

St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 26, 2017



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

OLDEST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ORIGINAL THIRTEEN STATES

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Registration forms are in the church vestibule
and on our parish website

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: deadline is Friday,
one week before Sunday publishing date



Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

For the greater glory of God...

Dear Parish Family,

Today we come to the conclusion of the liturgical year with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (in short, "Christ the King"). This feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an alternative to secularism, which is an attempt to live one's life as if God does not exist. The answer is to proclaim Christ as King over every aspect of our lives, for therein we find true joy and freedom.

When I think of Christ the King, I'm reminded of the name of our chapel where I attended college at Franciscan University of Steubenville, in Ohio. In many ways I think it was a fitting name, as I recall the story of how Franciscan University came to be the thriving Catholic college that it is today. In 1974, when Fr. Michael Scanlan, TOR, took over as President, it was in serious danger of closing. Campus life had become increasingly hedonistic and permeated with drugs, alcohol, and promiscuity.

But it was the vision set forth by Fr. Michael Scanlan that brought the students and the faculty into a living relationship with Jesus Christ. Fr. Mike was unwavering in his commitment to make Christ the center of the campus in every aspect of university life (academic, athletic, social, etc.) That's why Franciscan University is flourishing today as a solidly Catholic school. As I reflected on my time there in the 1990s, I realized that what Christ did for Franciscan University he wants to do for every one of us individually. Like Fr. Mike, we must make Jesus Christ the Lord of our life and king over all that we do. Only then will we truly thrive.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Rob



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday – November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

3:15pm – Confessions

4pm – John Joseph †

Sunday – November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8am – St. Francis Xavier Parish

11am – Helen & John Duffy †

Monday – November 27

8am – Our Seminarians

Tuesday – November 28

NO MASS

Wednesday – November 29

8am – Dorothy "Bootsie" Hall †

Thursday – November 30

St. Andrew

8am – Rev. John Mattingly †

Friday – December 1

8am – Augustine Keough

Saturday – December 2

3:15pm – Confessions

4pm – Josephine Griffin †

Sunday – December 3

First Sunday of Advent

8am – St. Francis Xavier Parish

11am – David Foggo †

Our Book of Remembrance is open through November.

We invite you to write the names of family, friends, coworkers who have died. They will be remembered in the Intercessions at Mass.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Especially Erin Schaller.

To add someone to our prayers for the sick in the intercessions at Holy Mass and in the parish bulletin, email sfxparishmd@gmail.com or sfx1640bulletin@gmail.com. If you are seriously ill or preparing for a surgery, call the Parish Office to arrange for the sacrament of anointing of the sick.

THIS WEEK

***Sunday, November 26: Christ the King**

***Tuesday, November 28: Bible Study**

6:30-8pm, Rectory

***First Friday: December 1**

Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30am-5pm

Vespers at 4:30pm

LOOKING AHEAD

***December 3: First Sunday of Advent**

Fr. Thomas Clifford, SJ, will speak on "Early Society of Jesus" and "Today's Society of Jesus Community" at 6:30pm in the Hall. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

**Advent Confessions/Holy Hour:
Prepare your heart to receive the Lord this
Christmas through Adoration and the
Sacrament of Confession.**

***Wednesdays, Dec 6, 13, & 20, 6:30-7:30pm.
All are welcome.**

***December 8: Feast of the Immaculate
Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)**

Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 7 (Vigil Mass): 7pm

Friday, December 8: 8am

***Sunday, December 10**

Church Tour with Fr. Rob 9:30 - 10:30am.

Visit the sacristy and find out the meaning behind the symbols in the sanctuary, the vessels, and vestments used at Holy Mass. All are



"If you judge people,
you have no time to love them."
— St. Teresa of Calcutta



**The Christmas Bazaar on November 18
was a great success and a terrific
showcase for our parish community.**

There was a great spirit in the air and people had a good time. Over \$4,100.00 was raised to support our parish. Super! A huge THANK YOU to all who had a hand in making the event such a success—there were many. We are deeply grateful to Jacqueline Kirby and Louise Jordan for coordinating the bazaar and to the Knights of Columbus for their unfailing support.

Winner of the Basket of Cheer:

Barbara Townsend

Winners of the Afghan Quilts

Rachel Gordon and Gladys Guy

The afghans were made and donated to the Knights of Columbus by Brenda Rezza.

THANK YOU TO OUR ALTAR SERVERS!

All altar servers and their parents are invited to our First Friday Evening Vespers/Benediction at 4:30pm in the church on December 1, followed by a pizza dinner in the Parish Hall. RSVP to Fr. Rob at sfxparishmd@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, November 29. And thank you for serving!



SECOND COLLECTIONS



- Dec 2 & 3 Father Andrew White School
- Dec 9 & 10 Retirement Fund for Religious
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception
- Dec 16 & 17 Maintenance Fund
- Dec 25 Christmas Collection
- Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary



**First Friday Adoration
December 1
8:30am-5pm;
Vespers at 4:30pm**

**Sign up in the back of church to spend 30
minutes with our Lord. We don't want to leave
Him alone on the altar.**

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WARM PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WARM “Wrapping Arms ‘Round Many” is a winter emergency sheltering program for the homeless in St. Mary’s County.

This year, Camp Maria Retreat Center will be hosting the program from December 23 – December 31. **Our Lady’s Church at Medley’s Neck is going to help with this program from December 27 – December 30.**

SFX parishioners are invited to help with this community ministry. You don’t have to be a member of Our Lady’s Church. We are in need of volunteers to help with making and serving dinner and breakfast, cleaning up after meals, monitoring the participants, and helping with social activities.

The holidays are a great time to give back your time and talent. If young adults are home from school, they may find it very rewarding to help during their winter break. This is also a great opportunity for high school students to meet their requirements of community service (students must be at least 16 years old and have parental consent if under 18).

Please contact the Our Lady’s Parish Office at 301-475-8403 or email olcmedleysneck@gmail.com with questions or if you are able to help.

OUR BULLETIN EDITOR will be happy to get your parish and faith-related community news items published in the weekly bulletin. Email bulletin items to Lynn Marsh Freeman, sfx1640bulletin@gmail.com.

Deadline is Friday, one week before the Sunday date.