St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 2019

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, OCTOBER 20**
29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
*Second Collection: Maintenance
*Spaghetti & Tacos Dinner: **POSTPONED (TBD)**
*Please submit your All Souls Envelopes this weekend and next
*Talk and Book Signing with Fr. Connor—7pm, Church and Hall

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23**
*Bible Study: 7-8:30pm, Rectory

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24**
*Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**
*Second Collection: Maintenance

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**
*Please submit your All Souls Envelopes this weekend

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1**
**ALL SAINTS**
MASS AT 8AM AND 7PM

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**All Saints’ Day**

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

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

**OCTOBER 13, 2019**

1st Collection (Offertory)   $2681.00
Online Giving               $990.00
Second Collection (World Missions) $449.00

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**WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Here at St. Francis Xavier, Mass on All Souls Day is offered for all those whose names are submitted to us on the special All Souls envelopes included with your October monthly envelope packet. Extra envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Please submit your envelopes as early as possible.

During the month of November these envelopes will be placed on the altar as a reminder and remembrance of our dearly departed loved ones.

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**About the Author**

Fr. Charles Connor was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Scranton in 1980. 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.

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**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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*Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ … Christ knows “what is in man”. He alone knows it”*

—Pope St. John Paul II (1920-2005)
**Olde Fashioned Christmas Bazaar**  
Saturday—November 23, 2019  
10:00am – 3:00pm  

Café Style Luncheon and Carry Out  
Stuffed Ham and Homemade Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Beef Vegetable Soup, Fried Oysters, Chips and drinks  

Also featuring homemade arts and crafts, a bake sale and a Basket of Cheer to be raffled off.  

Our Bazaar Committee is busy preparing for this annual event. Donations for the Basket of Cheer would be greatly appreciated. Suggestions are alcohol, drink glasses, snacks, etc. Please see flyers in the vestibule, as well as sign up sheets for volunteers. For more information, please contact Bazaar chair, Sue Breck: sbreck0310@yahoo.com  

**Encounter Grace**  
Catholic Women’s Conference—Saturday, October 26, 2019  

Ladies, join Encounter Grace as they host a full day conference at St. Mary’s Ryken. The Begin Again Catholic Women’s Conference features keynote speaker Laura Fanucci and musical guest Corrie Marie. Enjoy an inspirational day with engaging workshops and presentations. Breakfast and lunch included, praise, worship, breakout sessions and more. Purchase tickets at www.encountergrace.com or email encountergraceco@gmail.com.  

**Open House**  
**St. Mary’s Ryken** Sunday October 27 at 1pm  

RSVP: https://smrhs.org/admissions/visit  

Come tour the newly opened Donnie Williams Center, a 48,000 square foot health and wellness facility for school, spiritual, community and athletic events.  

Monthly schoolwide masses, optional daily mass, spiritual direction and off-campus retreats are offered to all students.  

**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.  

**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)  

**Do you know someone who is homebound or residing in a nursing home and needs a 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.  

**Sign up for online giving and help ensure that Father can meet our parish’s financial commitments and responsibilities. It’s easy to do:**  
visit stfrancisxavierchurch.org.  
Click on Online Giving — My Online Donation—select “View Donor Portal” to set up your one-time or recurring contribution: credit, debit, or checking account. Thank you!
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:
10/21 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 saintalloysiuschurch.org/news/apologetics-series
Apologetics: a term used to describe defense of Catholic teaching and fundamental theology.

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections

Congratulations Confirmandi!
Congratulations to all those that were confirmed on Tuesday night at St. Aloysius by Bishop Dorsonville! May the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Your love!

Fried Chicken Dinner — Join fellow parishioners at Kevin’ Corner Kafe in Leonardtown on Wednesday, October 30th from 4pm until 9pm. For every $9.99 Fried Chicken Meal (4 pieces of friend chicken, french fries and coleslaw), our parish school will profit $2. Please note: This event is from 4pm until 9pm but may sell out before 9pm. This offer is for dine-in or carry-out.

Thank you!

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. Our next meetings: Nov 10—Dec 15

TRUSTING ALL WORKS FOR GOOD

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
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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

GATTON’S Barber Shop
Est. 1933
Hollywood MD
Tuesday-Saturday
301-373-5300
www.gattonsbarbershop.com
Dear Parish Family,

I’m very excited to have Fr. Charles Connor with us this weekend as he will speak about his latest book, *Faith and Fury: The Rise of Catholicism During the Civil War*. Please join us this Sunday evening for Vespers (the Evening Prayer of the Church) at 7:00pm, followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the talk. At the conclusion of Father’s talk, we’ll have benediction and then head over to the Parish Hall for a book signing and wine & cheese social.

Each month I like to share one of my favorite Catholic poems with you. I find poetry to be so refreshing and good for the soul, as it lifts my mind and heart up to God. This month’s poet is Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926). He is known as one of the most lyrically intense German-language poets of the 20th century. Here’s a beautiful poem about the season of fall:

*Autumn*

The leaves are falling, falling as from way off, as though far gardens withered in the skies; they are falling with denying gestures.

And in the nights the heavy earth is falling from all the stars down into loneliness.

We all are falling. This hand falls. And look at others: it is in them all.

And yet there is one who holds this falling endlessly gently in His hands.

Faithfully in Christ,
Father Rob

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday – October 19**
*Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions*
4pm — Francis Rau

**Sunday – October 20**
*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Noema Hutzell †

**Monday – October 21**
8am — John “Jack” Hodges †

**Tuesday – October 22**
*St. John Paul II*
No Mass

**Wednesday – October 23**
*St. John of Capistrano*
8am — Carolyn Weiler †

**Thursday – October 24**
*St. Anthony Mary Claret*
8am — Shirley Nickerson †

**Friday – October 25**
8am — Charles Downs †

**Saturday – October 26**
4pm — Dan Kirby †

**Sunday – October 27**
*30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish
11am — Doug Woodburn

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Our beloved dead: Jay Hills, Dr. Leo Nestor

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.