St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 30, 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-Dusk
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
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 Friday 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 30
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEW CHURCH HOURS: OPEN 7AM—DUSK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Zoom
For link, email paula.mcleod@gmail.com

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
Adoration after the 8am Mass
Facial covering use and social distancing must be observed

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Second Collection: New Date

Catholic University of America
Founded in 1887, The Catholic University of America (CUA) offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. This Collection underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Labor Day Holiday: Rectory Office closed

SHARING OUR TREASURE
August 23, 2020

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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 SEPTEMBER, WITH OPTIONS FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL CLASSES.

A person does not have to be certain they want to 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.

“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.

“Pray, hope, and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.”
—St. Pio of Petrelcina (1887-1968)
HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
Every Friday after the 8am Mass.
Face covering/Social distancing required.

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.

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.

SFX WEEKEND MASSES ONLINE
**ZOOM LINKS:**
- **Saturday 4pm Mass, August 29**
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83800738943
  Meeting ID: 838 0073 8943
- **Sunday 8am Mass, August 30**
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85855559924
  Meeting ID: 858 5555 9924
- **Sunday 11am Mass, August 30**
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89203822721
  Meeting ID: 892 0382 2721

**FACEBOOK LINK**
www.facebook.com/stfrancisxavierchurchmd

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION
Celebrating Marriage
The Archdiocese will honor couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and 51+ years at the ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS, 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.**
Growing With The Gospel
Keeping Our Children Engaged in the Faith

GOSPEL
If it were up to Peter, Jesus would never have died on the cross. Peter did not want to see his dear friend get hurt. It could have been tempting for Jesus to listen to Peter. But Jesus did not come to be happy or comfortable. Jesus came to die on the cross and rise again. He came to take your sins away. Jesus gave up his own life so that your life could be saved. He did it for you.

PRAYER
Thank you, Jesus, for giving up your life to save mine.

PUZZLE
Find the matching pair.

MISSION
Give of your time this week to help someone who needs it.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE (FAW) SCHOOL
CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

School Reopening:
School reopened on Tue, Aug 25, with the health, safety, and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff our foremost priority. Protocols and procedures will be implemented to ensure daily operations are as safe and secure as possible as we continue to deliver a high quality, faith-based education for all learners, while maintaining real and meaningful connections with families not yet ready to join us in person.

Our plan was developed using guidelines provided by the Archdiocese, the CDC, our own FAW Reopening Working Group, and under the direction of and in collaboration with the St. Mary’s County Health Department.

Regular updates will be made to the plan, when necessary, based on information provided by these organizations.

We value your partnership, especially in this time of great challenge and uncertainty. We are committed to ensuring our students receive an excellent Catholic education and to nurturing the continued spiritual and academic growth of every member of our school family.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. David Beaubien, Pastor
Ms. Heather Francisco, Principal

NEWTOWNE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION

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LEONARDTOWN MD 20650
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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,

Each month we have an opportunity to reflect on some aspect of our Catholic faith. The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, whose memorial is celebrated on September 15. The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is dedicated to the spiritual martyrdom of Mary, Mother of God, and her compassion with the sufferings of her Divine Son, Jesus. In her suffering, Mary reminds us of the tremendous evil of sin and shows us the infinite value of meditating on Our Lord’s suffering and death.

Below are the seven sorrows of Mary.
This week, I encourage you to take one sorrow per day and meditate upon the different scripture passages in your prayer:

1. The prophecy of Simeon
   (Luke 2:25-35)
2. The flight into Egypt
   (Matthew 2:13-15)
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days
   (Luke 2:41-50)
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus
   (John 19:25-30)
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross
7. The burial of Jesus
    Mark 15:40-47)

Faithfully, in Christ,
Fr. Rob

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday – August 29**

Passion of St. John the Baptist
4pm — Etienne Dehoorne †

**Sunday – August 30**

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am — Perry Abell †
11am — St. Francis Xavier Parishioners

**Monday – August 31**

8am — Celebrant’s Intention

**Tuesday – September 1**

No Mass

**Wednesday – September 2**

8am — Doris O’Neill †

**September 3**

St. Gregory the Great
8am — Deacon John Nguyen †

**Friday – September 4**

8am — Charles Downs †

**Saturday – September 5**

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
4pm — Judith Dansereau

**Sunday – September 6**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am — Shirley Strine †
11am — St. Francis Xavier Parishioners

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John Henry Bond III, Terry Hynson, Danielle Kirrane, Julia Sievertson, Wally Bowles, Louise Payne, those in hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation & long-term care facilities; or homebound.

**Our beloved dead:** John P. Connelly Jr, Mary Fleury, and all who have died from the coronavirus.

**Our Intentions List is refreshed each month.**
To have someone included in the intentions for the next month, please resubmit your request by email to SFXparishmd@gmail.com or phone the rectory so we can keep this list current.
If you are seriously ill or preparing for a surgery, call the Parish Office to arrange for the sacrament of anointing.