

St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 24, 2021



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THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY 7AM-DUSK
for personal prayer

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Registration forms are on our parish website

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4pm (Anticipated), Sunday 8am and 11am
Rosary 30 minutes before Mass 1st & 5th Sunday

DAILY MASSES

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8am
Rosary at 7:30am before Mass

HOLY DAY MASSES

As announced in the bulletin

CONFESSIONS

In the Parish Hall to allow for adequate social distancing: Sat after the 4pm Mass; Sun 7:30-7:50am & 10:30-10:50am, and by appointment

WEEKLY FRIDAY ADORATION

Immediately after the Friday 8am Mass

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/PRAYER LIST

Send items to SFX1640bulletin@gmail.com
Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24
3RD IN ORDINARY TIME

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28
Book Club Session—Join Us!

9am Via Zoom: email paula.mcleod@gmail.com

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29
Adoration after the 8am Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30
That Man Is You: 6-7:30am, Hall
in person or via Zoom: info from
Matt Cosgrove, matthewcosgrove@verizon.net,
Mark Coontz, mark_coontz@live.com.

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31
4TH IN ORDINARY TIME
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



**CELEBRATE CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS WEEK 2021**
January 31 - February 6
#CSW21

Pope Francis said that Catholic educational institutions play a prophetic role in helping future generations tackle problems with an integrated, inclusive approach.



SHARING OUR TREASURE
January 17, 2021

Offertory	\$1929.00
Online Giving	\$340.00
2nd Collection (Maintenance)	\$1,800.00
2020 Contribution statements will be mailed by the end of January.	

Thought for
the Week

“The things that we love
tell us what we are.”

—St. Thomas Aquinas
1226-1274
Feastday January 28

Register today! www.encountergrace.co

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January - March, 2021 Women's Events

TUESDAYS
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3-week series
Wednesdays, 1/13/21 - 2/10/21
2 session times to choose from:
9 am or 7 pm (EST)

BELOVED 12

How 12 ordinary men of the Bible were transformed by an encounter with Christ

Join us for this 12-week series to explore Bible stories for women, which will challenge the women of St. Mary's County and how they were forever changed after an encounter with Christ.

For more information contact us at hello@encountergrace.co

\$49.00/each, includes all materials and sessions.



**COVID-19 VACCINATION REGISTRATION
FOR ST. MARY'S COUNTY RESIDENTS IS
NOW OPEN FOR THOSE AGE 75 OR OLDER**

On Mon, Jan 25, vaccination registration will open for Maryland residents ages 65 to 74, in addition to public health and safety workers not covered in Phase 1A; and essential workers in lab services, food and agriculture production, manufacturing, the U.S. Postal Service, public transit, and grocery stores.

Registration is available at www.smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine.

If you need help registering, call the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services at 301-475-4200, ext. 1049.



HUNGER ISN'T LIMITED TO THE POOR

MANY FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

ARE STRUGGLING IN THIS PANDEMIC

You can help by donating to the Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside.

For the months of JANUARY & FEBRUARY our focus is on CANNED

FOODS: Soups, vegetables, meats.

Drop off donations in the basket in the church vestibule—doors are open daily, 7am-dusk.

Any donation is welcome and appreciated.

Donations are delivered weekly to the Food Pantry. **Prefer to make a monetary donation?** Send your check to the SFX Rectory or visit Our Lady of the Wayside website, olwrcc.org, to make an online gift. May God bless you for your help with this vital parish ministry.



OFFICE HOURS ARE STILL LIMITED DUE TO THE PANDEMIC

THE RECTORY WILL BE OPEN

MONDAY: 9AM - 2PM

WEDNESDAY: 9AM - 2PM

THURSDAY: 9AM - 2PM

FR RYAN'S EMAIL IS PINEDAR@ADW.ORG.

FR. RYAN WILL NOT BE USING THE @GMAIL.COM ADDRESS USED BY FR. ROB, SO PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACTS.

BOOK CLUB

JOIN US FOR OUR NEW BOOK!

We're reading Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover the Saints: Twenty-five Questions That Will Change Your Life*. We meet Thursday mornings at 9am via ZOOM. To register, or for more info: paula.mcleod@gmail.com

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VIA EMAIL OR TEXT MESSAGE

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Spaces still available for the Jan 29 - 31 session!

