St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 2020

Newtowne Mission from 1640 ★ First Chapel Built 1662
Current Church Built 1731

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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 26, 2020**  
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK  
9 Days for Life Novena for the protection of human life ends Jan 29  

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**  
*Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall  

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**  
That Man Is You!: 6-7:30am, Parish Hall  

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020**  
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD  
*World Day for Consecrated Life  
*Second Collection: FAW School  
*Snack Packs for Kids Collection  
*How to Help Friends & Family Suffering Domestic Abuse workshop: 9:15am, Parish Hall  

*Sometimes bad things happen in good families.  
You and your family deserve to be safe and loved in your home.  
If you are living in fear, change is possible.  
Call 1-800-799-SAFE for help, 24/7.*  

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**  
**JANUARY 19, 2020**  
Offertory $2,399.00  
Online giving $1,030.00  
Second Collection (Maintenance) $1,323.00  

“*The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills it; and thirdly, to do it because it is his will.*”  
—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821)  

**SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE!**  
USE OUR EASY ONLINE GIVING PROGRAM AND HELP YOURSELF AND YOUR PARISH!  
It’s simple to get started: visit our parish website, 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!  
You can give via credit card, debit, or checking account—your choice.  
*Help ensure that Father can meet our parish’s financial commitments and responsibilities.*  
Questions? Call or email Judith Gwynn at the rectory.  

**FAW Destination Imagination teams are collecting shoes!**  
Drop your Gently Worn, Used and New shoes for FAW Destination Imagination!  
The FAW children are running the Funds2Orgs fundraiser to raise money for their competitions. Not only does the team raise money for their competitions, but it also enables the children to live their Faith by helping people in developing countries and helping our planet. You get rid of clutter, people get help, the shoes stay out of landfills and the children raise money.  

*That is a WIN WIN WIN!!*  
The collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family and friends, depending on size. The shoes not used are re-purposed for insulation and other necessities.  

**CLEATS are big!**  
No skates or boots that click into skis or snowboard.
YOU CAN HELP FEED HUNGRY CHILDREN
in food-insecure homes at Banneker Elementary School.
Use the shopping list below and pick up easy to prepare meals and snacks when you’re at the grocery store. Drop off your donation in the back of church next weekend.
Counselors at Banneker school place the food discreetly in the children’s backpacks on Fridays. Your donation provides weekend meals for these children in need. Thank you for your help.

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
- 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)

ST. JOHN’S SCHOOL SECOND ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF!
SAT, FEB 1, 5:30-8PM
BRING CHILI OR BRING YOURSELF!

Please join us for our second annual chili cook-off! You are not required to bring chili to attend! Your $5 admission includes chili tastings, hot dog, and chips. Children under 5 are free. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. Prizes go to the top three tasters’ choice winners! Sign up with Susan McDonough at mcdonoughs@sjshollywood.org. At the Monsignor Harris Center at St. John’s School, 43900 St. John’s Rd, Hollywood.

ENCOUNTER GRACE hosts a CATHOLIC WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB GET-TOGETHER
Feb 18, 6:30-8:30 pm (location TBD). Free event. Open to women 18+. Details at www.encountergrace.co
**Learn How to Defend Your Faith**
Weekly Apologetics classes Mon nights, 7pm in the St. Aloysius hall.

**Upcoming Topics:**
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
3/2 One Nation, Under God?
3/9 How Dark were the “Dark Ages”?

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

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**Father Andrew White School**
**Crusader Connections**

**Open House:** Tour our Blue Ribbon award-winning School, voted the #1 Private School by *The Enterprise* newspaper readers, at our **Open House on Fri, Jan 31 from 10-11:30am.** See school in session, meet the dedicated and caring staff, and discover how our students are “Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith.”

**Italian Dinner:** We’ll celebrate the close of Catholic Schools Week with an Italian Dinner at FAW School on Sat, Feb 1 from 4-8pm. Everyone is welcome to an all-you-can-eat feast of spaghetti, homemade meatballs, Italian sausage, desserts, and more! There will also be many wonderful baskets at our Brown Bag Auction. Adults - $10, Kids 4-12 - $5, Kids 3 and under - Free

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**FEBRUARY COLLECTIONS**
Feb 2 FAW School
Feb 16 Maintenance Fund
Feb 26 Ash Wednesday

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Memo line: Manor House Restoration

For more information:
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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 & fifth Sunday of each month
Dear Parish Family,

First, I’d like to express my sincere gratitude to Drew Dowdell, Walt Hayes, and Pat Woodburn for the many hours of time and labor spent on making, painting, and installing a new side door for our church, along with a new frame and window over the door. The old door was no longer able to protect the inside of the church from severe weather and heavy rain. Their generous gift of time and talent has helped to make this project an affordable one for our parish, for which I am deeply grateful. Moreover, their attention to detail in preserving the 18th century look that the previous door had is truly remarkable and very much appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge George and Sarah Matisick for their help in selecting historic pictures of our parish to display in the Parish Hall. Thanks to their assistance, we have fourteen beautiful pictures of our cherished past that date back as early as the 1800s. I’m also grateful to George and Sarah for their help with writing captions under each of the pictures.

So please feel free to stop by the Parish Hall at your convenience to see a wonderful variety of historic photos. Come check out the oldest known photograph of a priest who served on two separate occasions at our parish. You can see the earliest photograph of the Manor House that dates back to the 1880s. Or look at an aerial view of our church and Manor House in 1965. Did you know that we also have the earliest known photograph of our church altar from 1913? Come and see what our church looked like in the days when we used a wood stove for heat. All this and more is on display now in the hall.

Faithfully in Christ,
Father Rob


Our beloved dead: Those known only to God.

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.
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