St. Francis Xavier
Church (Newtowne)
SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST
MAY 31, 2020

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

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IN ORIGINAL THIRTEEN COLONIES
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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!
Registration forms are on our parish website

SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 4pm (Anticipated), Sunday 8am and 11am
Rosary 30 minutes before 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
After each weekend Mass in the Parish Hall, to allow
for adequate social distancing, and by appointment

WEEKLY FRIDAY ADORATION
Immediately after the 8am Mass.

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, MAY 31**
SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**
The Wild Goose: 7pm, Zoom
To access the link, email Fr. Rob: SFXparishmd@gmail.com

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4**
*Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Zoom*
To access the Zoom link, email Paula McLeod: paula.mcleod@gmail.com

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5**
Adoration after the 8am Mass

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**
That Man Is You!: 7:30am, Zoom
See article for details on readings and how to join

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7**
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**
Seminarian Talk with James Fangmeyer
10-11am, Parish Hall OR via Zoom

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
As always, I am grateful for your generosity and support of our parish and our ministries. Information about Offertory and other donations will be available in a few weeks.

*Thought for the Week*

“The Fathers of the Church were very prone to say that the one thing the Holy Spirit did that most got their attention was that He changed cowards into men of courage. May it be so with us!”
—Fr. Michael Scanlan, TOR (1931-2017)

**WHAT TO EXPECT AS PUBLIC MASSES RESUME**
-Social distancing will still be in place and you will be asked to wear a face covering.
-Attendance at Mass will continue to be limited, with restrictions on large gatherings.
-Church seating will be limited.
-Hymnals will be removed.
-Dispensation from the Sunday and holy day obligation will remain, since those in a vulnerable category may choose to remain home.
-Liturgical changes will remain in effect.

Even though we will take all reasonable precautions, and sanitize as best we can after each liturgical celebration, there still exists the risk of infection for those attending a public Mass at this time.
No one should expect that they will be safer in church than in any other public space.

We will all be challenged and frustrated. Let us pray for our fellow parishioners and parishes in these days ahead.

**DISCUSS**
with Seminarian James Fangmeyer

**Don’t miss these opportunities to get to know our Summer Seminarian!**

**What Difference Going to Mass Makes Sat. June 13, 10-11am**
Mass changes you because it changes your relationship with God. I’ll talk about uniting myself to Christ in the Mass. Peter asked Jesus, “To whom shall we go?” Who will be with you for eternal life?

**How We Can Respond during COVID Tues. June 30 7-8pm**
You cannot suffer in heaven. I’ll talk about the challenge of suffering on earth. Jesus asked Peter, “Who do you say that I Am?” Do you say that God is your good Father?

Hi! My name is James...
I grew up in Rockville, MD as the oldest of nine siblings. I’m in formation for the priesthood and staying at St. Francis Xavier for experience this summer. I’d like to get to know you and discuss Catholic living while we are together. We will meet in the Parish Hall. There will also be Zoom available for each discussion for those unable to attend physically. Email sfxparishmd@gmail.com for the Zoom link!
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. 24/7 National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE.

**AN UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY!**

Featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOB, this incredible 14-part video series is awakening God’s love and transforming power in the hearts of all who participate. Discover the Holy Spirit who has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and who leads us to our heavenly Father.

The adventure consists of Fr. Dave speaking on an attribute of the Holy Spirit, a practical application on how to respond to the Holy Spirit, and testimonies of people from across the country whose lives have been impacted by the Spirit of God.

**A DISCUSSION, PRAYER & VIDEO EXPERIENCE LED BY FR. ROB MARO**

Find out why the ancient Celts called the Holy Spirit “The Wild Goose”

**14 WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

on Zoom  
May 13 – August 12, 2020  
7:00 – 8:00 pm

To register and gain access to the Zoom link: sfxparishmd@gmail.com

No cost! Free study guide (PDF) with discussion/reflection questions available to all participants.

**Confessions available after each weekend**  
Mass in the Parish Hall (to allow for adequate social distancing), and by appointment.

