

# St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 25, 2019



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Current Church Built 1731

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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 after the 4pm Mass, Sundays 7:30-7:50am  
& 10:30-10:50am, 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](mailto:paula.mcleod@gmail.com)

## BULLETIN ITEMS

Send items to [sfx1640bulletin@gmail.com](mailto:sfx1640bulletin@gmail.com)  
Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date

## THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25  
21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

## LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1  
22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME  
\*Collection: FAW School

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2  
Labor Day Holiday: Rectory closed



## Parish Picnic

Let's welcome Fall  
and gather with family  
and friends!!

Sun, Sep 8 — Noon to 4pm  
We provide burgers & hot dogs—  
you bring the sides!

Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4DA9AD28A3FE3-stfrancis>

Sep 1 FAW School  
Sep 8 Catholic University of America  
Sep 22 Maintenance Fund



## SHARING OUR TREASURE AUGUST 18, 2019

1st Collection (Offertory):	\$2,208.00
Online Giving	\$1,215.00
Second Collection (Maintenance)	\$8,544.00



"Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things are passing away:  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things.  
Whoever has God lacks nothing.  
God alone suffices."  
— St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

## RELIGIOUS ED SIGN-UPS!



## RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 15!

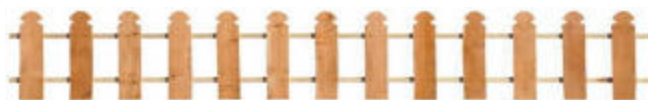
Register online now for *Family of Faith* 2019-2020, our family-centered children's faith formation program (Pre-K through Grade 8).

*Family of Faith* will meet from 9:15-10:30am at FAW School the first and third Sundays each month during the school year.

Families are asked to commit to missing no more than three of our sessions. Those who are unable to make this commitment are asked to register for *My Catholic Faith Delivered*, a grade-specific, comprehensive online faith formation program, instead of *Family of Faith*.

To register for *Family of Faith* and/or *My Catholic Faith Delivered*, visit the parish webpage: [www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org](http://www.stfrancisxavierchurch.org).

## ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW ON THE FENCE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? WE CAN HELP!



Do you have an unbaptized friend, or one baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition? Perhaps you know a Catholic adult interested in being confirmed.

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.

Email Fr. Rob at [sfxparishmd@gmail.com](mailto:sfxparishmd@gmail.com) for more information.





An interactive, multimedia men's program focused upon the development of authentic male

leadership. Designed to help men become the best husbands and fathers they can be, after the heart of God. **Saturday mornings, starting Sep 14, 6-7:30am, at SFX Parish Hall.**

For more info, email or call Matt Cosgrove, [matthewcosgrove@verizon.net](mailto:matthewcosgrove@verizon.net), 610-368-2900.

**LADIES! JOIN THE ENCOUNTER GRACE TEAM AT A FULL-DAY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SAT, OCT 26, 2019**

**ST. MARY'S RYKEN HIGH SCHOOL**

Tickets on sale at [www.encountergrace.co](http://www.encountergrace.co)

Register now — tickets are limited. For more info, email [encountergraceco@gmail.com](mailto:encountergraceco@gmail.com).



**Care Net Pregnancy Comedy Night with 321 Improv! Sat, Sep 14, 6pm, Patuxent HS. \$25 per ticket. For info and tickets visit <https://friendsofcarenet.comd.org/comedy-night/>**

**LEARN HOW TO DEFEND YOUR FAITH**

Ken Scheiber, a theology teacher at St. Mary's Ryken HS, will offer weekly Apologetics classes on Mon nights at 7pm in the St. Aloysius hall beginning Sep 9.

**Topics for September:**

- 9/9 Transgenderism and the Catholic Church
- 9/16 What Duties Do We Have to Immigrants?
- 9/23 Sex Abuse Scandal: Fact and Fiction
- 9/30 Mercy-Killing Isn't Merciful

For a complete list of topics (through 4/13/2020) visit <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/news/apologetics-series>

*Apologetics is a term used to describe defense of Catholic teaching and fundamental theology.*



**AN EVENING WITH DAN SCHUTTE**

**AND A MORNING RETREAT!**

Join us for two special events with Dan Schutte, American composer of Catholic liturgical music and contemporary Christian songs, such as *Here I am Lord*, *City of God*, and *Sing a New Song*.

**"Disciples of Hope" Concert**

**Fri, Sep 13 — 7pm**

**St Mary's Ryken Romuald Hall Auditorium**

Concert-only tickets \$10 students/\$20 adults

**"Here I Am Lord" Retreat**

**Sat, Sep 14 — 9am-12pm**

**Camp Maria Retreat Center**

Dan will host a retreat at the Retreat Center's Spiritual Center. Registration 8-9am.

**Tickets for both events at [www.smrhs.org](http://www.smrhs.org)**

Questions? Lynn Delahay, 204-925-6485

*Healing prayers, Preaching the Word of God, and Holy Mass to be celebrated at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Solomons, Tue, Aug 27 at 7pm, and at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Wed, Aug 28, at 7pm. All are welcome.*

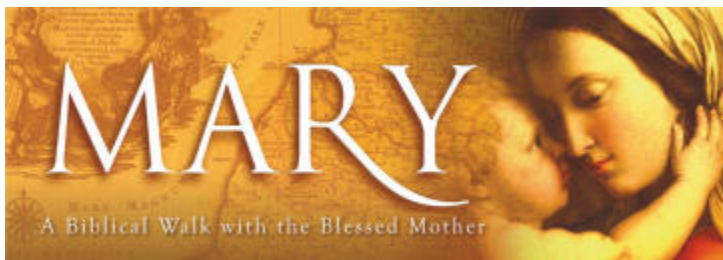
**SURVIVING DIVORCE**

Discover a place of caring and acceptance as you put the pieces of your life together. You'll find encouragement, support, continued learning, and growth — with others who are going through the same experience. Groups are led by trained volunteer facilitators who have been through the experience of divorce



No matter how recent or distance your divorce or separation may be, there is something in this series for you. Sessions meet at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park for 12 weeks on Sundays, 6-7:30 pm, starting Sep 22. Suggested \$25 donation to cover the cost of the book and materials. Child care can be provided; let us know in advance. To register, email your name & phone number to [atthewell@ihmrcc.org](mailto:atthewell@ihmrcc.org).





