

St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MAY 29, 2022



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St. Francis Xavier Parish, founded in Newtowne after the landing of the Ark and the Dove on St. Clement's Island, exemplifies an open-hearted community. As the oldest Catholic Church in the original 13 colonies, we continue to embrace our legacy in serving Christ and embody His teachings.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY 7AM-5PM

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Registration forms are on our parish website

SUNDAY MASSES—IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Saturday 4pm* (Anticipated), Sunday 8am & 11am

*Livestream: facebook.com/stfrancisxavierchurchmd

Rosary 30 minutes before Mass 1st & 5th Sunday

DAILY MASSES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 8am ♦ Wed, 6:30pm

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, 8am

CONFESSIONS

30 min before all weekend Masses or by appointment

ADORATION

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 7am

1st & 3rd Saturdays, 7:30am

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 bulletin items to SFX1640bulletin@gmail.com

Deadline is Friday, one week before Sunday date

•Our Prayer List is refreshed each month:

Send Prayer List requests to PinedaR@adw.org

If you are seriously ill or preparing for a surgery, call the rectory to arrange for the sacrament of anointing

Rev. Ryan Pineda, Administrator

PinedaR@adw.org

Deacon Joel Carpenter

Deacon William Nickerson (Retired)

Michelle Leitch, Parish Secretary

SFXparishoffice1662@gmail.com

Denise Becher, Bookkeeper

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Leonardtwn MD 20650

Telephone: 301-475-9885

Cemetery: Catholic Cemeteries, 301-475-5005

Web: StFrancisXavierChurch.org

Tour: roundme.com/tour/249939/view/733

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 29

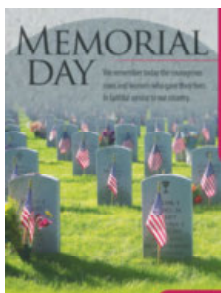
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*2nd Collection: Campaign for Human Development

Your donation supports programs that help the more than 37 million people in the US living on the margins.

Please be generous.

*Final CCD Session for the school year



MONDAY, MAY 30

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

8 am: Mass at the cemetery
(weather permitting)

Join us as we remember and pray
for the courageous men and
women who gave their lives in
faithful service to our nation.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

7am: Holy Hour for Vocations 8am: Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

7:30am: Adoration 8am: 1st Saturday Mass

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

PENTECOST

2nd Collection: FAW School

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

2nd Collection: Maintenance

JUNE COLLECTIONS

Jun 5 FAW School

Jun 12 Maintenance Fund

Jun 26 Peter's Pence:

To support the Holy Father's ministry of mercy



SHARING OUR TREASURE

5/22/2022

Offertory	\$2,218.00
Online	\$1,325.75
2nd Collection (none)	—

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS THIS FRIDAY

*"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers
for his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38*

In anticipation of the Ordination of our Priests on
Jun 18, join your fellow parishioners in prayer
before the Blessed Sacrament at the Holy Hour
for the Intentions of the Ordinandi and an
increase in vocations to the priesthood and
consecrated life this Fri, Jun 3, at 7am.

This year's Ordinandi:

For the Priesthood

Deacon Gerald Andrews

Deacon Ryan Braam

Deacon Mattia Cortigiani

Deacon Carlos Rodrigo de Gutiérrez

Deacon Peter Mlynarczyk

Deacon James Morgan

Deacon Grzegorz Okulewicz

Deacon Thomas Robertson

Deacon Kyle Vance

Deacon Alexander Wyvill

*"Every vocation, every path to which Christ calls us,
ultimately leads to fulfillment and happiness, because it
leads to God, to sharing in God's own life."*

—Saint John Paul II

THE BODY
AND BLOOD
of Christ

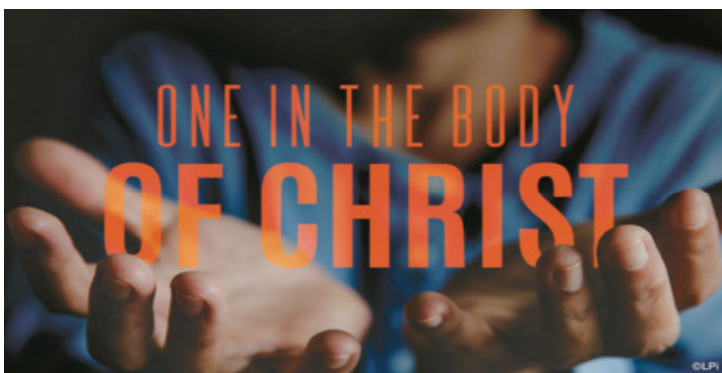


Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, June 19

*The Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood
of Christ (Corpus Christi)*

We will gather for a Eucharistic Procession
around the parish grounds, following the
8am Mass (weather permitting).

