St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)
32ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 8, 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, NOVEMBER 8
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Collection: Retired Priests of the Archdiocese

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Bible Study: 7pm, Zoom—paula.mcleod@gmail.com

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
NEW Book Club—The Advent of Christ: 9am, Zoom
Email paula.mcleod@gmail.com

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Adoration after the 8 am Mass: Face Masks required
Movie Night: 7pm, Parish Hall—The Divine Plan

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
That Man Is You: 6-7:30am—In-person or Online

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
2nd Collection: Maintenance Fund

WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD
During the month of November we will have a Book of Remembrance in the vestibule of the church for enrolling the names of our deceased loved ones. The Book of Remembrance will remain in the vestibule throughout November.

SHARING OUR TREASURE
November 1, 2020

Offertory $1,114.00
Online giving $1,300.00
Second Collection (FAW) $375.00

“He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things.”
—St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)

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.

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

We deeply regret that, due to the coronavirus pandemic, we must cancel our annual Christmas Bazaar, scheduled for Nov 21-22. This beloved community event has been an important fundraiser for our parish for many years. In your kindness the weekend of Nov 21-22, please consider donating the money you would have spent at the Bazaar to the Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your generosity.
THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:
Artificial Intelligence
We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

MORE THAN EVER, YOUR SUPPORT IS CRITICAL
In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, many of our neighbors are struggling to feed themselves and their families. You can help by donating to the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside.

IN NOVEMBER our focus is on restocking the Food Bank shelves with CANNED GOODS: Soups, stews, chili, vegetables, tomatoes, meats, tuna.

DROP OFF DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH—DOORS ARE OPEN DAILY, 7AM-DUSK.
PLACE THEM IN THE BASKET INSIDE THE FRONT DOORS.
Any donation is always welcome and greatly appreciated. Donations are delivered weekly to the food pantry. Thank you for your help with this vital parish ministry.

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.

ORDER A COMMEMORATIVE BRICK
Honor a family member, loved one, or friend! Use the order form on the parish website or call the Rectory.
**NEWTOWNE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION**

Donations to:
St. Francis Xavier Church
21370 Newtowne Neck Road
Leonardtown MD 20650
Memo line: Manor House Restoration
For more information:
Lynn Delahay, 240-925-6485
George Matisick, 301-475-9698
NEWTOWNEMANORHOUSE@GMAIL.COM

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,

Good Christian poetry can be a wonderful aid to our prayer and mediation. This poem brings together Psalm 23, The Lord is my Shepherd, and Psalm 27, The Lord is my Light and My Salvation, into a wonderful tapestry. The author is Robert Browning (1812-1889), English poet and playwright. I love this poem because of the way that he assures us of God’s love and protection. God is beautifully portrayed as a lover clinging to us, reading our hearts, and anticipating our every need.

**God, Thou Art Love!**

If I forget,
Yet God remembers!
If these hands of mine cease from their clinging,
yet the hands divine hold me so firmly that I cannot fall;
And if sometimes I am too tired to call for Him to help me, then He reads the prayer unspoken in my heart, and lifts my care.

I dare not fear, since certainly I know that I am in God’s keeping, shielded so from all that else would harm, and in His power;
I tread no path in life to Him unknown;
Lift no burden, bear no pain, alone.
My soul a calm, sure hiding place has found: The arms my life surround.

God, Thou art love! I build my faith on that.
I know Thee who has kept my path and made light for me in the darkness, tempering sorrow so that it reached me like a solemn joy;
It were too strange that I should doubt Thy love.

Faithfully, in Christ,
Fr. Rob

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**Saturday – November 7**  
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
4pm — Hilda Mae Mattingly † & William “Bones” Mattingly †

**Sunday – November 8**  
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parishioners  
11am — Charles & Ellen Hall †

**Monday – November 9**  
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
8am — Deacon Alfred Miller, Jr †

**Tuesday – November 10**  
St. Leo the Great  
No Mass

**Wednesday – November 11**  
St. Martin of Tours  
8am — Deacon John Somerville †

**Thursday – November 12**  
St. Josaphat  
8am — Deacon Alfred Miller, Jr †

**Friday – November 13**  
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini  
8am — Edward Horne †

**Saturday – November 14**  
Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
4pm — Deacon Joseph Testudine, Sr †

**Sunday – November 15**  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8am — St. Francis Xavier Parishioners  
11am — Raymond † & Jeannette Brooks †

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**PRAYER Intentions**

Richley (Bunky) Taylor, those in hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation & long-term care facilities; or homebound.

**Our beloved dead:** 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.