

St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)



OCTOBER 22, 2017

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Newtowne Mission from 1640 & First Chapel Built 1662
Present Church Built 1731

OLDEST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CONTINUOUS USE IN THE ENGLISH COLONIES



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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Registration forms are in the church vestibule
or call the Rectory.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4pm (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday 8am and 11am

DAILY MASSES

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8am

HOLY DAY MASSES

As announced in the bulletin

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:15-3:45pm and by appointment

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Following the 8am Mass until 5pm,
with Evening Vespers at 4:30pm

BAPTISMS: By appointment with Father

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made with your
Pastor at least six months in advance; call the Rectory

BULLETIN ITEMS

Send to sfx1640bulletin@gmail.com.



Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

For the greater glory of God...

Dear Parish Family,

Recently I came upon this beautiful quote about prayer, by Fr. Jacques Philippe.

It meant a lot to me – see what you think: “Not a single one of our prayers is ever lost. Sooner or later, each will be answered; perhaps not at the time or in the way we imagine, but when and as God wants, in His plans that surpass our understanding. Our prayers are not always answered as we would want, but the fact of expressing them always brings us closer to God, leads us forward on our inner journey, and attracts a certain grace that we shall one day see clearly and that will then fill us with wonder.”

Often times we can get discouraged when our prayers are not answered in the way we expected. I remember a priest once told me that God answers prayers in three ways: yes, no (but I have a better plan), and wait. And often times, it is all too easy to confuse God’s “wait” for “no.” I had that experience when I thought God was calling me to be a Franciscan brother, many years before I entered the seminary. I was in my 20s at the time. But when it was clear after a year’s time that this was not where God was leading me, it was difficult to let go of that dream. I had thought I did not have a religious vocation at all. Little did I know that seventeen years later, I would be ordained a priest. God wants what is best for us even more than we do. May we trust in His goodness and never give up praying. Our prayers really do matter and God hears and answers every one of them.

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob

In your kindness, pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. John Mattingly, who died October 19. Details on services are being finalized.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – October 21

4pm – Msgr. Charles Antonicelli
Confessions at 3:15pm

Sunday – October 22

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am – St Francis Xavier Parish
11am – Kaitlin Tennison

Monday – October 23

St. John of Capistrano
NO MASS

Tuesday – October 24

NO MASS

Wednesday – October 25

NO MASS

Thursday – October 26

8am – Dan Kirby

Friday – October 27

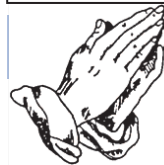
8am – Raymond Barber

Saturday – October 28

Saints Simon and Jude
4pm – Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner +
Confessions at 3:15pm

Sunday – October 29

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8am – St Francis Xavier Parish
11am – Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner +



PRAY FOR THE SICK

John Henry Bond, Donald House

If you would like someone’s name added to our prayers for the sick in the intercessions at Holy Mass and in the parish bulletin, please email Fr. Rob, sfxparishmd@gmail.com or email sfx1640bulletin@gmail.com

If you are seriously ill or preparing for a surgery, the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available to you. Call the Parish Office.



**RCIA— NO CLASS
OCTOBER 26**
Next class November 2,
7pm, Rectory

SFX ALTAR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

The Altar Society members, usually working in pairs, clean and prepare the church for our liturgies. Extra care is taken for major feasts, especially Christmas and Easter. If you'd like to be a part of this important ministry, email Wendy Schaller, schaller@md.metrocast.net.

Spiritual Book Club

Find out why the author of "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" holds that engaging just 1% of Catholics could change the world. We will discuss Chapter Four at our next meeting; **join us Thursday, November 2, 8:45-9:45am in the Rectory.** Email Fr. Rob, sfxparishmd@gmail.com, with questions.

**SECOND COLLECTION OCTOBER 22:
MAINTENANCE FUND**



Our parish Bible Study meets bi-monthly on Tuesdays, 6:30pm-8pm. **Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 14.** For details, email Fr. Rob, sfxparishmd@gmail.com.



"Your immortal soul is the most valuable possession you have. The saints knew this, and they protected it and nourished it and nurtured it... Only then will we truly thrive."
—Matthew Kelly



VOCATIONS EVENTS

Men's Discernment Mass and Dinner next Sunday, October 29

Men in their 20s and 30s are invited to a Men's Discernment Mass and Dinner at St. Peter's on Capitol Hill. Mass with Cardinal Wuerl at 4pm, followed by dinner and a discussion of the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other men from the DC area. **Registration required.**

Quo Vadis "Come and See" Retreat

Young men in grades 11 and 12 who are considering options for college are invited to Saint John Paul II Seminary Friday, Nov 3 – Sunday, Nov 5, to experience seminary life firsthand. Meet and talk to our seminarians, pray with them, listen to great talks, and enjoy time for sports and recreation.

To register for either of these events, visit www.DCpriest.org and select *Events*; call 202-636-9020 with any questions.



30th Year of the Finest Arts & Food
Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 18, 2017

10am — 3pm

St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall & Grounds

Variety of Extraordinary Crafts

Homemade Arts and Crafts

Bake Sale, Cooler and Cheer Raffle

Café Style Luncheon with Delicious Pulled Pork and Chicken Salad Sandwiches -

Carryout available!

Many More Surprises!

**First Friday Adoration—November 3
8:30am-5pm; Vespers at 4:30pm**