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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2018



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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

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

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4pm (Anticipated), 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

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

Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date
Send items to sfx1640bulletin@gmail.com

THIS WEEK

FEBRUARY 25: Second Sunday of Lent

- ***Collection:** Church in the Developing World
- *Fr. Rob will talk on **The Meaning of the Mass**
9:15am, Church—come learn the meaning and
significance of the various Mass parts!
- ***Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** 3pm, Church

FEBRUARY 26

Manor House Meeting: 7pm, Church Hall

FEBRUARY 28

Confessions 6:30-7:30pm

MARCH 1

Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Church Hall

MARCH 2

- *First Friday Adoration beginning at 8:30am,
with **Vespers at 6:30pm (Note time!)**
- *Stations of the Cross: 7pm
- *Fish Fry: 6-8pm, Church Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

MARCH 4: Third Sunday of Lent

*Lenten Food Drive

Bags distributed at all Masses:

Please return filled bags next weekend!

Our collection benefits Our Lady of the Wayside
Mary Lou Gough Food Bank

- ***Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** 3pm, Church

MARCH 7

Confessions 6:30-7:30pm

MARCH 8

Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Church Hall

MARCH 9

- *Stations of the Cross: 7pm

The Light is ON for You
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation



CONFESSIONS EACH WEDNESDAY IN LENT
THROUGH MAR 28: 6:30-7:30PM IN THE CHURCH



Knights of Columbus
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Friday, March 2 from 6-8pm

Come out and enjoy a social evening!

Dinner Menu from **Crab Knockers**

Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Rolls

Plus Coffee & Tea

Adults: \$12 Children 5-10: \$6

4 and younger: Free

2018 ANNUAL

JUBILARIAN MASS

Cardinal Donald

Wuerl will celebrate

the annual Jubilarian
Mass honoring

couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+
years on Sunday, June 17 at 2pm at the Basilica of
the National Shrine of the Immaculate
Conception. Please call Gertie in the parish office
or use the sign-up forms in the back of church to
register. Names of jubilarians need to be turned in
to the parish office by Mon, April 16.



**Thought
of the
WEEK..**

"Put all the good works
in the world against one
Holy Mass; they will be
as a grain of sand
beside a mountain."

— St. John Vianney

My sincere thanks goes out to Jim and Pam Howe for the many hours they have spent helping to repair some of our pews. They took on this project from their own initiative, for which I am most grateful.
Fr. Rob

MANOR HOUSE MINUTES

2nd Annual "Walk in the Park" 5K Fun Run/Walk

Join us on Sat, April 28, for this fun event to benefit our parish's Newtowne Manor House Preservation/Restoration Fund. Open to all ages and abilities. Course starts at St. Francis Xavier Church and follows the road into picturesque Newtowne Neck State Park. Registration starts at 8am and run/walk starts at 9am. The registration fee will help preserve this religious and historical landmark. Kids 12 and under are free. Information on registration is available in the church vestibule and at www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org. If you are interested in helping as a volunteer or sponsor, please call Sarah Matisick, 301-247-7416.

Upcoming Manor House meetings:

- *Mon, February 26,
- *Thu, March 22,
- *Mon, April 23, and
- *Thu, May 24.

All parishioners are invited to attend the meetings at 7pm in the Church Hall. For more information, contact Lynn Delahay, 240-925-6485, ldelahay@hotmail.com or George Matisick, 301-475-9698, gcmatisick@gmail.com.

MARCH SECOND COLLECTIONS

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| Mar 4 | FAW School |
| Mar 11 | Maintenance Fund |
| Mar 18 | Easter Flower Offering |
| Mar 30 | Good Friday/Holy Land |



WHEN WE GET TO MASS EARLY, THE HOLY FATHER URGES US TO PRAY SILENTLY, NOT CHIT-CHAT

Last November, Pope Francis spoke on the common habit of chatting with people around us before Mass, stressing that this is a time for silent prayer, when we prepare our hearts for an encounter with the Lord.



"When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chit-chat with those in front of us," the Pope said during his Nov 15, 2017 General Audience.

"It is not a moment for chit-chat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus... Silence is so important."

The Holy Father continued his new catechesis on the Eucharist, recalling his message of the week prior, that the Mass is not a show, but a place where we encounter the Lord. In this encounter, he said, silence is what "prepares us and accompanies us."

