27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 6, 2019

St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

Welcome New Parishioners!
Registration forms are in the church vestibule and on our parish website

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In Original Thirteen Colonies
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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.mcled@gmail.com

Bulletin Items
Send items to sfx1640bulletin@gmail.com
Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date
**THIS WEEK**

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

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**
*Bible Study: 7-8:30pm, Rectory

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10**
*Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**
That Man Is You! 6-7:30am, Parish Hall

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**
28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
*Bereavement Group: 9:15-10:15am, Rectory
*Food Pantry Collection
*Festival of Praise: 7-8:30pm Parish Hall
*Second Collection: World Mission Sunday

Baptized & Sent

We celebrate World Mission Sunday by remembering our baptismal call — to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious, and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. Thank you.

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

| 1st Collection (Offertory) | $2,238.18  
| Online Giving | $865.00  
| Second Collection (None) | —

“Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.”
(Psalm 63:3-4)

**October Collections**
Oct 6  FAW School  
Oct 13  World Missions  
Oct 20  Maintenance Fund  
Please submit All Souls envelopes

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**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. Bob Marco: sfxparishmu@gmail.com
“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 OCTOBER our focus is on BREAKFAST: oatmeal, cereal, pancake mix, syrup. The food pantry staff told us that jelly is an often-requested item!

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.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP!!
Join us the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month at St. Aloysius Parish hall at 7pm. Experience peace and joy as we join together in praising the Lord and worshiping His Holy Name.
For more info, call 301-475-8065.

Do you know someone who is homebound or residing in a nursing home and who would benefit from a visit or Communion call?
Please call or email the rectory and let us know! Our Parish Outreach Committee is presently reaching out to those parishioners unable to attend Mass. Email sfxparishmd@gmail.com or call 301-475-9885.

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

Visiting from The Catholic University of America, REDLINE A CAPPELLA will offer a concert at St. George Catholic Church Community Center on Sat, Oct 12, 2019 at 6:30pm. Suggested donations are $10/adult, $5/student. There will be an information table and members of the group will be happy to speak with any prospective students interested in attending CUA after the concert.

BRRR! COLD WEATHER IS COMING!
Does your heating system need a tune up?
Got a home repair that needs doing before the holidays?
Support the advertisers who support our parish and community! And be sure to tell them you saw their ad in the bulletin!
LEARN HOW TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH
Ken Scheiber, a theology teacher at St. Mary’s Ryken, offers weekly Apologetics classes on Mon nights, 7pm in the St. Aloysius hall, through Jun 15, 2020.
Topics for October & November:
10/07 Christopher Columbus: Hero or Villain?
10/21 The Moral Hazards of Contraception
11/4 What does Separation of Church and 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.

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: Oct 13—Nov 10—Dec 15

THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:
A Missionary “Spring” in the Church
That the breath of the Holy Spirit will engender a new missionary “spring” in the Church.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE
SCHOOL
CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Kindness Club: Did you know we have a new Crusaders Care Service Club open to all 5th—8th graders? Several 5th grade students came up with this idea and presented it to the Principal, Ms. Francisco. Please pray for all those that will shine God’s light through this club!
The Virtue of Studiousness: FAW is participating in a Virtues in Practice program this year. Each month, the whole school focuses on the same virtue as they hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. We also learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month students and their families are learning about the virtue of Studiousness. Please join them by helping the children seek knowledge to grow closer to Truth during the month of October.
Golf Tournament: Have you signed up for the 10th Annual Crusader Cup on Friday, Oct. 18 at Breton Bay Country Club: Please visit http://fatherandrewwhite.org/crusader-cup-golf-tournament/ to register or be a sponsor.

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WE PRAY THE ROSARY
† At 7:30am before our weekday Masses (Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri)
† 30 Minutes Before all Masses
1st & 5th Sundays
Dear Parish Family,

If you were to ask me to name one of the best experiences I had while attending Franciscan University of Steubenville as a college student, hands down, it would be the Festivals of Praise. As a bright eyed eighteen-year-old, I had never seen anything like it. We would gather together in the chapel for an evening of lively praise and worship, talks, prayer ministry and confessions for a couple of hours. It was truly edifying and nourished my soul in ways that I had never experienced before. It felt right and fitting to worship God in this way, with the Blessed Sacrament exposed for adoration.

This is what I hope to reproduce here next Sunday, October 13, from 7:00—8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Two married couples, who are dear friends to me and alumni from Franciscan University will be leading the praise and worship. They are experienced with this type of music ministry and have already started offering it to families so they can have praise and worship in their homes with their children. It’s catching on quickly and is really quite beautiful.

The basis for this type of praise is that we are all wired to worship God. God made us to worship him alone. The Bible affirms this truth throughout the Scriptures... Psalm 100 says: “Worship the Lord with gladness, come before him with joyful songs.” Psalm 146:1: “Praise the Lord, O my soul!” Psalm 105:2: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of his wondrous works!” Psalm 150: “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” I hope you will consider joining us next Sunday, and please bring a friend.

Faithfully, in Christ,
Father Rob