St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 22, 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

JULY 22: 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME DAILY MASS ON THURSDAY ONLY THIS WEEK!

See the Mass Intentions section for details

JULY 26: SUMMER BOOK CLUB FINAL SESSION

9am, Parish Hall

LOOKING AHEAD

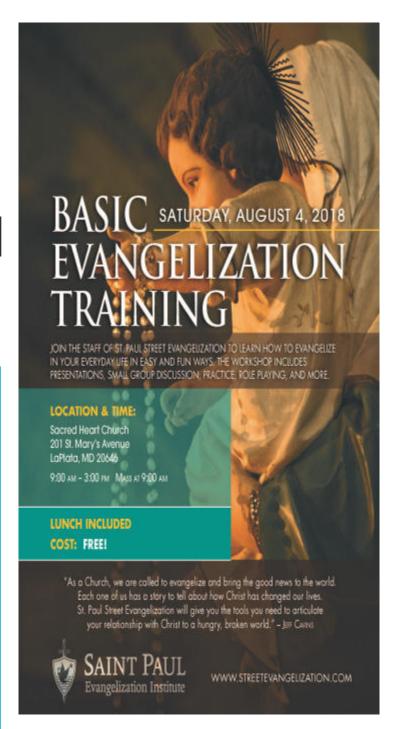
JULY 29: 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 12: FR. ROB'S INSTALLATION MASS Bishop Michael Fisher will preside at Father's installation at the 11am Mass—all are invited!

JULY 24 IS THE MEMORIAL OF ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF (1828 – 1898), A MARONITE CATHOLIC MONK AND PRIEST IN LEBANON

Although this saint never traveled far from the Lebanese village of Beka-Kafra where he was born, his influence has spread widely. Joseph Zaroun Makluf was raised by an uncle because his father, a mule driver, died when Joseph was only three. At the age of 23, Joseph joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya, Lebanon, and took the name Sharbel in honor of a second-century martyr. Although Sharbel lived as a hermit from 1875 until his death, his superiors occasionally asked him to administer the sacraments to nearby villages, and Sharbel did so gladly. He died in the late afternoon on Christmas Eve. He was canonized in 1977.

St. John Paul II often said that the Church has two lungs—East and West—and it must learn to breathe using both of them. Remembering saints like Sharbel helps the Church to appreciate the diversity and unity present in the Catholic Church. Like all the saints, Sharbel points us to God and invites us to cooperate generously with God's grace, no matter what our situation in life may be. As our prayer life becomes deeper and more honest, we become more ready to make that generous response. — © 2018 Franciscan Media



Thought of the Week...

"Married love particularly reveals its true nature and nobility when we realize that it takes its origin from God, who 'is love,' the

Father 'from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.'"

— Blessed Pope Paul VI, Humanae Vitae

PRESERVATION MARYLAND SITE AND INTERPRETIVE PANELS INSTALLED

Over the past year, the Panel sub-committee of the Friends of Newtowne Manor House, under the leadership of Steve Raley, has been working with Jennifer Pitts, Project Manager on the FY2018 Maryland Heritage Areas Authority grant. Prior to the installation of the panels, an archaeology study was conducted July 2 and July 4 on the site locations to insure protection of any artifacts discovered. The site panel is located next to the Church and the two interpretive

panels are located on the northwest side of the Manor House. The panels were completed and installed July 5, 2018.

Special thanks to Fr. Rob for his support, Steve Raley, Frank Greenwell, Pat Greenwell, Chris Senese, Carol Moody, Mike DeManss, Sarah Matisick, Mike Smolek, Archaeologist; Ruth Mitchell, Archaeologist; August Rowell, George Matisick, Drew Dowdell, and Walt Hayes.

Pictured here is the panel located next to the church.

Please view the panels at your convenience. The goal of the panels is to share a little of the historical significance of the beloved St. Francis Xavier Church and the Newtowne Manor House.

St. Francis Xavier Church and Newtowne Manor House were researched and placed

were researched and placed on the Maryland Register of Historic Places in 1972.

Center of Worship

For more information, visit http://www.preservationmaryland.org/?s=newtowne.



INTERESTED IN **BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is an exploration of Catholic teachings, traditions, and practices. Participants attend weekly sessions beginning in the fall each year. It is a process whereby

adults become fully participating members of the Catholic Church. Is there someone you can invite to explore the Catholic faith someone unbaptized, or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition? Perhaps you know a Catholic adult interested in being confirmed. Please contact Fr. Rob at sfxparishmd@gmail.com for more information.

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O: From whom does the priest receive the authority to forgive sins?

The priest receives the authority to forgive sins from Jesus Christ, who said to his apostles and to their successors in the priesthood: "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you forgive are forgiven them; and whose sins you retain are retained" (cf. John 20:23).

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Dear Parish Family,

Imagine this scene. It's a Wednesday evening in July and you walk into the Old Towne Pub, here in Leonardtown. In a crowded room off to the side of the bar, one of our diocesan priests is giving a talk to a lively group of single and married young adults and about a hand full of priests. The young people there are eager to learn more about the Church's teaching on the sanctity of human life, especially as it relates to the dignity of Christian marriage.

This scene actually took place a couple of weeks ago when I heard Fr. Carter Griffin speak at Theology on Tap (talks given in a restaurant or pub by a different speakers addressing current topics in religion/theology). Personally, it was edifying to see so many young people who wanted to learn more about the 50th anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI's prophetic and timeless encyclical, Humanae Vitae ("On Human Life").

Here at St. Francis Xavier, we will have an opportunity for further reflection and discussion on Thursday, October 25, 2018, in the form of a panel discussion. Fr. Carter Griffin, who spoke at Theology on Tap, will be one of the guest panelists. More details will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, I encourage you to read Blessed Pope Paul VI's encyclical for yourself:

http://www.scborromeo.org/docs/ humanae_vitae.pdf

I invite you to pray with it and let it speak to your heart. There is indeed good news to be proclaimed here!

Peace and blessings, Fr. Rob



Saturday – July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi 4pm—Rita Tolbano

Sunday - July 22

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8am—Marguerite Matisick † 11am—St. Francis Xavier Parish

Monday - July 23

St. Bridget

No Mass—Communion Service

Tuesday – July 24

St. Sharbel Makhluf

No Mass

Wednesday – July 25

St. James, Apostle

No Mass—Communion Service

Thursday - July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the BVM 8am — Albert Fleury †

Friday - July 27

No Mass—Communion Service

Saturday - July 28

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 4pm—Vincent M. Swales, Jr. †

Sunday - July 29

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8am—Perry and Shirley Abell † 11am—St. Francis Xavier Parish

For healing: Olas Miller, Mary Ann Snow, Virginia Modrzakowski, Mary Katherine Keller, Lucy Lacey, Karen

Finch, Jeffrey Mattingly, Debbie Zeltwanger, Joan Polko, Shirley Nickerson, Bubby Spalding, Judy Bakewell, John Abell, Julie Broyles, Lillie Rideout, Carolyn Russell Weiler, and Erin Schaller.

Our beloved dead: Albert Fleury

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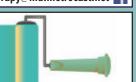
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