St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 16, 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, FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Second Collection: Maintenance Fund

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

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

Federal Holiday—Rectory office closed

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

Rectory Office closed

*Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

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

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

ASH WEDNESDAY

A DAY OF FAST (AGES 18-59)

& ABSTINENCE

(ALL CATHOLICS FROM THE AGE OF 14)

MASS CELEBRATED AT 8AM & 7PM

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

**FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

Offertory  $2,538.00

Online giving  $480.00

Second Collection (none)

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**Sharing Our Treasure**

February 9, 2020

"To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him, the greatest human achievement."

—St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

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**ANNUAL APPEAL**

Archdiocese of Washington

Hearts filled with Hope

In the midst of these turbulent waters as a Church, we are reminded of Jesus’s hand that is always extended forth to pull us from depths and bring us closer to Him. The Annual Appeal is one way to reach out and support other members of the Body of Christ. It offers help to those who are suffering spiritually and physically. It supports education from childhood through adulthood, from lay formation to priestly formation. It reaches out to those who are not members of the Body through evangelization efforts. Prayerfully consider what you can give to aid in the work of our archdiocese. No gift is too small. As always, 100% of your contribution will be designated for the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal.

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For more information or to get a copy of the full itinerary and registration contact the Bread of Life Center for Peace at: (301) 475-7159 or email: info@breadoflifecenters.org. You can also stop by Heavenly Presents located at: 22697 Washington Street (on the square), Leesburg, MD — ask for Pat.

Tour arrangements provided by Amishair Travel & Tours.
**NEW DATE!**

**Encounter Grace** hosts a Catholic Women’s Book Club Get-Together

Mar 3, 6:30-8:30 pm
St. Joseph’s Church, Morganza.
Open to women 18+.
Details at www.encountergrace.co

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**Women’s Morning Of Reflection**

**THE VISITATION: A STORY OF FEAR, FIAT & FAITH**

A FRESH LOOK AT HOW WE CAN BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

GUEST SPEAKER - LAURA K. ROLAND, ENCOUNTER GRACE

**FEBRUARY 29, 2020**

TICKETS ON SALE:
[www.sfxmorningofreflection.eventbrite.com](http://www.sfxmorningofreflection.eventbrite.com)

LOCATION: St. Francis Xavier Church
21170 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown MD 20650
PROGRAM BEGINS AT 9 AM
COST: $10.00 INCLUDES BREAKFAST
CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION
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**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). Rehearsals for Holy Week & Easter begin after Ash Wednesday. All are welcome! Call Lynn Delahay, 301-475-5216 or 240-925-6485, or Richard Edwards, 301-475-3341.

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**Southern Maryland Area**

**Monthly Mass with Eucharistic Adoration and Healing Prayers**

Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 5:30 PM
Confessions start at 5:00 PM

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish**

22375 Three Notch Road Lexington Park, MD 20653
(301) 863-8144

Future dates: March 17, April 21, and May 19

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**4TH ANNUAL “WALK IN THE PARK” 5K FUN RUN & WALK**

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.
Lent is less than two weeks away, and we're asking for volunteers to participate in SFX's very first presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross scheduled for Fri, Mar 13. This is a prayerful reenactment of Jesus’ Walk to Calvary. Costumes will be provided and because it is narrated, no speaking parts are required. Two one-hour Sunday afternoon practices—Mar 1 & Mar 8—will be needed. If interested, please call Betty Lynn Armsworthy, 301-475-5380 or email psarms@md.metrocast.net.

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

NEWTOWNE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION

Donations to:
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FATHER ANDREW WHITE (FAW) SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Thank You: FAW’s Destination Imagination teams extend a heartfelt thank you for your donation of gently used shoes. Not only did your donation help raise money for their program, but it also encouraged our students to live their faith by helping people in developing countries. Thanks for your generosity!

School Open House: Did you know that FAW was named a 2012 National Blue Ribbon School and was recently voted as the #1 Private School by The Enterprise newspaper readers? It’s time to find out why! Visit our award-winning parish school at an Open House next Sun, Feb 23, from 12-1pm. Tour our school, meet the dedicated and caring staff, and discover how our students are “Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow, Living our Faith.”

It’s not too to late to start!
Saturdays, 6:00-7:30 am
St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall
Dear Parish Family,

This weekend all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington are being asked to consider making a pledge or gift to the 2020 Annual Appeal. Thanks to your generosity last year, we met our parish goal. This year, we have the same goal of $17,000.

The annual appeal is one way to help our brothers and sisters in this Archdiocese who are in need physically, spiritually, or financially. It is a way to support the many ministries that allow our local Church to thrive & grow.

I’m very happy to have our summer seminarian, Thong Nguyen, back with us this weekend to share with you how the annual appeal has made a difference for him and so many other seminarians. Without your generous support, it would be impossible to cover the cost of seminary education, room and board. The annual appeal also supports our Catholic schools, as well as lay formation and studies for the permanent diaconate.

In addition to these, the annual appeal supports other ministries such as our local PAX Catholic group (for young adults), and the Office of Family Life, which offers programs such as the Marriage and Enrichment series that local parishes have been able to offer. Catholic Charities is also a vital part of the way this Archdiocese cares for those suffering and in need, and so your financial support makes that possible. Personally, I have been blessed to be a part of the Priest Task Force to help stop Domestic Violence and have seen the tremendous support that Catholic Charities gives us in our ministry. These are just to name a few.

I hope you will prayerfully consider a gift or pledge to this weekend’s appeal.

Faithfully in Christ,
Father Rob
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