For more details, please contact us at
443-400-7017,
3015@HelpOurMarriage.org or
www.HelpOurMarriage.org



UPDATED INFORMATION REGARDING ONLINE LINKS TO OUR WEEKEND MASSES

We're simplifying things for the New Year:

THE ZOOM LINK IS FOR THE I AM MASS ONLY

Just open your Zoom app and use the following:

Meeting ID: 844 0620 8013

Passcode: 921065

THE FACEBOOK LINK IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL WEEKEND MASSES

www.facebook.com/stfrancisxavierchurchmd

Fr. Ryan will be updating the parish website to include a YouTube link to view one of the recorded Sunday Masses—stay tuned!

CELEBRATING MASS ONLINE

Getting the Most Out of Virtual Liturgy

LORD, HELP US TO WORSHIP YOU WORTHILY



GET DRESSED

Put on your Sunday best! This reminds us that the Mass is special. Though we are still in our homes, we can create sacred time and space.

SHOW UP EARLY

Decide when and where you will watch Mass. Make sure all technology is set. Gather 5 minutes early to pray.



RESPOND

Listen and respond as you would during Mass. Try to keep reverence by remaining silent when listening to the readings and prayers.

PARTICIPATE

Sit, kneel, stand as if you are in the Church. Our movements keep us engaged and remind us of our relationship with Christ.



MAKE AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayers



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FATHER ANDREW WHITE (FAW) SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Italian Dinner:

FAW School will be having a Drive-Thru Italian Dinner in the evening on **Sun, Feb 6 from 4-7pm**. All are invited! The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 4-12, and free for 3 and under. This includes delicious spaghetti, homemade meatballs, garlic bread, drinks, and dessert. Buon Appetito!



Read-A-Thon:

Do you love to read? So do FAW School students!

If you'd like to sponsor a student during the Read-A-Thon, please

contact the school office at 301-475-9795 or office@fatherandrewwhite.org before the Read-A-Thon ends on Wed, Jan 27.



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WE PRAY THE ROSARY

† AT 7:30AM BEFORE
OUR WEEKDAY MASSES
(MON, WED, THU, FRI)

† 30 MINUTES BEFORE
ALL MASSES
THE FIRST & FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EACH MONTH



A NOTE FROM YOUR SHEPHERD

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pax et Bonum!

A few days ago, while walking back home from my visit to the state park, I stopped and observed flocks of geese flying. These geese constantly fly. They will stop to rest and eat and then fly again. Priests are like geese. We do not fly but we constantly move, depending on the need of the diocese.

I am still learning to accept that this is part of our lives. The hard part for me is the moving, the packing and unpacking. While I do not own any furniture, I have collected a lot of books since I was a seminarian. At least I have donated the Geometry and Precalculus books I owned when I was teaching Math.

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus said “One cannot step on the same river twice.” This is probably the origin of the saying “change is the only constant in life.” Indeed, our life is full of changes. For some, change is difficult, and for others, change is exciting. Some have lost a loved one, while others have added to their lives, whether it is a new baby or a new pet or a new job. Nobody is immune from change, however, because all of us in one way or another have experienced change. The pandemic, for one, has changed our lifestyle and practices.

Even in our church calendar, the liturgical season changes. We just finished the Christmas season and transitioned to Ordinary Time, but in a month, we will be entering the Lenten season. We will change the color of our vestment and altar cloth once more.

Change is undeniably a part of reality. If you are still not used to change, just remember that without change, a caterpillar would not evolve into a beautiful and colorful butterfly. While we constantly experience change, however, there is one thing that will never change: God’s love for us.

May God bless us and give us the courage to accept difficult changes in our lives.

In Christ,
Fr. Ryan



Saturday – January 23

St. Vincent & St. Marianne Cope

4pm — Deacon Raymond L. Chaput †

Sunday – January 24

3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

8am — Shirley Strine †

11am — St. Francis Xavier Parishioners

Monday – January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul

8am — Deacon Raymond L. Chaput †

Tuesday – January 26

Sts. Timothy & Titus

No Mass

Wednesday – January 27

St. Angela Merici

8am — The Bond Family †

Thursday – January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

8am — Margaret Tippet †

Friday – January 29

8am — James “Bubby” Spalding †

Saturday – January 30

Blessed Virgin Mary

4pm — Deacon James Somerville †

Sunday – January 31

4th Sunday Ordinary Time

8am — Shirley Strine †

11am — St. Francis Xavier Parishioners



Judith Gwynn, Deacon Bill Nickerson, Karen Huseman, Brenda Unkle, Wally Bowles, Richley (Bunky) Taylor, those in hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation & long-term care facilities; or homebound.

Our beloved dead: *Joseph Farrell, Willie Bond, James “Bubby” Spalding, all who have died from the coronavirus.*

To have someone included in the intentions for the next month, please resubmit your request by email to SFX1640bulletin@gmail.com or phone the rectory so that we can keep this list current. 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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