St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 5, 2020

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

OLDEST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ORIGINAL THIRTEEN COLONIES
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THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY 7AM-8PM FOR PERSONAL PRAYER
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 RESUME NORMAL SCHEDULE
In the Parish Hall to allow for adequate social distancing: Sat after the 4pm Mass; Sun 7:30-7:50am & 10:30-10:50am, 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/PRAYER LIST
Send items to SFX1640bulletin@gmail.com
Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date
**THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY, JULY 5**
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
*Second Collection: FAW School*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8**
The Wild Goose: 7pm, Zoom
For link, email Fr. Rob,
SFXparishmd@gmail.com

**THURSDAY, JULY 9**
Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Zoom
See article for details and link info

**FRIDAY, JULY 10**
Adoration after the 8am Mass

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**
That Man Is You! Faith & Reason Meeting:
7:30am: Zoom — Email oregonyankee@gmail.com for link and reading list

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, JULY 12**
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**JULY COLLECTIONS**

| Jul 5 | FAW School |
| Jul 19 | Maintenance Fund |

**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

*June 28, 2020*

| Offertory | $1,100.00 |
| Online giving | $925.00 |
| Second Collection (Peter’s Pence) | $93.00 |

**Thought for the Week**

*“Don’t search for Jesus in far lands—He is not there. He is close to you; He is with you. Just keep the lamp burning and you will always see Him. Keep on filling the lamp with all these little drops of love, and you will see how sweet is the Lord you love.” — St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)*

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

— THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY 7AM-8PM for personal prayer.
— IF YOU’D LIKE TO DONATE TO CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH to support its ministry to the poor in developing countries, visit https://crosscatholic.org/donate/
— OUR PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO APRIL 11-20, 2021. There’s still room to join Father Rob and Father Sajnog. Since the first century, a pilgrimage to the Holy Land has been a tradition for Christians. Making a pilgrimage can be a profoundly holy and transforming experience, especially when you are able to walk where Jesus walked. See the article for details!
— RESTORATION OF THE CHURCH STEEPEL See our Facebook page for the behind-the-scenes interview with Ronnie & Joey Thompson on the work they did on our historic church steeple.
April 11 to 20, 2021

$3,855.00 Per Person
(Based on Double Occupancy)

Single Supplement Additional: $991.00 Per Person

To Reserve Your Seat
$1,500.00 Deposit Due Now

A $50.00 non-refundable Cancellation Fee applied to First Deposit.
Please review full Cancellation Policy.

Additional $1,355.00 Due July 25, 2020
Final Payment $1,000.00 Due October 25, 2020

Trip Includes:
✓ Roundtrip Airfare (Dulles (1 Stop) to Tel Aviv)
✓ Four Star Hotels/ Superior Tourist Class
✓ Deluxe Motor Coach Bus throughout the Trip
✓ Accompanying Tour Guide
✓ Local Tour Guides
✓ Breakfast and Dinner Daily
✓ All Entrance Fees
✓ Daily Mass (Rev. Rob Maro and Rev. Michael Sajog)

(Note: NOT included: Tips, amount to be announced and r/t transportation to Dulles airport.)

Required forms needed:
✓ Signed Registration Form
✓ Three Copies of your Passport
✓ Signed Insurance/Waiver Form

The Bread of Life Center for Peace is a non-profit organization and Catholic ministry. We are excited to offer this pilgrimage and hope you are able to join us! Please keep this trip in your prayers moving forward. Feel free to email us at pilgrimage@breadoflifeenterforpeace.org or call Pat Cospey at: 301 475-7199 for more information.

Archdiocese of Washington
Archbishop of Washington

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My heart is filled with joy, a joy many of you now share at being able to once again join with your priests and pastors in the public celebration of the Mass. I know how much you have missed the Eucharist! Please know how much your parish priests and I have missed you, and how we have longed to celebrate Eucharist with you in person during these past months. We have missed your presence at Mass, your friendship, and all the ways you help brighten our parishes and neighborhoods. However, most of all, we have missed seeing our Lord Jesus feed you and strengthen you with His own Body and Blood during these times of difficulty.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus says: “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit (John 15:5).” As Christians, we know it is essential for us to remain joined as branches to the vine of Jesus Christ, especially if we want to grow in holiness and charity. To bear good fruit, we must cling to the vine, the Lord. This is increasingly apparent from the context of the celebration of the Mass, the center and summit of our life, as we observe the liturgical year at our parishes and the archdiocese. Yet, in the midst of these challenging times, I am encouraged by the patriotism and concern of the rapid response of our priests and our laity to the call of the Church to watch together in the Eucharist the Lord’s Body and Blood during this time of difficulty.

