then drop off your donation in the back of church the first weekend of each month.**

Volunteers will pack the snacks into bags, and on Fridays the BBES school counselors will inconspicuously put the packs into student backpacks to take home. **To learn more or to help with this new parish ministry, email Wendy Schaller, at schaller@md.metrocast.net.**

**SNACK-PACKS FOR KIDS SHOPPING LIST**

- Applesauce snack cups
- Cans of pasta with meat - Cracker packs
- Easy Mac N Cheese - Granola bars
- Fruit cups in juice packs
- Fruit Snacks (100% fruit)
- Instant lunch bowls - Instant oatmeal
- Juice boxes (100%fruit) - Ramen noodles
- Rice Krispies treats - Small boxes of cereal
- Shelf-safe milk boxes (single-serving size)

**About the Author**

Fr. Charles Connor was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Scranton in 1990. He has authored numerous Catholic books and co-produced several series for the Eternal Word 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
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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 through Jun 15, 2020.
Upcoming Topics:
- 9/30 Mercy-Killing Isn’t Merciful
- 10/07 Christopher Columbus: Hero or Villain?
- 10/21 The Moral Hazards of Contraception
- 11/4 What does Separation of Church & State Mean?
- 11/18 The Moral Hazards of Egg Freezing
- 11/25 Catholic Church and Slavery
Complete list at saintaloysiuschurch.org/news/apologetics-series (Apologetics is a term used to describe defense of Catholic teaching and fundamental theology.)

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

THE KALNASY CONCERT SERIES
at St. Aloysius kicks off its year with the Southern Maryland Community Gospel Choir, under the direction of Sherri Fenwick. Their energetic praise-filled concert will take place on Sun, Oct 6, at 3pm at St. Aloysius Church. The theme is: "Enter Boldly!" Free—goodwill donations are accepted. Email keyofgmh@gmail.com for details.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL
CRUSADER CONNECTIONS
First Friday Mass:
Father Andrew White School celebrates Mass as a school family every Friday. On First Fridays a class or special group hosts the Mass. These 9am First Friday Masses at St. Aloysius are student led. Students partake by being the lectors, altar servers, gift bearers, and chorus. Older students sit alongside their younger class buddies to help them more fully participate. We invite all parishioners to join us any Friday. This Friday, October 4, we hope to see you as the 5th Grade hosts the 9am Mass.

Golf Tournament: Mark your calendars for our 10th Annual Crusader Cup on Fri, Oct 18, 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,

Typically on September 29, the Church celebrates the feast of the three archangels, though this year, because it falls on a Sunday, we celebrate the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Be that as it may, I'd still like to highlight the importance of this feast. St. Michael (whose name means, “Who is like God?”) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. St. Gabriel (“Strength of God”) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. St. Raphael (“Medicine of God”) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

We also celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels on Wednesday. The Church has always taught that each person has a guardian angel to watch over them and help them to attain salvation. Our angel’s protection continues throughout our whole life. In fact, they even accompany our soul to purgatory or heaven.

Below is a great prayer to teach your children. It is simple and beautiful. I prayed it often as a child and still pray it to this day:

Prayer to My Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear, 
to whom God’s love commits me here, 
ever this day (or night), be at my side, 
to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

Faithfully in Christ,
Father Rob