St. Francis Xavier
Church (Newtowne)
19TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 9, 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 FRIDAYADORATION
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, AUGUST 9**
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Collection: FAW School

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12**
FINAL SESSION The Wild Goose: 7pm, Zoom
For link, email SFXparishmd@gmail.com

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**
Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Zoom
For link, email paula.mcleod@gmail.com

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**
Adoration after the 8am Mass
Facial covering use & social distancing must be observed

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15**
Mass for the Assumption of Mary: 9am
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)
The Men’s Reading Group has concluded:
That Man Is You! resumes Sep 12

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16**
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Collection: Maintenance Fund

**NO DAILY MASS AUGUST 17-21**
The Rectory Office will be closed August 17-23

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE**
August 2, 2020

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**ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?**

Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass, held this year on Sunday, Nov 22, at 2pm at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

For more information or to register for the Mass, please call the parish office, 301-475-9885, or stop by the office to pick up a form.

The deadline to register is September 30.

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**Thought for the Week**

“**In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart.**”

— St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)
That Man Is You! (TMIY) resumes Sat, Sep 12

This year TMIY will be offered both in person (at the Parish Hall) and virtually on Zoom, from 6-7:30am. The videos will have a fresh, new multi-speaker format, featuring eight new speakers and new topics.

**TMIY is open to all men seeking a better relationship with Jesus Christ, not just parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Parish.**

Why TMIY? Because God is calling men to be better in all relationships, whether as husbands, fathers, or members of the Church and community.

This year’s program — The Vision of Man Fully Alive — will enable men to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. Through living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service, and loving sacrifice, their hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. To sustain them on their spiritual journey, the men will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ Himself proclaims: the Eucharist, the Word of God, and the Will of God.

That Man Is You! is a 26-week, structured program that meets on Saturday mornings for 90 minutes and consists of fellowship over a light breakfast, a video, and a small group discussion.

**Week 1 begins Sat, Sep 12, from 6-7:30am**

Join us in the SFX Parish Hall or on Zoom

To register or for more information, contact Matt Cosgrove, matthewcosgrove@verizon.net or Mark Coontz, mark_coontz@live.com.

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church’s coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people.

—Preface, Mass for the Assumption of Mary

**“Help Our Marriage”**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? **Retrouvaille** (pronounced retro-VIGH) has helped many couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program weekend on Sep 4-6, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call 443-400-7017, or email 3015@retrouvaille.org.
WEEKEND MASSES ONLINE
Though we tried to create a YouTube channel to livestream our weekend Masses, we will need to continue using the Zoom links after all, due to requirements for streaming from a mobile device.

ZOOM LINKS:
Saturday 4pm Mass, August 8
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83800738943
Meeting ID: 838 0073 8943
Sunday 8am Mass, August 9
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8585559924
Meeting ID: 858 5555 9924
Sunday 11am Mass, August 9
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8920382721
Meeting ID: 892 0382 2721
FACEBOOK LINK
www.facebook.com/stfrancisxavierchurchmd

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Donations to:
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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

SCAM EMAILS
There is another round of fraudulent emails being received by parishioners from a spam account using Fr. Rob’s name. Unfortunately, this type of scam is happening in many parishes around the Archdiocese.
Fr. Rob would never ask you for a favor or help via email.
Please be diligent in not responding to suspicious emails. If you are ever in doubt, please feel free to call the Parish Office: 301-475-9885.
Dear Parish Family,

This year, since the Solemnity of the Assumption falls on a Saturday it is not a holy day of obligation in the United States. For anyone who would like to come to Mass, I will offer a special 9am Mass on Saturday, August 15 here at the church.

The Assumption means that Our Lady did not have to wait until the end of the world (like we will) for her body to be gloriously reunited to her soul after death. This is one of the special privileges she received as the Mother of God. Mary’s Assumption into heaven speaks to us of the great hope that, at the end of time, the bodies of the just will be gloriously reunited to their souls in the Kingdom of her Son. We profess this belief every time we recite the Nicene Creed at Mass: “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.”

We meditate on the mystery of the Assumption when we pray the fourth Glorious Mystery of the rosary. But it’s also necessary to keep in mind what the Assumption is not. Some have thought that Mary “ascended” into heaven by her own power. This is not true. Only Christ, by His own power, ascended into Heaven. Mary was assumed or taken up into heaven by God.

Imploring the aid of Our Lady in his Angelus Address on August 15, 2003, Pope St. John Paul II said, “One day may we also partake in your same glory in Paradise, where today you were raised above the choirs of angels to lasting glory with Christ. Praised be Jesus Christ!”

Faithfully, in Christ,
Fr. Rob