21ST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 23, 2020

St. Francis Xavier
Church (Newtowne)

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, AUGUST 23
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Zoom
For link, email paula.mcleod@gmail.com

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
Adoration after the 8am Mass
Facial covering use and social distancing must be observed

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER COLLECTIONS
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES!
The Archdiocese has modified several upcoming Second Collection dates, beginning in September:

Sep 6 Catholic University of America
Sep 13 FAW School
Sep 20 Maintenance Fund

Have you considered Online Giving?

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO
is one of the four great Latin Fathers of the Church. Born in North Africa in present-day Algeria, he was the son of St. Monica and Patricius, a pagan. Augustine was a promising scholar, but disappointed his mother by espousing gnostic religion and leading a hedonistic life, living with a woman with whom he had a child. Monica’s prayers helped him become a Christian. He was baptized by St. Ambrose, became a priest, and, later, the bishop of Hippo. Augustine’s books, homilies, and letters, especially his autobiographical Confessions, are a rich source of theological insight.

Sharing Our Treasure
August 16, 2020

Offertory $1516.25
Online giving $920.00
Second Collection (Assumption) $155.00

“You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee.”
—St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD)
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.
Growing With The Gospel
Keeping Our Children Engaged in the Faith

GOSPEL
God had sent great prophets to his people: Jeremiah, Elijah, and John the Baptist were faithful to God. They told God’s people to love each other. But God’s people would not listen. That is why God sent his Son Jesus to be your Savior. With Jesus’ help, you can turn back to God. Because of Jesus, you can love others. Because of Jesus, you can look forward to heaven.

PRAYER
God. I thank you for sending your Son Jesus to be my Savior.

PUZZLE
Unscramble words from today’s Gospel:

Prophets: J o h n

Father: E l i j a h

Blessed: E l m a

Christ: J e m i r h a

Revealed: P r e e t

Mission: S h s e e l d

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

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SFX FISHING DERBY & PICNIC
AUGUST 15, 2020

Congratulations!
We had 12 expert contestants who created a lot of action at the annual Fishing Derby last Saturday.

The cloudy and slightly rainy day gave us perfect weather and avoided the August sun. We all enjoyed a crisp morning of fishing at the St. Clements Shores Community Beach.

Three fishers were tied for 1st place at the end of regulation time, with nine fish caught each. At the end of the 5-minute fish off, Aaron Vines finished 1st, Matt Roman 2nd, and Paisley Varesko 3rd. Temperance Austin caught the biggest fish, measuring 9.25”.

The Knights of Columbus St. Francis Xavier, the Missionary Council sponsored the derby, with twenty children and twenty-two adults aiding with the derby and the picnic that followed.

Sir Knight James Morgan ran the grill and prepared a delicious lunch, with others providing chips, sodas, side dishes, and desserts. So although the day was dreary, we all left with big smiles on our faces!
Dear Parish Family,

This week we pray for all our teachers, students, and parents preparing to begin a new and very different academic year. We pray also for anyone feeling anxious about school and how things will work out. May Our Lord give you His peace and strength and the consolation of His loving presence.

Some parents will be homeschooling their children for the first time this year. Please know that I am here for you if you need any pastoral support and encouragement for your child as they begin this new experience. I would be happy to schedule a visit at your home if it would help in any way to support your efforts. Feel free to email me or call the office.

Our adult faith formation programs will also look a little different this year as we offer virtual alternatives to meeting in person. It’s very important that we never stop learning about our Faith, especially during this time of pandemic when we need all the encouragement we can get. Please watch the bulletin for more details about our new programs this fall.

A Blessing for a New School Year

O Lord of wisdom, You who know the innermost secrets of the universe, send us your Paraclete and cause us to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. When it comes time to work, give us the grace to stay focused. When we participate in a competition, give us the grace to show good sportsmanship. When it is time to enjoy, give us the grace to help us set concerns aside. Above all, O Lord, let us grow closer to you. We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Faithfully, in Christ,
Fr. Rob