St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 23, 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 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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27
*Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
*Stations of the Cross: 7pm, Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
That Man Is You!: 6-7:30am, Parish Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
*Second Collection: FAW School
*Snack Packs for Kids collection

SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, MARCH 15
ARCHBISHOP GREGORY WILL BE HERE TO CELEBRATE THE 11AM MASS!

SHARING OUR TREASURE
FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Offertory $2,718.00
Online giving $1,080.00
Second Collection (Maintenance) $1,033.00
K of C Valentine’s Breakfast $633.00

"As Lent is the time for greater love,
listen to Jesus’ thirst…
What are we to repent?
Our indifference,
our hardness of heart.
What are we to believe?
Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart…
He knows your weakness.
He wants only your love."
— St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)
A CHILD CAN’T LEARN ON AN EMPTY STOMACH...
You can help kids in food-insecure homes at Banneker Elementary School. Use the list below and pick up easy to prepare meals and snacks when you’re grocery shopping. 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)

MARCH COLLECTIONS
Mar 1 FAW School
Mar 15 Church in the Developing World
Mar 22 Maintenance Fund
Easter Flower Fund—due Mar 29
LEARN HOW TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH
Weekly Apologetics classes Mon nights, 7pm in the St. Aloysius hall.
Upcoming Topics:
2/24 Martin Luther from the Catholic Perspective
3/2 One Nation, Under God?
3/9 How Dark were the "Dark Ages"?
3/16 Why are there many religions? (If there’s only one God?)
3/23 Two Lungs of the Church: Catholicism and Orthodoxy
3/30 The Logical Difficulties of Sola Scriptura
Complete list at saintaloysiuschurch.org/news/apologetics-series.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE (FAW) SCHOOL
CRUSADER CONNECTIONS
School Mass: Our school celebrates Mass as a school family every Friday and on special Holy Days. During these student-led Masses at St. Aloysius, they serve as lectors, altar servers, gift bearers, and chorus. Older students sit alongside their younger class buddies to help them more fully participate. Join us as the 7th grade hosts an Ash Wednesday Service Wed, Feb 26, at 9am.

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 TODAY, 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.”

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.

SAVE THE DATE!
Our 4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Sat, Apr 11. Details in the weeks ahead, but put this family event on your calendar now! And share the word!

MASS INTENTIONS
The tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church. Inscriptions on tombs in second century Roman catacombs evidence this practice. If you’d like to have a Mass offered for an intention—for someone living or dead, on a birthday or anniversary, or other special intention—please call or email Judith Gwynn at the rectory office. It is customary to make a donation for each intention (generally $10), not as payment for the Mass but in “support [of the Church’s] ministers and works.” (Canon 945§2)

ONLINE GIVING STATEMENTS
2019 contribution statements that were mailed out do not include transactions made through our online giving portal. If you participate in online giving, you must access your account and print your own statement for 2019.
We’re looking at solutions to provide a combined statement for next year. Thank you for your patience with this process!

NEWTOWNE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION
Donations to:
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LEONARDTOWN MD 20650
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Dear Parish Family,

Lent begins this week on **Ash Wednesday, February 26**. A good game plan is to focus on four traditional spiritual practices of the Catholic Church: *Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, and Study*. Below are some suggestions.

**Prayer.** Spend more time in intimate conversation with God and prayer together as a family. Consider attending at least one daily Mass a week. Join us for Stations of the Cross at 7pm in the church every Friday during Lent, beginning on Fri, Feb 28. An additional opportunity for confessions will be available immediately after the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent.

**Fasting.** During Lent, we fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (for those under 60), and give up meat on all the Fridays in Lent. We’re also encouraged to “give up” something we enjoy but we can also give up things like complaining, gossip, grudges, and worrying.

**Almsgiving.** This means giving of your time, talent, and treasure to those in need. Some ways we can help here at St. Francis Xavier are by donating to the local food pantry and Snack Packs for Kids. Another way to help the poor is by participating in the 2020 Annual Appeal.

**Study.** Encounter Grace will host a Women’s Morning of Reflection on the first Saturday in Lent, Feb 29, from 9am – 12 Noon, in the Parish Hall. It’s also not too late for the men to join us for the Lenten Journey portion of That Man is You! Or consider participating in a 5-week Bible Study, *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion*, on Wednesdays starting Mar 4. See details in the bulletin.

Faithfully in Christ,
Father Rob
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