**THE MANOR HOUSE TREE MARKER UNVEILING will be held at a later date**

We are working with Maryland’s First Lady Yumi Hogan to reschedule the unveiling of the bronze tree marker.

**JOIN US ONLINE THURSDAYS STARTING MAY 28 AT 9AM**

Our next book will be *Father Augustus Tolton* by Deacon Harold Burke-Silvers. It tells the gripping story of a slave who became America’s first African-American priest and how he overcame a series of seemingly insurmountable challenges. To join and to gain access to the Zoom link, please email Paula McLeod: paula.mcleod@gmail.com.

**SACRED MASS**

*Every Friday after the 8am Mass.*

Face covering must be worn, and social distancing observed. No need to sign up in advance. We are no longer live-streaming on Zoom.

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**5K FUN RUN & WALK**

**NEW DATE!! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19!!**

Join us for this fun event to benefit our parish’s Newtowne Manor.

Registration info available at www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org. For more info, call Sarah Matisick, 301-247-7416.

**THE MANOR HOUSE TREE**

**MARKER UNVEILING will be held at a later date**

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ONLINE GIVING HELPS ST. FRANCIS XAVIER MEET ITS FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE CAN’T COME TO CHURCH

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! Give via credit card, debit, or checking account—your choice.

Help ensure that Father can meet our parish’s financial and ministry commitments in this difficult time. Your continued support is essential to the well-being of our parish. May God bless you.

Questions? Call or email Judith Gwynn at the rectory.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE (FAW) SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Now Enrolling: Our award winning parish school is now enrolling students for the 2020-2021 school year. Visit www.fatherandrewwhite.org for more information, or email our principal, Ms. Francisco, at principal@fatherandrewwhite.org.

That Man is You
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: FAITH & REASON

We’re meeting every Saturday at 7:30am, through the summer. Join us for a discussion on relevant topics related to faith and reason. If this will be your first time joining us, please email Peter LaPorte for the latest reading materials for the next discussion: oregonyankee@gmail.com
To access the Zoom link, email Peter LaPorte: oregonyankee@gmail.com

NEWTOWNE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION

Donations to: St. Francis Xavier Church 21370 Newtowne Neck Road Leonardtown MD 20650 MEMO LINE: Manor House Restoration For more information: Lynn Delahay, 240-925-6485 George Matisick, 301-475-9698 Newtowenezanorhouse@gmail.com

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

Prayer REQUESTS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR LOVED ONE’S NAME MENTIONED IN OUR PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BELOVED DEAD IN THE BULLETIN, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST BY EMAIL AT: SFX1640BULLETIN@GMAIL.COM OR CALL THE RECTORY AT 301-475-9885.

If you would like the name to continue to appear in the bulletin for the next month, please resubmit your request by email or phone so we can keep this list current. Thank you!

Pray for one another —James 5:16
Dear Parish Family,

It’s with great joy that I write this column to welcome you back for public Masses here at St. Francis Xavier! Please know that you have been very close in my prayers, especially at Holy Mass, throughout this long quarantine. I’ve missed you all a ton and know how difficult it has been for all of us to be apart like this for the past two and a half months. Here in St. Mary’s County, we were so blessed to be among the first in the Archdiocese to resume public Masses on May 25, 2020, because the District and some other counties in Maryland will not be re-opening for a while until conditions have improved.

With that in mind, I ask for your patience – above and beyond what is normally expected – as we strive to follow the new guidelines and protocols given to us by state and local authorities, health officials, and the Archdiocese of Washington. I’ve been working hard with an advisory committee of parish staff and volunteers to ensure that this is a safe re-opening for everyone.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost—what an appropriate comeback for all of us, as we remember how the Holy Spirit sent the apostles out of their locked rooms with boldness and unprecedented courage to the ends of the earth. The Holy Spirit ignited their faith to spread the Gospel and to be signs of living hope in the risen Christ. The good news is that this is what the Holy Spirit wants to do for each and every one of us. Come, Holy Spirit!

Faithfully, in Christ,
Fr. Rob