St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 3, 2019

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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, NOVEMBER 3
31ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
*Second Collection: Archdiocesan Priests
*Coffee & Doughnuts after the 8am & 11am Masses

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NOV 4-8

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
*Bible Study: 7-8:30pm, Rectory

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7
*Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
That Man Is You!: 6-7:30am, Parish Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10
32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
*Second Collection: FAW School
*Bereavement Group: 9:15-10:15, Rectory

SECOND COLLECTIONS
Nov 3   ADW Priests Retirement Fund
Nov 10  FAW School
Nov 17  Maintenance Fund

WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Here at St. Francis Xavier, the 9am 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. During the month of November these envelopes will be placed on the altar as a remembrance of our dearly departed loved ones. Our Book of Remembrance will be open in the vestibule throughout November.

SHARING OUR TREASURE
OCTOBER 27, 2019

1st Collection (Offertory) $1,755.00
Online Giving $1,020.00
Second Collection (None) —

“The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness. —Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (1927-present)

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.
“FEED MY SHEEP”

Help keep the Mary Lou Gough 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 NOVEMBER our focus is on SNACKS: Jell-o, pudding, fruit cups, cookies, chips, pretzels. **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.

**Hospice of St. Mary’s Festival of Trees**

**December 7**

Start the magical time of the year with Hospice of St. Mary’s 12th Annual Festival of Trees -- a free family event for the community! Lavishly decorated trees and wreaths, live entertainment, shopping, activities for children, photos with Santa, and face painting! 10am-12pm and 1-4pm. You can participate by becoming a sponsor, decorating a tree, or donating gifts in kind.


**Christmas Bazaar Sip ‘n Shop**

At St. John’s School
Fri, Nov 15, 5-8pm
Shopping, gift raffles, hot dogs, refreshments, baked goods, wine, and children’s crafts!
LEARN HOW TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH
Weekly Apologetics classes on Mon nights, 7pm in the St. Aloysius hall.
Upcoming Topics:
11/4 What does Separation of Church and State Mean?
11/18 The Moral Hazards of Egg Freezing
11/25 Catholic Church and Slavery
12/2 Is It Reasonable to Believe in God?
12/9 Are We Living in the End Times?
12/16 Is the Nativity Story Historically Accurate?
Complete list at saintalloysiuschurch.org/news/apologetics-series.

The Holy Father’s Intention for November:
Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East
That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Father Andrew White School Crusader Connections
White House Christmas Ornament: FAW’s HSA is selling the White House Christmas Ornament again this year. The ornaments are $22.95 each, or for orders of 12 or more, $19.95. See the flyer for more info: http://fatherandrewwhite.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2019-White-House-Ornament-Flyer.pdf. Order deadline is Nov 15. Email Sue Hensley Robusto, 703-582-8679, suehensley@hotmail.com with any questions.

Coat Drive: The Diocesan "Coats of Many Colors" Drive is underway! Coats for men, women, and children of all ages will be appreciated, especially men’s XXL+ coats with hoods and women’s XL+ coats with hoods, plus scarves, hats, and gloves! A prayer card or written note placed in a coat pocket has been requested. Collection boxes are in the school lobby. Coats must be clean and in good condition. Thank you for your kindness! FAW school will accept coats until Tue, Nov 12.

St. George Catholic Church

Christmas Bazaar
Gifts, Crafts, Food, Fun and Santa!

November 9, 2019
9:00am—3:00pm
Join us for a fun-filled day of culinary delights, great bazaar shopping, Santa and more!

Featuring:
Homemade Crafts
Candy Shop
Mystery Raffle
Gift Basket Raffle
White Elephant Room
Baked Goods
Santa Claus

New This Year: Fried Chicken Dinner!
CARRY-OUT ONLY, $12 each

St. George Community Center
19197 St. George’s Church Rd
Valley Lee, MD 20692
301-994-0607

This is a fundraising event for St. George Catholic Church, part of the Archdiocese of Washington, a 501(c)(3) organization.

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 of each month
Dear Parish Family,

During the month of November we take time to remember and honor the souls of the faithful departed. We do this by celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1) and the Feast of All Souls (November 2). We can honor the holy souls by visiting the graves of our loved ones. We also remember those who have gone before us by venerating the relics of saints.

Relics are the remains of those canonized as saints. A first class relic is a part of their body, such as a piece of their bone; a second class relic is an article touched by the person or touched directly to part of their body; a third class relic is an object that has touched a first or second class relic. In the early days of the Church, people could not always travel to the burial site of a saint. So the saint’s body or belongings were divided and shared with the faithful throughout the world. Relics help us remember, respect, honor and seek the intercession of the saints who have gone before us. A relic provides us with a physical and spiritual connection to a saint.

Relics and saints are never worshiped. Worship is given to God alone. St. Jerome put it this way: “We do not worship, we do not adore, for fear that we should bow down to the creature rather than to the Creator.” Rather, he explains, we venerate the relics of the saints in order the better to adore Him whose saints they are.

The laws of the Church forbid the sale of relics. Relics are not magic “good luck” charms. They do not perform miracles. Only God does that, sometimes working through the relic of a saint.

Faithfully in Christ,
Father Rob