St. Francis Xavier
Church (Newtowne)
30TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 25, 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, OCTOBER 25**  
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*Second Collection: Maintenance Fund*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28**  
Bible Study *Jesus The Way, The Truth, and The Life* 7pm, Zoom—see article for how to join us

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29**  
Book Club *What Is Heaven*: 9am, Zoom

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30**  
Adoration after the 8 am Mass: Face Masks required

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**  
*That Man Is You*: 6-7:30am—In-person or Online

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**  
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS  
*Second Collection: FAW School*

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2**  
THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

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**NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS**

- Nov 1  FAW School
- Nov 8  Retired Priests of the Archdiocese
- Nov 15  Maintenance Fund
- Nov 29  Christmas Flower Fund

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**NEWTOWNE MANOR MASKS — JUST $15! - GET YOURS NOW!**

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.

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**SHARING OUR TREASURE**

**October 18, 2020**

- Offertory: $1,294.00
- Online giving: $965.00
- Second Collection (World Missions): $187.00

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**Election Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, You told us to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God. Enlighten the minds of our people in America. May we choose a President of the United States and other government officials, according to Your Divine Will. Give our citizens the courage to choose leaders of our nation who respect the sanctity of unborn human life, the sanctity of marriage, the sanctity of marital relations, the sanctity of the family, and the sanctity of the aging. Grant us the wisdom to give to You, what belongs to You, our God. If we do this, as a nation, we are confident that You will give us an abundance of Your blessings through our elected leaders. Amen.

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**WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD**

Here at St. Francis Xavier, the 8am Mass on All Souls Day is offered for all those whose names are submitted to us on the special All Souls envelopes included with your October monthly envelope packet. You also may use an envelope of your own. 

During the month of November these envelopes will be placed on the altar as a remembrance of our dearly departed loved ones.

Our Book of Remembrance will be open in the vestibule throughout November—for safety, please use your own pen to enter the names to remember.

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

“Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness.”

—St. John Chrysostom (347-407 AD)
EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

“Jesus waits for us in the sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration.”

—St. John Paul II

Every Friday after the 8am Mass. Face covering & social distancing required.

MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK!

John Paul II, Ronald Reagan, and the Dramatic End of the Cold War

The Divine Plan

Friday, November 13, 2020 at 7:00 pm
St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall
Shown on the wide screen & in surround sound!
ADMISSION IS FREE.

This documentary film dives deep into the pivotal bond between Pope John Paul II and President Ronald Reagan. Just six weeks apart in the spring of 1981, the pope and the president took bullets from would-be assassins. Surviving strikingly similar near-death experiences, they confided to each other a shared conviction: that God had spared their lives for the purpose of defeating communism. It is based on a book written by Robert Orlando and Paul Kengor.

Catholics For Family Peace

Education and Research on Domestic Abuse
National Institute for the Family

Are you concerned about a family member or friend experiencing abuse?

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

—Matt. 11:28

Over you recognize the abuse, know you are not to blame and you are not alone. No one deserves to be abused.

This is not just the law in America.
This is the teaching of the Catholic Church.

Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline:
800 799 SAFE (7233) 24 hours, toll free www.ndvh.org

How do I know if I am being abused?
In your relationship, you may be experiencing:
• constant insults and belittling
• threats against you or your children
• intimidation and harassment
• jealousy and possessiveness
• pushing, shoving or holding down
• punching, slapping, kicking or choking
• forced or unwanted sex or sexual acts

How do I know if I am abusing?
• If you are extremely jealous
• If you control your partner’s activities
• If you use physical force to solve problems

From the U.S. Catholic Bishop’s Committee:
What I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence against Women:
“We acknowledge that violence has many forms, many cases, and many victims—men as well as women. The Catholic Church teaches that violence against another person is any form fails to treat that person as someone worthy of love. Instead, it treats the person as an object to be used.”

Learn more about how the Church cares at www.CatholicsForFamilyPeace.org

Catholics For Family Peace Education and Research is an initiative of the National Institute for the Family working toward a coordinated Catholic response to domestic abuse.

Join us for 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.

