St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)  
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 1, 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  
Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass 1st & 5th Sunday

Daily Masses
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8am  
Rosary at 7:30am before Mass

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, MARCH 1, 2020**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**
Lenten Study Group: 7-8:30pm, Rectory

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5**
*Rectory Office Closed
*Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6**
*No Daily Mass—No First Friday Adoration
*Stations of the Cross: 7pm, Church
*Confession follows Stations

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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020**

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
Daylight Saving Time Begins: Spring Forward!

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**
ARCHBISHOP GREGORY WILL BE HERE TO CELEBRATE THE 11AM MASS!
Second Collection: Church in the Developing World

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Offertory $2,460.00
Online giving $530.00
Second Collection (none) —

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“Remember that you have only one soul; that you have only one life, which is short and has to be lived by you alone; and there is only one glory, which is eternal.”

- St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

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**JOIN OUR LENTEN STUDY GROUP**

STARTING Wed, Mar 4

Take a biblical walk through Christ’s Passion this Lent. Participants will need to order & purchase the *No Greater Love* study pack from AscensionPress.com

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ’s amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ’s life. Walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ’s suffering and death.

We’ll meet Wednesdays, Mar 4 - Apr 1, from 7-8:30pm in the Rectory.

To register or for more info, email Paula McLeod, paula.mcLeod@gmail.com

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**HOLY LAND**

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St. Patrick Parish
Leylandtown, MD

**Rev. Michael Sjogren, Pastor**
Our Lady of the Wayside
Chapel, MD

Trip includes:
- Round-trip flight from Dulles to Tel Aviv
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- Accompanying Tour Guide
- Local Tour Guides
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- All entrance fees
- Daily Mass

Not included:
- Tips (amount to be announced)
- Transportation to and from Dulles Airport

For more information or to get a copy of the full itinerary and registration contact the Board of Life Center for Peace at: (301) 475-7139 or email: plcg@brownsfellowshipofpeace.org. You can also stop by Heavenly Presents located at 22087 Washington Street (on the square), Leonardtown, MD – ask for Pat!

Tour arrangements provided by Antonian Travel & Tours.
ONE OF OUR LENTEN PRACTICES IS ALMSGIVING

Share your gifts by helping to feed those in need this Lent. Donate to the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside, to keep it stocked with needed supplies to help our brothers and sisters in food-insecure homes.

MARCH: This month we participate in the annual Lenten Food Drive. In a few weeks, look for paper bags in the back of the Church. The bag will suggest donations based on your last name. Please return the bags with your donations. Of course, any donation is always welcome and greatly appreciated. Suggestions are listed on a flyer in the back of church. Bring non-perishable foods to church and place them in the plastic bin in the vestibule. Donations are delivered weekly to the food pantry. Thank you for your help with this vital parish ministry.

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

We meet at church on Wed at 7pm and practice for about an hour. Rehearsals for Holy Week & Easter begin Mar 4. Join us! Call Lynn Delahay, 240-925-6485, or Richard Edwards, 301-475-3341.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Choose an archdiocesan seminarian and commit to praying for him each day during Lent. Stop by the “Vocations Tree” in the vestibule today and support the men called to serve our Church with your prayers. Don’t let any of them go without our prayers! You might be praying for a future pastor of our parish.

ATTENTION: STUDENTS OF OUR PARISH IN GRADES 4—12!

We invite you 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 the Stations are narrated, no speaking parts are required.

Two one-hour Sunday afternoon practices—Mar 1 & Mar 8—will be needed.

If interested, contact Betty Lynn Armstrong, 301-475-5380, psarms@md.metrocast.net.

**The Light is On for You**

**Additional Confession Times during Lent**

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**Penance Service**

Tue, April 7 at 7 pm | Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lexington Park

These are in addition to the parishes’ normal confession times.
**LEARN HOW TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH**

Weekly Apologetics classes Mon nights, 7pm in the St. Aloysius hall.

**Upcoming Topics:**

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
4/6 If God exists, why does Evil exist?
4/13 Can science disprove God?

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

**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.

**THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR MARCH:**

**Catholics in China**

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

**NEWTOWNE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION**

**Donations to:**

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LEONARDTOWN MD 20650
MEMO LINE: MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION

For more information:
LYNN DELAHAY, 240-925-6485
GEORGE MATISICK, 301-475-9698

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**FATHER ANDREW WHITE (FAW) SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS**

**First Friday Mass:** FAW School celebrates Mass as a school family every Friday. On First Fridays a class or special group hosts the Mass. At these 9am First Friday Masses at St. Aloysius, students lead by being the lectors, altar servers, gift bearers, and chorus. Older students sit alongside their younger class buddies to help them more fully participate. We invite all parishioners to join us any Friday. Fri, Mar 6, we hope to see you as Kindergarten hosts the 9am Mass.

**Chipotle Spirit Night:** On Wed, Mar 11, join us for Spirit Night at Chipotle from 5-9pm. FAW School will receive a generous 33% of your total order. Invite your family and friends and enjoy an evening out together! Be sure to mention you are there to support FAW so they can receive the proper credit.

**ADORATION & MASS**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING**

At Holy Angels Church in Avenue
Adoration begins at 6pm—Mass at 7pm
All are welcome!

**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!

**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,

On your way out from Mass today I hope you will stop by and visit the Vocations Tree in the vestibule. It’s similar to the Angel Tree, only instead of buying a gift, you take a card (or feel free to take more than one) and commit to praying for a seminarian each day throughout Lent. This year our parish will be one of 79 churches throughout the Archdiocese participating in this program.

The gift of prayer is powerful. I remember a few times while I was in the seminary when I would meet someone for the first time, who came up to me to say that they had been praying for me for a number of years because they picked up my card from the Vocations Tree in their parish. It means a lot and I have no doubt that all those prayers really helped to sustain me during my time in the seminary and now in the priesthood.

And speaking of prayer, I ask for yours as I travel home to New York next weekend to celebrate my sister’s wedding. It is extra special because this is the first time I will have the joy of presiding over the wedding of one of my siblings. My sister’s name is Beth and her fiancé’s name is Danny. I know your prayers will mean a lot to them and to me. Thank you!

Last but not least, please save the date for Archbishop Wilton Gregory’s first visit to our historic parish on Sunday, March 15. The Archbishop will celebrate the 11am Mass with us. While his schedule does not allow him to stay for a reception, Archbishop Gregory will be available to greet everyone immediately after the Mass.

Faithfully in Christ,
Father Rob
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