St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 9, 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, FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*World Marriage Day*

*Food Bank Collection*

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

*Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

*Movie Night: 7pm, Parish Hall*

*The Song of Bernadette*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

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

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Second Collection: Maintenance Fund*

*Valentine Pancake Breakfast: 8:30am-12:30pm, Hall*

*PLEASE NOTE: The Rectory Office will be closed Thu, Feb 20 and Thu, Mar 5*

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**2019 YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO REGISTERED PARISH DONORS**

Didn’t get yours?

Call or email Judith at the rectory.

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

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“**I shall spend every moment loving. One who loves does not notice her trials; or perhaps more accurately, she is able to love them. I shall do everything for Heaven, my true home.**”

—St. Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879)

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**PARISH CHOIR**

SEEKING NEW FACES FOR EMPTY SPACES

Your Parish Choir, which sings regularly at the 4pm Mass, invites new members!

Our singers are all ages, from young to not-so-young, female and male voices.

Our common thread: sharing a love of singing and of God through service at Mass.

Hymns range from the traditional to the contemporary. We meet at church at 7pm the 4th Wed of the month, and practice for about an hour (at holiday time, practice is about 90 minutes, starting six weeks before the holiday).

All are welcome! Call Lynn Delahay, 301-475-5216 or 240-925-6485, or Richard Edwards, 301-475-3341.
Join us on Sat, Apr 25, for this fun event to benefit our parish’s Newtowne Manor. Registration fee of $20 (includes a t-shirt) will help preserve this religious and historical landmark. Kids 12 and under are free. Registration info available in the vestibule and at www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org. For more info, call Sarah Matisick, 301-247-7416.

Moving toward retirement? Thinking about what follows? Consider part-time community service with the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) here in Southern Maryland. For details or to attend an info session later this month, contact Dan Kerns, dkerns@ivcusa.org, 202-415-4411.
**LEARN HOW TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH**
Weekly Apologetics classes Mon nights, 7pm in the St. Aloysius hall.

Upcoming Topics:
- 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”? (If there’s only one God?)

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST**
Knights of Columbus Council #10957 will hold a

**BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST**
Open to Boys & Girls Ages 9-14 (as of 1/1/2020)
Father Andrew White Gymnasium
Feb 17, 9am – 12Noon
Following the Council’s contest will be the District #3 contest

If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact
Michael DeManss, 301-904-1338, michael.demanss@gmail.com
or Youth Activities Chairman Jim Berned, III, jberned@gmail.com
or any K of C member

**NEWTOWNE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION**
Donations to:
St. Francis Xavier Church
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Leonardtown MD 20650
Memo Line: Manor House Restoration
For more information:
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**FATHER ANDREW WHITE (FAW) SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS**

**The Virtue of Cheerfulness:**
As part of our Virtues in Practice program, each month our 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. In February, students and their families are learning about the virtue of Cheerfulness. Join them this month by praying for the children to look on the bright side of life.

**Save the Date:** May 2, for a Kentucky Derby-themed Auction. Details to come!

Dear Church Parishioners,

Hi! My name is Anna Tritschler, and I am in 4th grade. I want to thank you for supporting the church and my school, Father Andrew White. I am very grateful, and I will keep you in my prayers. You do so much for us, and I hope you know that I’m thankful.

Thank you again,
Anna Tritschler

Thank you for supporting Father Andrew White School. It was very generous of you to give us Box Tops to help raise money for the school. Thank you for participating in this and many other fundraisers.
Sincerely,
Emma Tennant, 3rd Grade

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP!!**
Wed, Feb 12, at St. Aloysius Parish hall. Rosary at 6:30pm — Praise, Worship, Healing Prayers from 7-8:30pm. Join us as we give thanks to the Lord!
For more info, call 301-475-8065.
Dear Parish Family,

Here’s one of my all time favorite poems. I love it because it speaks about how we find our ultimate fulfillment and happiness in God alone. See what you think…

*The Pulley*

When God at first made man,
Having a glass of blessings standing by—
Let us (said He) pour on him all we can:
Let the world’s riches, which dispersed lie,
Contract into a span.

So strength first made a way,
Then beauty flow’d,
then wisdom, honor, pleasure:
When almost all was out, God made a stay,
Perceiving that alone of all His treasure
Rest in the bottom lay.

For if I should (said He)
Bestow this jewel also on My creature,
He would adore My gifts instead of Me,
And rest in Nature, not the God of Nature:
So both should losers be.

Yet let him keep the rest,
But keep them with repining restlessness;
Let him be rich and weary, that at least,
If goodness lead him not, yet weariness
May toss him to My breast.

- George Herbert (1593-1633)

I think this poem beautifully captures that stunning insight from St. Augustine in his autobiography, *The Confessions*: “You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee!”

Faithfully in Christ,
Father Rob

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday – February 8**
*St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita*
4pm — Bill Milligan

**Sunday – February 9**
*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8am — Gladys Guy †
11am — St. Francis Xavier Parish

**Monday – February 10**
*St. Scholastica*
8am — Max Schnitker

**Tuesday – February 11**
No Mass

**Wednesday – February 12**
8am — Gladys Guy †

**Thursday – February 13**
8am — Olivia Lagimoniere

**Friday – February 14**
*Saint Cyril & Saint Methodius*
8am — Leoni Perusse

**Saturday – February 15**
4pm — Edward Bower

**Sunday – February 16**
*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8am — Donna Emerson †
11am — St. Francis Xavier Parish

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**Pray for**

Ronnie Phetteplace, Maribel Utenzen,
Virginia Brozen, Lorraine Celiejewski, Tori Bond, Tiffany Johnston, Margaret Bridgwater, 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:** Deacon John A. Briscoe

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.