St. Francis Xavier
Church (Newtontne)
28TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 11, 2020

Newtontne 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, October 11
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Second Collection: FAW School

Wednesday, October 14
Bible Study Session: —see article for details on materials and how to join us

Thursday, October 15
New Book Club Session begins— see article

Friday, October 16
Adoration after the 8 am Mass: Face Masks required

Saturday, October 17
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 18
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
*Drive-Through Breakfast
*Second Collection: World Missions

We are called through our baptism to be part of the Church’s missionary efforts. How can we do this?

PRAY for the Church’s worldwide missionary work.

OFFER financial HELP and CHARITY for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.

Sharing Our Treasure
October 4, 2020

Offertory $1,579.00
Online giving $2,440.00
Second Collection (Peter’s Pence) $25.00

Let us do the cooking for you!
Drive-Through Breakfast
Next Sunday, Oct 18
Parish Hall: 8:30am — 12:30pm

Regular Pancakes
Eggs, Bacon, Sausage
Drive-Through & Pick-Up Only!

$7

Proceeds benefit local charities
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

NEWTOWNE MANOR
MASKS — JUST $15!
To purchase an embroidered Manor House mask, call Pat Greenwell, 301-475-5268 or Sarah Matisick, 301-247-7416.
All proceeds go to the restoration of the Manor House.
The current project is a roof replacement.

Thought for the Week

“All life has inestimable value; even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

Pope Francis (1936 - present)

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith, consider joining the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), a program 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 has begun — OPTIONS FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL CLASSES.
For details or to register, call or email Father Rob, 301-475-9885, SFXparishmd@gmail.com.
COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS AVAILABLE

Don’t miss this chance to purchase a personalized brick for our new courtyard. 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.

Catholic Charities

Fall Call for Volunteers!

Ready to take on a weekly, year-long commitment to service? Become a virtual mentor or instructor today! Apply by Oct 14! Visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/covid-19-volunteer-opportunities/

SFX WEEKEND MASSES ONLINE

ZOOM LINKS:

Saturday 4pm Mass, October 10
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83800738943
Meeting ID: 838 0073 8943

Sunday 8am Mass, October 11
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85855559924
Meeting ID: 858 5555 9924

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

FACEBOOK LINK
www.facebook.com/stfrancisxavierchurchmd
Join us Thursday mornings as we explore “What Is Heaven” by Mother Angelica
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

“The Holy Father’s Intention for October:
The Laity’s Mission in the Church
We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

“Theology of the Holy Spirit: The Church as the People of God
We conclude our series on the Holy Spirit, reminding ourselves that the Church is the People of God. The Spirit of God is best understood as the Holy Spirit. The Spirit convicts us of sin, brings to life the new life, and heals the wounds of the Church.

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 the Month

Religious Education for Children Meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 9:15AM via Zoom
Together with St. Aloysius parish, we’re offering 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.

Newtowne Manor House Restoration
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Fr. Andrew White
(FAW) School Crusader Connections
Thanks Father! We express our heartfelt thanks for all the pastors who support our school. Thank you for your spiritual direction! May you have a happy Pastor Appreciation Day this Sunday! God Bless You!
The Virtue of Friendship: 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.
Throughout the month of October, students and families are learning about Friendship. Join them by helping our children learn how to share a mutual love that seeks the good of others.

FAW Crusader Cup this Fri, Oct 16:
Our parish school is hosting its 11th Crusader Cup Golf Tournament. Join us for a guaranteed good time — no matter what golf game you bring! Registration & sponsorship details at fatherandrewwhite.org/crusader-cup-golf-tournament/


Dear Parish Family,

Last week, I wrote about how the month of October is Domestic Violence awareness month. This week I’d like to focus on how it is also a month when we pray for greater respect for all human life, from conception until natural death.

When I received the most recent statistics and data from Care Net Pregnancy Center, I learned that from 1973 to 2017, more than 60 million lives have been lost to abortion. In 2017, the abortion industry reported $3 billion in revenue, up almost $1 billion from 2013. Nearly 75% of that market share is held by Planned Parenthood.

Though a number of Supreme Court decisions on abortion at first glance seem to restrict availability of late-term abortion, the language is permissive enough to allow abortion of a full-term pregnancy in any situation. Let’s continue to pray and be bold as we stand up for all life from the womb to the tomb.

Prayer for Respect of Life

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others.

We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Faithfully, in Christ,
Fr. Rob