Ascension Press

Visit ascensionpress.com to learn more!
SFX WEEKEND MASSES ONLINE
NEW ZOOM LINKS & PASSCODES

Saturday 4 pm Mass
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83800738943?pwd=Vztpa2toOTJZeWFUYVcybjkvQUhyQT09
Meeting ID: 838 0073 8943  Passcode: 209543

Sunday 8 am Mass
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85855559924?pwd=UWNqc3pMSUMvN1BVdTBJNXZsSW1hdz09
Meeting ID: 858 5555 9924  Passcode: 631626

Sunday 11 am Mass
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89203822721?pwd=SjNCbEdzMkdVL1lram9Ed0JUbTZLZz09
Meeting ID: 892 0382 2721  Passcode: 958270

FACEBOOK LINK
www.facebook.com/stfrancisxavierchurchmd

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS AVAILABLE
Father is making available another opportunity to memorialize your family, loved one, or friend. Bricks are $200 each. Use the order form on the parish website or call the Rectory.

Retired Priests Collection—Nov 7 & 8
Honoring Their Lifetime of Service
Continuing Christ’s mission, archdiocesan priests have selflessly served the faithful and the community, sometimes for forty years or more. Let’s join together to help provide financial care for our retired priests so they can live in dignity. 100% of your donation goes directly to help provide housing, medical care, and other necessities to our retired priests.

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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

RECESSIVE EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 9:15am via Zoom.

Saturday mornings 6-7:30am
Join us in person in the Hall or via Zoom
Register to reserve a spot in person or to receive Zoom credentials
Matt Cosgrove, matthewcosgrove@verizon.net, Mark Coontz, mark_coontz@live.com.

MINTED CARDS: Christmas card season is around the corner! Use code FUNDRAISEWHITE to buy your Minted holiday card this year. You get 20% off and Father Andrew White gets 15% back...how awesome is that? Pass the code on to family & friends & support our school.

Save the Date: FAW School is hosting a “Fishin’ for Tuition” Open Water Rockfish Tournament Nov 21/22. Cash prizes awarded!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 9:15am via Zoom.

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Dear Parish Family,

You might have noticed that the altar server now rings the altar bells a fourth time at Mass on Sundays, as I am consuming the Precious Blood of Christ from the chalice. I’ve had some questions about this and thought I’d explain a little bit about why we do this.

The first ringing of the bells is very brief and takes place during what is called the “Epiclesis.” The word epiclesis is a Greek word meaning “invocation.” The bells are rung when my hands are extended over the bread and wine as I call down or invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit over the gifts, so that they will become the Body and Blood of Christ.

The second and third ringing of the bells is more prolonged (three extended rings) and takes place each time after I hold up the consecrated Host (that is now the Body of Christ) and again when I hold up the chalice, that contains the Precious Blood of our Lord. This custom goes back to when the priest used to offer Mass with his back to the people, at the high altar, so didn’t always see him elevate the sacred Host and the chalice. He also spoke the words of consecration in a very soft tone. So the bells were rung to let people know that this most sacred action of the consecration had taken place.

The fourth ringing of the bells is also very brief and takes place when I consume the Precious Blood from the chalice. This means that the sacrifice that I have offered (of Christ’s Body & Blood) to the Father is complete. For that reason it is essential for the priest to consume the Precious Blood at every Mass.

Faithfully, in Christ,
Fr. Rob

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday – October 24**
*St. Ignatius of Antioch*
4pm — J.P. Connelly †

**Sunday – October 25**
*30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8am — Bishop-elect William Byrne
11am — St. Francis Xavier Parishioners

**Monday – October 26**
8am — Deacon Joseph Testudine Sr. †

**Tuesday – October 27**
No Mass

**Wednesday – October 28**
*Sts. Simon & Jude*
8am — Kathie Maro

**Thursday – October 29**
*St. John of Capistrano*
8am — Peter Cole

**Friday – October 30**
8am — Stephen Schneider

**Saturday – October 31**
*Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
4pm — Linda & George Bradford

**Sunday – November 1**
*Solemnity of All Saints*
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parishioners
11am — Robert D’Esposito †

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**Our Intention 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.
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