St. Francis Xavier
Church (Newtowne)
26th Sunday
In Ordinary Time
September 27, 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 27
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NO MASS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1
NO Spiritual Book Club

New session begins October 8 — see article

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2
*Adoration after the 8 am Mass: Face Masks required
*Blessing of the Pets: 4pm — see article

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
That Man Is You: 6-7:30am—In-person or Online
Matt Cosgrove, matthewcosgrove@verizon.net,
Mark Coontz, mark_coontz@live.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Second Collection: Peter’s Pence

OCTOBER COLLECTIONS

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES!
The Archdiocese has modified the
Second Collection schedule for October:

Oct 4 Peter’s Pence
Oct 11 FAW School
Oct 18 World Missions
Oct 25 Maintenance Fund

SHARING OUR TREASURE

September 20, 2020

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“Thought for the Week.”

“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 designed 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.
For details or to register, call or email Father Rob, 301-475-9885, SFXparishmd@gmail.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.

Now in session on 1st & 3rd Sundays at 9:15am via Zoom.

Thought for the Week:

“When tempted, invoke your Angel. He is more eager to help you than you are to be helped! Ignore the devil and do not be afraid of him; he trembles and flees at the sight of your Guardian Angel.” — St. John Bosco (1815-1888)
SFX WEEKEND MASSES ONLINE
No Zoom link this weekend: Father is away.
JOIN US ON FACEBOOK
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.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS AVAILABLE
If you missed the first opportunity to purchase a personalized brick for our new courtyard, you have a second chance! Father is making available another opportunity to memorialize your family, loved one, or friend. Bricks are $200 each.
Use the order form available on the parish website or call the Rectory for assistance.

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JESUS THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE

Presented by MARCELLINO D’AMBROSIO, JEFF CAVINS, and EDWARD SRI

The Definitive Study of Jesus Christ
The marvels of Jesus Christ—the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Church—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God.

While many of us know a lot about him already, how well can we say that we really know him?

JESUS: THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life around him as you come to know and love him in an ever deeper and more intimate way.

DATES - TIMES - LOCATION

WEDNESDAYS at 7:00 pm via Zoom
Fall Semester:
October 7 - November 5, 2020
Spring Semester:
February 24 - March 24, 2021

COST - REGISTRATION
Order online through Ascension Press:
$29.95 for full color workbook, stand alone book, and timeline chart
For more information:
Email paula.mcLeod@gmail.com

Visit ascensionpress.com to learn more!
Join us starting Thu, Oct 8, as we explore “What Is Heaven” by Mother Angelica

The Kingdom of Heaven is a place of indescribable beauty, where all pain, suffering, and tears cease, and the Triune God sits on His Throne surrounded by magnificent angels proclaiming and blessing His Holy Name without end.

Mother Angelica, celebrated Foundress of EWTN Global Catholic Network, brings clarity to the enigma of eternal life with God and pours light upon the greatest mystery of all – Heaven itself – in these insightful pages.

We meet via ZOOM, at 9am. To register, or for more details: paula.mcleod@gmail.com

FATHER ANDREW WHITE (FAW) SCHOOL
CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

FAW Crusader Cup:
Our parish school is hosting its 11th Crusader Cup Golf Tournament.
Please join us Friday, Oct 16 at Breton Bay Golf & Country Club for a guaranteed good time -- no matter what golf game you bring!! Find details on how to sponsor or register to play here: http://fatherandrewwhite.org/crusader-cup-golf-tournament/

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

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 Tuesday, September 29, the Church celebrates the feast of the three archangels. St. Michael (whose name means, “Who is like God?”) was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil.

St. Gabriel (“Strength of God”) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, “Hail, full of grace,” is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people.

St. Raphael (“Medicine of God”) is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

We also celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels on Friday. The Church has always taught that each person has a guardian angel to watch over them and help them to attain salvation. Our angel’s protection continues throughout our whole life. In fact, they even accompany our soul to purgatory or heaven.

Below is a great prayer to teach your children. It is simple and beautiful. I prayed it often as a child and still pray it to this day:

**Prayer to My Guardian Angel**

> Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here, ever this day (or night), be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

And don’t forget that we will have our first annual Blessing of Pets this Friday, October 2, at 4pm in the courtyard. Hope to see you!

Faithfully, in Christ,
Fr. Rob