## BIBLE STUDY COURSE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11

*Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* is a Catholic DVD and discussion-based Bible Study, starting Wed, Sep 11, 7-8:30pm in the rectory. You'll take an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives.

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys... and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. See flyers in the church vestibule for more details.

To register, please email Paula McLeod: paula.mcleod@gmail.com.



## NEW SERVER TRAINING AND MANDATORY REFRESHER!

### SAT, SEP 7, 9-9:45AM IN THE CHURCH

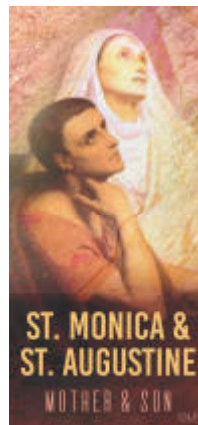
All students entering 3rd grade and up (having received their First Holy Communion) are welcome.

To register, please email Fr. Rob, sfxparishmd@gmail.com.

At least one parent must be present with her or his child throughout the entire training.

**This is also a mandatory refresher training for all current servers.**

Adults are also welcome to serve. Please email Fr. Rob for a separate training date.

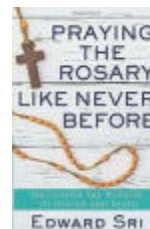


## MOTHER & SON SAINTS

St. Monica (332-387) knew the pain of disappointment, an unfaithful husband named Patricius who drank too much, and a promiscuous son, St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430) who lived an immoral youth. Through her patience and love, her husband had a change of heart, choosing to

become a Christian. St. Augustine's conversion was a much more difficult task. St. Monica prayed constantly and fasted daily, but nothing seemed to work. Through God's intervention, St. Monica and St. Ambrose (bishop of Milan) managed to lead St. Augustine to the waters of Baptism. St. Monica exemplifies that unconditional love and persistence are portals for God's saving grace.

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Starts Thu, Sep 12, 9am in the Parish Hall (no evening session)

We'll be reading *Praying the Rosary Like Never Before* by Edward Sri.

For more info, email Paula McLeod, paula.mcleod@gmail.com

## Bereavement Support Group

*A parish grief support group for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one in the recent past. Sundays, 9:15-10:15am in the Rectory. Meetings this fall: Sep 22—Oct 13—Nov 10—Dec 15*

## NEWTOWNE MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION

### Donations to:

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH  
21370 NEWTOWNE NECK ROAD  
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MEMO LINE: MANOR HOUSE RESTORATION

### For more information:

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*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*

**For the greater glory of God...**

Dear Parish Family,

Please know how grateful I am for your response to my appeal, asking for additional funds to complete the first phase of the renovation to our Parish Hall. We needed \$7,100 and thanks to your generosity we surpassed our goal last weekend with a maintenance fund collection of over \$8,000.

And that won't be the final tally, as a number of parishioners have pledged to give more in the weeks ahead. Anything over and above that we receive will be used towards the second phase of the renovation, which will be a complete upgrade of the kitchen and re-tiling of the floor.

As school begins for the children at Father Andrew White this week, we are mindful of all our children, in Catholic, private, and public schools as they begin a new academic year. I pray that this will be both a joyous and fruitful year of growth in knowledge and love of God. I'm also excited to have our adult faith formation programs up and running again here at the parish. Please see the bulletin for details about some new programs starting in September.

### **A Blessing for a New School Year**

*O Lord of wisdom, You who know the innermost secrets of the universe, send us your Paraclete and cause us to grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding.*

*When it comes time to work, give us the grace to stay focused. When we participate in a competition, give us the grace to show good sportsmanship. When it is time to enjoy, give us the grace to help us set concerns aside. Above all, O Lord, let us grow closer to you. We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Peace and blessings,  
Father Rob



### **Saturday – August 24**

*St. Bartholomew*

4pm — Carolyn Ann Weiler †

### **Sunday – August 25**

*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish

11am — Shirley Nickerson †

### **Monday – August 26**

8am — Albert Fleury, Jr. †

### **Tuesday – August 27**

*St. Monica*

No Mass

### **Wednesday – August 28**

*St. Augustine*

8am — Shirley Nickerson †

### **Thursday – August 29**

*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

8am — Albert Fleury, Jr. †

### **Friday – August 30**

8am — Charles Downs †

### **Saturday – August 31**

*Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

4pm — Shirley Nickerson †

### **Sunday – September 1**

*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8am — St. Francis Xavier Parish

11am — Fr. Kevin Dansereau



***The sick:*** Katherine Mueller, Pauline House, Marian Tennyson, Joan Collette, Mary & Sanford Brooks, Nancy Luginbill, Michelle Brinsfield, Therese Igot, Bill Lavender, Danielle Kirrane, January

Donovan, Lynda Brigati, Carol Russell, Valerie Brown, Frank Greenwell, Lisa Davis, Joanie Johnson, Allen Sieverston, Richie Fazio, Myla Ashton, Bubby Spalding, Judy Bakerwell, John Abell, and Erin Schaller.

***Our beloved dead:*** Patrick McDonough, Glenn Whitney, Gertrude Oertly, Doug Woodburn.

**Email [sfxparishmd@gmail.com](mailto: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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