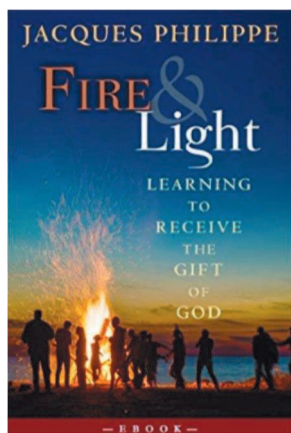
He noted that many say they don't have time to pray. "We lose sight of what is fundamental: our life of the heart, our spiritual life, our life of prayer with the Lord." However, Jesus surprises us in truth by loving us and calling us even in our weaknesses, he said, adding that just as Christ called his disciples, he also calls us to him at each Mass.

"This is, therefore, the greatest grace: to be able to experience the Mass, the Eucharist. It is the privileged moment to be with Jesus, and through him, with God."

LENTEN SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Join us this Lent
as we delve into
“Fire and Light:
Learning to Receive
the Gift of God” by
Fr. Jacques Philippe.
Starting Thu, Feb 22,
at 9am in the
Parish Hall.

Copies of the book
will be available for
purchase through the rectory. Price is \$12.
If you are interested, email Paula McLeod,
paula.mcleod@gmail.com.



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that there is help. Call the National Domestic
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CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

*Join us every Sunday at 3pm in the church
through April 8, as the Knights of Columbus
lead us in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
All are welcome.*

For each of the five decades

(On each “Our Father” bead of the rosary, pray)

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul
and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord,
Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of
the whole world.

(On each of the 10 “Hail Mary” beads, pray)

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on
us and on the whole world.

Concluding prayer *(Repeat 3 times)*

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Bulletins just for Kids!

Find them in the vestibule with the regular
Sunday bulletin. Two versions—*My Family and
Me* for PK-1st graders; *My Church, My Family
and Me* for 2nd-3rd graders. Both are designed
to amplify the Sunday Gospel message and to
help your child “grow with the Gospel.”

THIRD DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUB DRIVE-THRU SEAFOOD DINNER

Fridays through Mar 30,

4-7pm. **\$10 per dinner:** fish,
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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

For the greater glory of God...

Dear Parish Family,

I always enjoy visiting with my college friends as they are now married and have young children of their own. This past week I had such an opportunity to visit with a couple I have known for many years. It gave me great joy to know that their son, John Paul, who will turn three in June, truly loves going to Holy Mass. They've told me that he often sings the alleluia throughout the house and pretends to say Mass for them on any given day. Who knows, maybe he'll be a priest someday? But no matter what his vocation will be, I pray that he never loses his awe and wonder for what happens at Holy Mass.

This Sunday February 25, at 9:15am in the church, I'll be offering a talk on understanding what happens at Holy Mass. I'll explain the Mass part by part; why we do what we do and what it means. We'll look at the Biblical origins for some of the prayers that we say at Mass, and I would love to answer some of your questions. For example, do you know why the priest kisses at the altar at every Mass and what is contained inside the altar? Do you know why we ring the bells three times and how that practice got started?

This Lent, may we all deepen our love for God in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the same wonder and awe as my friend's son, John Paul. For it is there that we receive the greatest gift of all, the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. St. John Vianney put it this way: "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy."

Peace and blessings,
Fr. Rob



Saturday – February 24

3:15pm—Confessions

4pm—The Missar Family

Sunday – February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

8am—St. Francis Xavier Parish

11am—Linda & George Bradford

Monday – February 26

8am—Francis Rau

Tuesday – February 27

NO MASS

Wednesday – February 28

8am—The Delisio Family

Thursday – March 1

8am—Ronnie Brigati

Friday – March 2

8am—Msgr. Jeremiah Kenney

Saturday – March 3

3:15pm—Confessions

4pm—The Vignola Family

Sunday – March 4

3rd Sunday of Lent

8am—St. Francis Xavier Parish

11am—Michael Vignola †



For healing: John Abell, Julie Broyles, Lillie Rideout, Carolyn Russell Weiler, and Erin Schaller.

For our beloved dead: especially Lester Cusic.

Email sfxparishmd@gmail.com and let us join in prayer for one another. 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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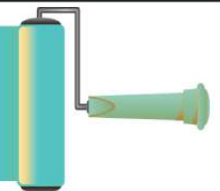
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