ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
Church (Newtowne)
23RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 6, 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, SEPTEMBER 6**  
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Second Collection: Catholic University of America

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Zoom  
For link, email paula.mcleod@gmail.com

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**  
Adoration after the 8am Mass: face mask required

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**  
That Man Is You! resumes: see article for details

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Second Collection: HOLY LAND  

Pope Francis has asked that the 2020 Good Friday Holy Land Collection be taken up this weekend.

The Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land is among the oldest and largest Catholic institutions in the Holy Land. Its principal responsibility has been, and remains, the protection and maintenance of the holy shrines, basilicas, and churches, and providing for the needs of its monasteries. It takes to heart the welcoming and care of pilgrims who travel to the Holy Lands to walk where Christ once walked.

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE**  
August 30, 2020

- Offertory: $2,298.00
- Online giving: $690.00
- Second Collection: none

“Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.”

- St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894-1941)

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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 OCTOBER 1, with options for in-person and virtual classes.**

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.

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**SFX WEEKEND MASSES ONLINE ZOOM LINKS:**

- **Saturday 4pm Mass, September 5**  
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83800738943  
  Meeting ID: 838 0073 8943

- **Sunday 8am Mass, September 6**  
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85855559924  
  Meeting ID: 858 5555 9924

- **Sunday 11am Mass, September 6**  
  https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89203822721  
  Meeting ID: 892 0382 2721

**FACEBOOK LINK**

www.facebook.com/stfrancisxavierchurchmd
That Man Is You! (TMIY) resumes Sat, Sep 12 with “The Vision of Man Fully Alive”

“The Vision of Man Fully Alive” will enable men to experience authentic freedom as sons of God, whether as husbands, fathers, or members of the Church and community. 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. 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. TMIY is offered both in person (at the Parish Hall) and on Zoom, from 6-7:30am.

The videos will have a fresh, new multi-speaker format, featuring eight new speakers and new topics.

Week 1 begins Sat, Sep 12, from 6-7:30am — Join us in the SFX Parish Hall or on Zoom
To register: Matt Cosgrove, matthewcosgrove@verizon.net, Mark Coontz, mark_coontz@live.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

Our parish has joined with St. Aloysius parish to offer a flexible, family-centered model of faith formation, called Family of Faith. Family of Faith replaces the traditional Sunday School program, empowering and equipping parents as the primary catechists of their own children. An emphasis is placed on disciplines for discipleship (such as daily prayer, weekly Mass, and monthly Confession) as a family.


Our first gathering will be on Sun, Sep 20 at 9:15am via Zoom.
Register to receive login details.

2020 Jubilarian Mass Cancelled

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the archdiocese is cancelling the annual Jubilarian Mass on Nov 22. Couples who are celebrating milestone-wedding anniversaries (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50+ years) and who wish to receive an anniversary certificate should call or email the Rectory by Sep 30.
As we celebrate this Labor Day:
A Prayer for the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

Lord God, Master of the Vineyard,

How wonderful that you have invited us who labor by the sweat of our brow to be workers in the vineyard and assist your work to shape the world around us.

As we seek to respond to this call, make us attentive to those who seek work but cannot find it.

Help us listen to the struggles of those who work hard to provide for their families but still have trouble making ends meet.

Open our eyes to the struggles of those exploited and help us speak for just wages and safe conditions, the freedom to organize, and time for renewal.

For work was made for humankind and not humankind for work. Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation but a radiant expression of our human dignity.

Give all who labor listening hearts that we may pause from our work to receive your gift of rest.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit that you might work through us to let your justice reign.

Amen.

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Newtowne Manor House Restoration

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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,

On this Tuesday, September 8, we celebrate the birthday of Our Lady. It’s a special feast because it is only one of three birthdays celebrated on the Church calendar. Typically, we remember the day that a saint died (as their birthday into eternal life) but rarely do we celebrate the day they were born.

There are only three persons who have a birthday celebration on the Church calendar: Our Lord (December 25), St. John the Baptist (June 24), and Our Lady (September 8). All three were born without original sin; Our Lord and Our Lady were conceived without original sin. St. John the Baptist was cleansed of original sin while in the womb at the Visitation of Our Lady (pregnant with Jesus) to her cousin Elizabeth (pregnant with St. John the Baptist).

This is a great opportunity to help foster devotion to the Mother of God at home with your children. For example, you might consider having a birthday party for Mary with a cake and special decorations. You could also set up a family altar with flowers and a statue or picture of Our Lady and pray the rosary together as a family. You might want to sing a favorite Marian hymn together, like “Immaculate Mary” or recite the Litany of Loreto (these are easily found by doing a Google search) or come up with your own idea. These simple customs can be a cherished part of your family’s religious traditions.

Faithfully, in Christ,
Fr. Rob

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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

Monday – September 7
8am — Msgr. Thomas Kane †

Tuesday – September 8
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
No Mass

Wednesday – September 9
St. Peter Claver
8am — John P. Connelly Jr †

September 10
8am — Deacon Albert Opdenaker †

Friday – September 11
8am — Alan Thomas †

Saturday – September 12
The Most Holy Name of Mary
10am — Confirmation Mass
4pm — John P. Connelly Jr †

Sunday – September 13
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am — Shirley Strine †
11am — St. Francis Xavier Parishioners

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Bunky Taylor, Karen Huseman, those in hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation & long-term care facilities; or homebound.

Our beloved dead: John Henry Bond III, John P. Connelly Jr, 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.