St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 12, 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 12, 2020
The Baptism of The Lord
*Collection: FAW School
*Food Pantry Collection
*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

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
*Collection: Maintenance

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
*Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
That Man Is You!: 6-7:30am, Parish Hall

SHARING OUR TREASURE
12/29/2019 & 1/5/2020

- Offertory 12/29: $2,308.00
- Online giving 12/29: $790.00
- Offertory 1/5: $2,440.00
- Online giving 1/5: $1,255.00
- Mary, Mother of God: $372.00
- Second Collection (AMS): $1,649.00
- Christmas: $6,804.56

“...The joy that flowed from the celebration of holy Christmas is fulfilled today in the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord... [It] shows the life of meekness and humility that the Son of God chose freely... even to his sacrifice on the cross.”

— Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (1927-present)

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.

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.
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.

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

THE JOY OF THE HOLIDAYS CAN BE MISERY FOR SOME.

This is why January is often called “Divorce Month.” The misery that many couples feel can push them past the breaking point.

RETRouvAILLE CAN HELP.

Our next weekend is Jan 24-26.

Call now for details or to register.

NO MARRIAGE IS BEYOND HOPE

The Retrovaille marriage program is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrovaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship.

For more details, please contact us at 443-400-7017, 3015@retrovaille.org or www.HelpOurMarriage.org

WINTER IS HERE!

Does your heating system need a tune up?

Planning a home repair or renovation project?

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**LEARN HOW TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH**
Weekly Apologetics classes Mon nights, 7pm in the St. Aloysius hall.

**Upcoming Topics:**
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 saintaloysiuschurch.org/news/apologetics-series.

**MAKE A NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION**
TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING AT stfrancisxavierchurch.org.
Click on Online Giving - My Online Donation - select “View Donor Portal” and set up your one-time or recurring contribution for regular offertory or special collections — including ALL NATIONAL GIVING CAMPAIGNS! And you can give via credit card, debit, or checking account. **Help ensure that Father can meet our parish’s financial commitments and responsibilities.** Questions? Call or email Judith Gwynn at the rectory.

**OUR ANNUAL WALK IN THE PARK**
SAT, APRIL 25, TO BENEFIT THE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION. DETAILS TO FOLLOW!!

**NEWTOWNE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION**
Donations to:
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**FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS**
**January Shoe Drive:**
DROP OFF GENTLY USED SHOES HERE AT SFX IN THE VESTIBULE!
Help the FAW Destination Imagination teams to raise money for their competitions by donating your gently worn (or new), unwanted shoes. Shoes of all kinds and sizes are welcome—must be intact and have shoelaces (if needed). Shoes are then taken to be distributed to those in need and FAW gets a monetary donation of $1,000 if we collect 100 bags of 25 shoes! Please consider donating your shoes today by dropping them in the box in the church vestibule between now and Jan 31. Thank you!

**Helping our Neighbors:**
During the last week of school before Christmas, the FAW Crusaders Care group held a baked goods and hot cocoa sale that raised $200 for Project WARM (Wrapping Arms ‘Round Many). Over our Christmas break, many FAW families volunteered their time to serve the homeless guests in the WARM Program: making and serving dinner, cleaning up, singing carols, playing cards. Some volunteers stayed awake all night, serving as monitors. The guests were served a nice breakfast in the morning and each were given the gifts donated by the FAW families.

**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
Dear Parish Family,

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the **Baptism of Our Lord**. This brings us to the end of the Christmas season. The Baptism of the Lord recalls Our Lord’s second manifestation or epiphany, which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan River. Keeping in mind that Jesus is free of all sin and that He did not need to be baptized, we know that He did it as a model for us.

When Jesus was baptized the heavens opened, the **Holy Spirit** descended as a dove, and the voice of the **Father** said: “This is my beloved **Son**.” In this one event, we see that the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity are made explicitly present. This is why we consider Christ’s Baptism to be another epiphany, as it reveals the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Many of the things that took place at Christ’s baptism are symbolic of what happened at our own Baptism. At Christ’s baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity made its dwelling place in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the “Beloved Son” of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted and beloved sons and daughters of the Most High God. At Christ’s baptism the heavens were opened; at our baptism heaven was opened to us.

Faithfully in Christ,
Father Rob
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