St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 26, 2020

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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 26**
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29**
The Wild Goose: 7pm, Zoom
For link, email SFXparishmd@gmail.com

**THURSDAY, JULY 30**
Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Zoom
For link, email paula.mcleod@gmail.com

**FRIDAY, JULY 31**
Adoration after the 8am Mass
Facial covering use and social distancing must be observed

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1**
That Man Is You! Faith & Reason Meeting:
7:30am: Zoom — Email oregonyankee@gmail.com for link and reading list

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Collection: Catholic Communications Campaign & Campaign for Human Development

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
*July 19, 2020*

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*“In confession there is a chance for mercy. Believe it firmly. Do not doubt, do not hesitate; never despair of the mercy of God.”*  
- St. Isidore of Seville (560-636)

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**NEXT WEEK WE PARTICIPATE IN TWO CRITICAL COLLECTIONS THAT SUPPORT THE CHURCH**

**FORTY MILLION PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES LIVE IN POVERTY.**
The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the CCHD at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

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**THIS CAMPAIGN CONNECTS PEOPLE WITH CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD THROUGH THE INTERNET, TELEVISION, RADIO, AND PRINT MEDIA.**

Fully 50% of the money collected remains here in the archdiocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc).
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, consider joining the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) here at the parish this coming fall. The RCIA 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.

A new RCIA class is now forming, 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, encourage them to call or email Father Rob, 301-475-9885, SFXparishmd@gmail.com.

VOTIVE MASS IN HONOR OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS
MONDAY, JULY 27
AT 8AM
ARE YOU AN ONLINE GIVER? THANK YOU!

Your sustained financial support helps Father budget our parish resources in these uncertain times.

Now, more than ever, online giving can help St. Francis Xavier meet the challenges we all face.

Not an online giver?
It’s simple to get started: visit the
Online Giving section of our parish website, at stfrancisxavierchurch.org.
You can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring contribution (via View Donor Portal) for regular offertory or special collections, including all national giving campaigns.

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

God bless you for your continued support to the well-being of our parish.

Questions? Call or email Judith Gwynn at the rectory.

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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,

Today, the Memorial of Sts. Joachim & Anne, parents of Our Lady/grandparents of Our Lord, is superseded by the Church’s celebration of the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. This is a great feast for all grandparents, especially as you pray for the spiritual welfare of your grandchildren. Since we won’t be celebrating their feast this year because it falls on a Sunday, I’d like to share a little bit about them with you here.

Although the Bible doesn’t give us any specific information about them there are other documents that affirm some of the Church’s traditional beliefs about Sts. Joachim and Anne. One of them is a document called the “Protoevangelium of James” that dates back to the early second century. We know that Our Lady’s parents were childless for many years before Mary was born. Though they trusted God, this caused them both great sorrow.

Tradition holds that after St. Joachim fasted and prayed in the desert for forty days, an angel appeared to St. Anne, saying: “The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world.” The Church celebrates Our Lady’s Immaculate Conception in the womb of St. Anne every year on December 8.

I love this story because it shows how God answered their prayers in a far better way than they could have ever imagined. May we imitate their great faith. God is always full of wonderful surprises and He is never outdone in generosity. Sts. Joachim & Anne, pray for us!

Faithfully, in Christ,
Fr. Rob
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