

St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020



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, JANUARY 5, 2020

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Collection for the Archdiocese for the
Military Services

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

*Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall

The Turning Point, a study of the Gospel of John.

THAT MAN IS YOU! RESUMES JANUARY 18

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*Collection: FAW School

*Bereavement Group: 9:15-10:15am, Rectory

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

*Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

*Movie Night: 7pm, Parish Hall

A Time for Miracles, the story of Elizabeth Bayley
Seton, the first American born saint.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

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



SHARING OUR TREASURE DECEMBER 22, 2019

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| Offertory | \$3,089.00 |
| Online giving 12/15 | \$1,160.00 |
| Online giving 12/22 | ?????? |
| Second Collection (none) | — |

“Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder
at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in
heaven, man in God, God in man,
one whom the whole
universe cannot contain
now enclosed in a tiny body.”

—St. Peter Chrysologus
(380-450)

Thought of the Week...

JAN 5 COLLECTION FOR ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES (AMS)

AMS provides pastoral care and spiritual services to the 1.8 million men & women and their families in the US Armed Forces in the US and around the world, including VA centers. It also maintains more than 2.5 million sacramental records. AMS receives NO funding from the US government, but is funded by the generosity of its chaplains, men and women in uniform, and private benefactors. Show your support with a generous donation this weekend.



Lt. Patrick Riffle,
Chaplain, USN, formerly
of the Archdiocese of
Washington.

Father Riffle is one of
only 46 Catholics priests
in the Navy & Marine
Corps.



TMIY BEGINS 2020 PROGRAM

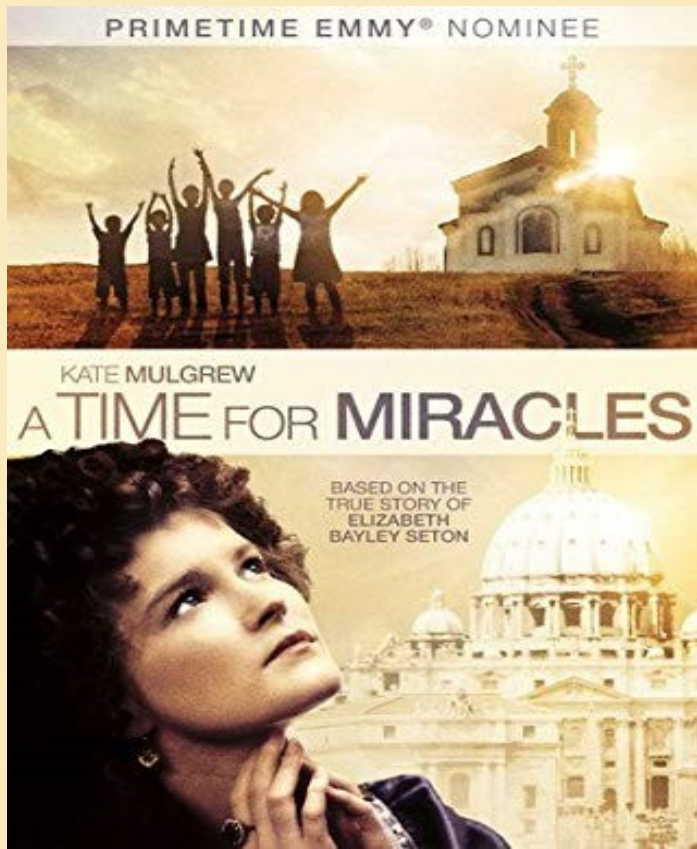
Wherever you are in your spiritual life, Jesus Christ wants to encounter you right there and take you further. That Man Is You! (TMIY) is a men's group that meets every Saturday morning and has helped thousands of men across the country become better sons, fathers, husbands and friends. Continuing an exciting program designed for both newcomers and past participants, our Spring 2020 meetings begin Sat, Jan 18, 6-7:30am in the Parish Hall and continue through April.

To learn more, please email Matt Cosgrove:
matthewcosgrove@verizon.net, or Mark Coontz:
mark_coontz@live.com.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT: A TIME FOR MIRACLES

FRI, JAN 17, 7PM—PARISH HALL

. This 1980 biographical drama tells the true story of Elizabeth Bayley Seton, the first American born saint. She converted to Catholicism following the death of her husband, after his shipping business went bankrupt. Seton established the first Catholic girls' school in the nation and founded the first American congregation of religious sisters, the Sisters of Charity. It will inspire you to visit the beautiful shrine built in her honor in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is buried today.



UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Important Tax Notice!

2019 donations MUST have been received in the parish office by 12/31/19



- Jan 1 Mary, Mother of God
- Jan 5 Archdiocese for the Military Services
- Jan 12 FAW School
- Jan 19 Maintenance Fund

BOOK CLUB

The next Spiritual Book Club starts Jan 9, with *The Turning Point*, a study of the Gospel of John, available at DynamicCatholic.com. Participants should also ask for the free booklet of the Gospel of John. We meet Thursdays, 9am, in the Hall. Contact Paula McLeod, paula.mcleod@gmail.com



WHO GOES HUNGRY?