While the Archdiocese has instituted best practices and procedures for parishes to ensure that we can safely gather together, realize some of you may decide to wait to join in person, especially those in a higher risk category due to age or pre-existing medical conditions, or those who care for vulnerable family members. For this reason, the dispensation for attending Sunday Mass will continue for all the faithful. For those individuals, we continue to offer live streaming of the Mass. For more information on precautions at Mass, or to find a live-streamed Mass, please visit our archdiocesan website at www.adhw.org, or contact your local parish.

During this time of social distancing, we have found new habits of prayer and action. I pray that as we return to public Masses, we continue to nurture our lives with the wars we have done in the past few months, incorporating our new habits of increased private prayer, time with our families, and acts of love and kindness toward our neighbors. Each of these new habits draws us closer to Jesus and prepares us to receive Him in the Eucharist. Like branches, we are nourished by the vine of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, to help us bear fruit in our daily lives.

With all abundant joy, may God bless you, our whole family in Christ, our community, and our nation in these times and always.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

[Signature]
Wilton D. Gregory
Archbishop of Washington

[Note: Image from the Archdiocese of Washington]
**Thursdays Beginning July 9 at 9am - We’ll be reading**
*
The Sanctifier by
*Archbishop Luis Martinez.*

Described as one of the most fascinating books on the Holy Spirit ever written, Archbishop Martinez’s writing reveals to readers the secret of holiness, guiding us step-by-step to understand the gentle ways the Spirit acts in our lives. To join and to gain access to the Zoom link, please email Paula McLeod: paula.mcleod@gmail.com.

**Weekend Masses Zoom Links**

**Saturday 4pm Mass, July 4**
Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83800738943
Meeting ID: 838 0073 8943

**Sunday 8am Mass, July 5**
Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85855559924
Meeting ID: 858 5555 9924

**Sunday 11am Mass, July 5**
Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8920382721
Meeting ID: 892 0382 2721

**Facebook Link**
www.facebook.com/stfrancisxavierchurchmd

**Normal Confession Times Resume**

in the Parish Hall, to allow for adequate social distancing.

Saturdays, after the 4pm Mass; Sundays from 7:30-7:50am & 10:30-10:50am. Confessions are also available by appointment by calling the rectory, 301-475-9885 or emailing Fr. Rob, SFXparishmd@gmail.com.

**Prayer Requests**

**Let Us Join in Prayer for One Another**
If you would like your loved one's name mentioned in our prayers for the sick and beloved dead in the bulletin, email SFX1640bulletin@gmail.com or call the rectory at 301-475-9885.

**Our List is Refreshed Monthly**
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!

**Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction**

Every Friday after the 8am Mass.  
Face covering must be worn, and social distancing observed.

**The Holy Father’s Intention for July: Our Families**

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.

**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  
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**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,

It has been a great joy to have our seminarian, James Fangmeyer, at our parish this spring and summer, and we will certainly miss him as he concludes his time here on Sunday, July 5. James first came to us in March when St. John Paul II Seminary closed for the semester due to the restrictions from Covid-19. I’m very grateful to James for his wonderful talks, and all of his help and involvement with the parish. James shared his deep faith and love for Christ with us and in a very short time he has become a part of our parish family. We pray for God’s abundant blessing on James and his vocation as he goes to major seminary in Rome at the North American College this fall.

Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic? Or would you or someone you know like a refresher in the basics of the Catholic faith? If your answer is yes to any of these, I hope you will consider joining the R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) here at the parish this coming fall. The R.C.I.A. is a series of classes for adults who were never baptized, or who were baptized in another Christian tradition, and interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. I am now in the process of forming a new R.C.I.A. class to begin this coming September. A person does not have to be certain they want convert to Catholicism when the classes begin. All they need is an open mind and heart. If you or someone you know might be interested, please encourage them to contact me.

Faithfully, in Christ,
Fr. Rob