

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

From the Pastor

Dear parishioners,

I will be speaking at the next **PAXCatholic's Theology on Tap** at the Olde Town Pub in Leonardtown on Wednesday, May 10th. Happy Hour starts at 6 p.m. and my talk at 7 p.m. My talk is "Life with Christ: A Vocation Journey from Politics to Persona Christi" speaking about building my career in the White House, Congress and Wall Street, and then giving it all up to join the seminary at age 37. The PAXCatholic events are for young adults ages 21-39 and is a great way for young Catholic adults to meet peers and friends. For more info. go to www.facebook.com/PAXCatholic.

As I mentioned in last weekend's bulletin, I am giving you a **financial snapshot** this weekend on our parish. Please see the bulletin insert for this information. Thank you for all your support in time, talent and treasures that keep our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ alive and strong at SFX.

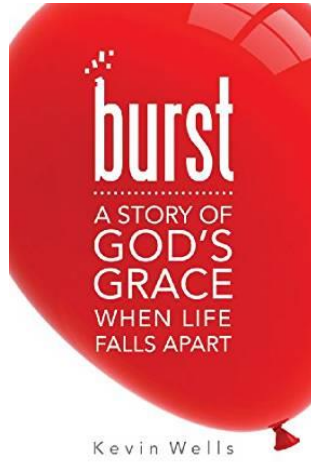
God bless, Fr. Dan

A Mother's Day Gift to the Blessed Mother

Next week, our parish will participate in a national collection for the Trinity Dome to complete the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, before its 100th anniversary. Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine has been a century in the making, built by and for the faithful of our great nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States. Become a part of Mary's Shrine and help to bring to completion our nation's church! Envelopes will be provided next weekend, checks can be made out to St. Francis Xavier. For more information, please visit: www.trinitydome.org.

Spiritual Book Club

The SFX spiritual book club will start its next book "Burst: A Story of God's Grace when Life Falls Apart" on Thursday, May 18th. Burst is about Kevin Wells (nephew of the late Msgr. Tom Wells and brother of Fr. Dave Wells) that had a vein in his brain burst. The book is Kevin's story of the way God's grace was present to help him and his family through this unexpected difficult challenge in their lives. The book club has two groups that meet every other Thursday (9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.). If you are interested in joining one of the groups, please contact Fr. Dan. It is a great way to grow and share our faith, as well as get to know other parishioners.



"Walk in the Park" 5k Fun Run/Walk



Join us for this fun event to benefit our parish's Newtowne Manor House Preservation Fund on Saturday, May 20th open to all ages/abilities. Course starts at St. Francis Xavier Church and follows the road into picturesque Newtowne Neck State Park. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and run/walk starts at 9 a.m. The registration fee will help preserve this landmark of our history. Kids 12 and under are free. Info. on registration is available in the vestibule and on our website: www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org Also, if you are interested in helping as a volunteer or sponsor, please contact Chris Senese at 301-475-9361.

Bridges Out of Poverty

Bridges Out of Poverty is a program to help develop an understanding of the mental models of poverty, middle class and wealth in order to explore poverty and its effect on the viability of our communities. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, District of Southern Maryland, will host a workshop on Saturday, May 13th, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception, Mechanicsville. *All are invited to participate*, whether or not you currently volunteer or work for a church or other organization. Handouts, refreshments and lunch provided. Registration \$10. Please RSVP by May 10th, SVdP, St. Aloysius 301-481-2942 or cynthia.finamore@catholiccharitiesdc.org.

Helping Hands Ministry



We are seeking to form at SFX a Helping Hands Ministry of volunteers that are willing to help parishioners in need. This might be driving a person to a doctor's appointment or grocery store, making a meal for someone that is sick or has had a death in their family, cutting someone's grass that may be recovering from an injury, etc. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, or interested in helping organize the ministry, please contact Fr. Dan.

Candlelight Marian Procession

Join our local Catholic community celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima with a candlelight procession on Saturday, May 13th. Park at St. Aloysius Church and we will leave at 8:30 p.m. to walk downtown. Procession will leave from the square in Leonardtown at 9:00 p.m. and make its way up Washington Street back to St. Aloysius where a brief talk on Fatima will occur. Candles will be provided.

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE

Saturday – May 6th

4:00 p.m.

Confessions @ 3:15 p.m.

Rosary before Mass

Sunday – May 7th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. – SFX Parishioners

11:00 a.m.

Rosary before Masses

Monday – May 8th

9:00 a.m.

Tuesday – May 9th

9:00 a.m. – No Mass

Wednesday – May 10th

Saint Damien de Veuster

9:00 a.m.

Thursday – May 11th

9:00 a.m. – Thomas Kinnahan+

Friday – May 12th

Saints Nereus and Achilleus and Saint Pancras

9:00 a.m.

Saturday – May 13th

Our Lady of Fatima

11:00 a.m. – First Communion

4:00 p.m. – SFX Parishioners

Confessions at 3:15 p.m.

Sunday – May 14th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.



Mother's Day Carnations: If you wish to place a carnation[s] on the altar for Mother's Day, please complete the form on the envelope in the vestibule and place it in the collection by May 7th. Donation: \$2.00 per carnation.