Every community in the country is home to families who struggle with food

insecurity. Hunger can affect

people from all walks of life. Many Americans are one job loss or medical crisis away from food insecurity—but some people, including children and seniors, may be at greater risk of hunger than others.* **You can help by donating to the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside,** to keep it stocked with needed supplies to help our brothers and sisters in need.

For the month of JANUARY our focus is on CANNED FOODS: Soups, vegetables, meats.
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.

*Source: feedingamerica.org

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:

*Jan 12 — Feb 9 — Mar 22 — Apr 26
May 24 — Jun 28 — Jul 12 — Aug 9*

LEARN HOW TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH

Weekly Apologetics classes on Mon nights, 7pm in the St. Aloysius hall.



Upcoming Topics:

- 1/6 Defending the Jesuit Missions to India
- 1/13 Spanish Inquisition: Fact and Fiction
- 1/27 Defending the Right to Life
- 2/3 Did Jesus really do Miracles?
- 2/10 Defense of Church Property
- 2/24 Martin Luther from the Catholic Perspective

Complete list at saintaloyuschurch.org/news/apologetics-series.



Online Giving

MAKE A NEW YEAR'S

RESOLUTION TO

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING

and help ensure that Father can meet our parish's financial commitments and responsibilities.

It's easy to do: Just go to 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!

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY:

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world. .



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:

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FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

The Virtue of Fidelity:

Our parish school 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. They also learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month students and their families are learning about the virtue of *Fidelity*. Please join them by praying for the children to be faithful to promises and commitments during the month of January.

Shoe Drive: Please help the FAW Destination Imagination teams raise money to compete at the regional, state, and possibly global tournaments! The DI team, Seven Lucky Starbucks, is collecting gently used and new shoes for a good cause! Please bring any unwanted shoes that still have some life left to give to **St. Aloysius or FAW School and put them in the shoe collection box any time between now and Feb 1. The Seven Lucky Starbucks thank you and your soles!**



OUR ANNUAL WALK IN THE PARK

SAT, APRIL 25, TO BENEFIT THE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION.
DETAILS TO FOLLOW!!

WE PRAY THE ROSARY

† AT 7:30AM BEFORE
OUR WEEKDAY MASSES
(MON, WED, THU, FRI)

† 30 MINUTES BEFORE
ALL MASSES
THE FIRST & FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EACH MONTH





Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

For the greater glory of God...

Dear Parish Family,

Today, the **Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord** Jesus Christ, is one of the oldest Christian feasts. "Epiphany" comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal". Over the centuries, it has celebrated various events that reveal Christ and manifest Him to the world: His birth, the visitation of the gift-bearing Magi, His baptism in the Jordan River and His first miracle in Cana. Today, the Feast of the Epiphany primarily recalls the visitation of the Wise Men to the Christ Child, when His Kingship of all peoples and nations is recognized.

There is a fascinating Epiphany custom that has its origin in Austria, Germany, and Switzerland. In fact it became so popular that is now a part of our Catholic heritage around the world today. The parish priest would visit homes and, using blessed chalk, mark the lintel of the front door with an inscription like this:
20 * C+M+B+20

This transcription signifies 2020 for the year; C for Caspar, M for Melchior, and B for Balthasar (the names of the three wise men). The star (*) symbolizes the star that guided the magi and the three crosses symbolize the Trinity. It can also be said that the C+M+B means *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless this house."

On the holy night in Bethlehem, Jesus was born among us in the poverty of a stable; on the day of the Epiphany, the Magi acknowledged Him as the long-awaited Messiah of the nations; today, all of our attention is focused on His person and mission.

— Pope St. John Paul II

Faithfully in Christ,
Father Rob



Saturday – January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

4pm — James Jay Hills †

Sunday – January 5

The Holy Family

8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish

11am — Doug Woodburn †

Monday – January 6

St. Andre Bessette

No Mass

Tuesday – January 7

St. Raymond of Penyafort

No Mass

Wednesday – January 8

8am — James Jay Hills †

Thursday – January 9

8am — Rev. Julio Alvarez-Garcia †

Friday – January 10

8am — Francis C. Delahay †

Saturday – January 11

4pm — Veronica Floyd Nash †

Sunday – January 12

The Baptism of the Lord

8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish

11am — Robert D'Esposito †



*Lorraine Celijewski, Tori Bond, Tiffany Johnston, Doug Williams, Margaret Bridgewater, Joannie Norris, Katherine Mueller, Marian Tennyson, Mary & Sanford Brooks, Nancy Luginbill, Therese Igot, Bill Lavender, Danielle Kirrane, Frank Greenwell, Lisa Davis, Allen Sieverston, Richie Fazio, Bubby Spalding, Judy Bakewell, John Abell, and Erin Schaller. **Our beloved dead:** Gladys Guy, Joan Polko, Patricia Lewis, Maria Gancayco.*

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.