Newtowne Mission from 1640

First Chapel Built 1662

Current Church Built 1731

St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

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 20**
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catechetical Sunday
Sunday School begins:
See article for details
Second Collection: Maintenance Fund

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**
Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Zoom
For link, email paula.mcleod@gmail.com

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**
NO Mass, NO Adoration

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

*That Man Is You*: 6-7:30am
In-person or Online
To register, get link, or for more information, please email
Matt Cosgrove, matthewcosgrove@verizon.net,
Mark Coontz, mark_coontz@live.com.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1**
NO Spiritual Book Club
New session begins October 8
For details, email paula.mcleod@gmail.com

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

*September 13, 2020*

- Offertory $1,693.00
- Online giving $615.00
- Second Collection (Holy Land) not available

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*Thought for the Week*

“Pray, hope, and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.”

St. Padre Pio (1887-1968)

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**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.**
SFX WEEKEND MASSES ONLINE

ZOOM LINKS:

Saturday 4pm Mass, September 19
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83800738943
Meeting ID: 838 0073 8943

Sunday 8am Mass, September 20
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85855559924
Meeting ID: 858 5555 9924

Sunday 11am Mass, September 20
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89203822721
Meeting ID: 892 0382 2721

FACEBOOK LINK
www.facebook.com/stfrancisxavierchurchmd

Blessing of the Pets
(rain or shine)

Friday, October 2, 2020
4:00 pm
St. Francis Xavier Courtyard

Water and treats will be provided for your pets and for humans too!

Please make sure your pet is on a leash or in a cage.

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Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the archdiocese is cancelling the annual Jubilarian Mass scheduled for 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 Wed, Sep 30.

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JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 26 FOR OUR VIRTUAL WALK FOR THE POOR
The 13th annual Walk for the Poor is going virtual! Because of COVID-19, this year’s Walk for the Poor won’t be a physical event. Instead, we are asking that you join us on September 26 on a Virtual Walk for the Poor. Walk on your treadmill, through your neighborhood, or on the soccer field. Join us to raise funds for those in need in our Community.

Our Walk is a fundraising effort organized by the National Council of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP), and carried out locally by the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at St. Aloysius and Immaculate Conception Parishes. Every dollar raised benefits people in need who live in St. Mary’s County. Last year’s Walk raised $17,000 from over 300 walkers and 40 sponsors. Our SVDP conferences helped county residents with basic needs including rent, electric, water, food, and medicine.

To register is simple — go to www.fopwalk.org. You also can input pledges from your family and friends. If you would rather just send a donation, please mail your check to St. Vincent de Paul, PO Box 310, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE (FAW) SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS
New School Year:
Please pray for the health and safety of Father Andrew White’s in-person learners as well as our distance learners. God bless the students, teachers, and families!

The Virtue of Charity:
Our parish school is participating in a Virtues in Practice program again this year. Each month, the whole school focuses on the same virtue as they hope to grow closer to Jesus by imitating His life and virtues. They also learn more about the saints who exemplify these good habits. This month students and families are learning about the third theological virtue: Charity. Please join them by showing how you are loving God with all your heart, mind, and strength and loving your neighbor as yourself during the month of September!

DISCUSS CURRENT NUTRITION AND HEALTH TOPICS, LEARN ABOUT LOW-COST, HEALTHY RECIPES, AND DISCOVER NEW WAYS TO STAY ACTIVE AND INDEPENDENT.

Join Erin Jewell (erinj@umd.edu, 301-475-4485) for Fresh Conversations, a nutrition education bi-monthly program series for older adults (50+). Register for upcoming sessions at: https://go.umd.edu/FreshConversationsSTM2020

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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,

As we enter into the season of fall this week, I’d like to share an excerpt of one of my favorite poems about nature with you. This one is called, “The Canticle of the Sun.” It was composed by St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), whose feast we will celebrate on October 4.

The Canticle of the Sun

“Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord, All praise is Yours, all glory, all honor and all blessings. To you alone, Most High, do they belong, and no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name.

Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, Who is the day through whom You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor, of You Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair. Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, and fair and stormy, all weather’s moods, by which You cherish all that You have made.

Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water, so useful, humble, precious and pure. Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.”

Faithfully, in Christ,
Fr. Rob