St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 24, 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, NOVEMBER 24**
*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*
*Last Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28**
*Thanksgiving Day*
Parish Office Closed
Mass at 10am —
Please bring canned goods for the Food Bank

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29**
*No Mass*
Parish Office Closed

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1**
*First Sunday of Advent*
*Second Collection: FAW School*
*Snack Pack for Kids collection*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**
Feast of St. Francis Xavier—Special Mass at 7pm

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

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Please submit your Christmas Flower Fund envelopes by Dec 15

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

**NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

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**“Sanctity has to do with gratitude. To be a saint is to be fueled by gratitude, nothing more and nothing less.”**
—Fr. Ronald Rolheiser (1947-present)

**MASS ON THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

**TUE, DEC 3, 7PM**

**IN THE CHURCH**

Please join us for a wine and cheese social immediately following the Mass, to honor our patron saint and to celebrate the completion of the first phase of our Parish Hall renovation!

**Mark your calendar for an evening of Scripture and Advent/Christmas hymns! Sunday, Dec 22, 4pm, in the church — join us afterwards for a light reception in the Parish Hall.**

**Lord, we thank you**

for the beauty of the earth and the glory of the skies.

We thank you for those who harvest the fruits of the earth and the blessings of the sea.

We thank you for all our work and for our rest.

We thank you for one another, for family and friends.

Lord, keep us ever mindful of those who lack the necessities of life. Make us generous in sharing all that we have.

For all that we have spoken and all that we keep in our hearts, accept our thanks this day.

Bless the food and friendship that we share, and fill our hearts with gratitude and generous love.

Amen.

*(Adapted from Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers)*
**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 - Fruit Snacks (100% fruit)
- Instant lunch bowls - Instant oatmeal
- New item! Raisins in snack-size boxes
- Juice boxes (100% fruit) - Ramen noodles
- Rice Krispies treats - Small boxes of cereal
- Shelf-safe milk boxes (single-serving size)

**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. Join us:
- Dec 15 — Jan 12 — Feb 9
- Mar 22 — Apr 26 — May 24
- Jun 28 — Jul 12 — Aug 9

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**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 reach out to those parishioners unable to attend Mass.

Email sfxparishmd@gmail.com or call 301-475-9885.

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**Breakfast with St. Nick**

Saturday, Dec 7, 9-11am—In the Parish Hall

**2019-2020 Season**

**Kalnasy Concert Series**

*5th Annual Interfaith Community Christmas Concert*

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

**Sunday**

December 8th 2019

Program Begins 3:00 pm

Doors Open 2:30 pm

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
22800 Washington St. Leonardtown, Md

Light Refreshments

Sponsored by St. Aloysius Catholic Church
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Patuxent Ward
LEARN HOW TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH
Weekly Apologetics classes on Mon nights, 7pm in the St. Aloysius hall.
Upcoming Topics:
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?
No session 12/23 or 12/30
1/6 Defending the Jesuit Missions to India
1/13 Spanish Inquisition: Fact and Fiction
Complete list at saintaloysiuschurch.org/news/apologetics-series.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL
CRUSADER CONNECTIONS
Act of Hope:
This Thanksgiving, try memorizing the Act of Hope the students from FAW have learned. “O my God, relying on your infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.”

Save the Date: Everyone’s invited to Cookies with Santa at FAW School, Sun, Dec 15, from 12-2pm. Details coming soon!

NEWTOWNE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION
Donations to:
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21370 Newtowne Neck Road
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MEMO LINE: MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION
For more information:
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GEORGE MATISICK, 301-475-9698
NEWTOWNEMANORHOUSE@GMAIL.COM

Special Needs Mass
Celebrating our Gifts
Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

First Friday Adoration
December 6
8:30am-9:30am

GATTON’S Barber Shop
Est. 1933
Hollywood MD
Tue-Sat — 301-373-5300
www.gattonsbarbershop.com

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,

I’d like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who helped to make our 32nd annual Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar such a huge success. It’s wonderful to see how this event brings so many people together, both from within the parish and outside the parish. In particular, I’d like to acknowledge all of the hard work and efforts of Sue Breck, our Christmas Bazaar chairperson, and Beth Long, who also generously gave of her time to help with the planning and preparation.

I’m also very grateful to Louise Jordan, who worked diligently to secure the vendors over the past several months, as well as to Kathy Kirby, who did a great job organizing the bake sale.

In addition, I’d like to acknowledge the kindness and generosity of Al & Libby Rudman, from Ace Hardware, in donating the outdoor signs for advertising the Bazaar, as well for their generous donation of the cooler for the “cheer” items.

And to the many new & returning volunteers who so generously gave of their time, thanks so much for all of your efforts! We will have the final amount in funds raised from the Bazaar published in next week’s bulletin.

I want to wish all of you a very blessed Thanksgiving and safe travels for the holiday weekend. If you are in town, I hope you can join us here for **Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 10am**. Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on November 28–29 in observance of the holiday.

Faithfully in Christ,
Father Rob