OUR WONDERFUL FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CELEBRATIONS!
A SPECIAL THANKS TO BISHOP DORSONVILLE AND FR. WYBLE, OUR TEACHERS AND SPONSORS,
AND OUR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS FOR ALL THEIR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT.





"FEED MY SHEEP"

The SFX Outreach Committee coordinates our parish monthly nonperishable food collection for the

Mary Lou Gough Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Wayside Church.

For JUNE our focus is on SNACKS: pudding, jello, or fruit cups; cookies, chips, pretzels.

Drop off donations in the basket in the church vestibule—doors are open daily, 7am-5pm.

Prefer to make a monetary donation?

Send your check to the Rectory, and put "Food Bank" in the memo section.

God bless you for helping with this ministry.



RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Or do you know someone (a friend, a spouse, or a relative) who is interested in becoming a Catholic? Perhaps you are an adult Catholic and would like to learn more about the faith and/or you're in need of Confirmation. If that is the case, join the RCIA. Formal classes will take place in September, but informal learning and conversation are ongoing. This year, we welcomed three non-Catholics into the faith, and we confirmed 3 adult Catholics. It could be you or your loved one next year. Please email Father Ryan at PinedaR@adw.org for more information.

Catholic Cemeteries Annual Memorial Day Mass at St. Mary's Queen of Peace, Helen MD

Mon, May 30, 10am. Fr. David Beaubien will be the celebrant. **Commemorative reading of the faithful departed will begin at 9:15am.** An enclosable tent will be erected, so Mass will be held rain or shine. For more information, call 301-475-5005.



FATHER ANDREW WHITE (FAW) SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS

Middle School Elective Instructors

Wanted: Each quarter FAW middle school students take an elective class, held once a week (e.g. Architectural Modeling, Shakespeare for Kids, Debate Class, Physics in Flight, Olympic Games) For the upcoming school year, we're looking for adult volunteers to share their expertise or passion with the students. Classes will be held Wed mornings for 8-week sessions. **All instructors must be VIRTUS compliant, which includes fingerprinting, background check, and completing the ADW "Protecting God's Children" workshop.**

If you are interested in sharing your time and talent with the wonderful middle school students, email Mrs. Szoch at principal@fatherandrewwhite.org.

Registration is open for the 2022-23 School Year:
Call the school office at 301 475-9795 for details.

POOR BOX

Thank you to all who contribute to our poor box (located in the vestibule, near the baptismal font). **For the month of June**, poor box contributions will be donated to CareNet.



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

The sanctuary lamp in the church will be lighted for the soul of Justino DeLara. The sanctuary lamp in the rectory chapel will be lighted for Rose Ayo.

To honor a loved one or pray for a special intention by offering to light the sanctuary lamps, call the office or email Fr. Ryan, PinedaR@adw.org.



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FROM YOUR SHEPHERD:
PAX ET BONUM!

Rev. Ryan Pineda PinedaR@adw.org

If you were in Boston or New York this past Thursday, I hope you went to Church to celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension. It is interesting to note that here at St. Francis Xavier, which is part of the Archdiocese of Washington, we celebrate Ascension this weekend. The feast replaces the 7th Sunday of Easter. It is not only our archdiocese that does not celebrate Ascension on the Thursday after the 6th Sunday of Easter. In fact, in our country, only the ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, and Philadelphia have retained the celebration of Ascension on the proper Thursday. All the rest of the ecclesiastical provinces in United States, like Washington, have transferred the feast to Sunday. *(Please note that an ecclesiastical province is composed of the archdiocese and its suffragan diocese, e.g. the Ecclesiastical province of Washington is composed of the Archdiocese of Washington and its suffragan diocese, the Diocese of St. Thomas).*

Why do we celebrate Ascension on Thursday and why did most ecclesiastical provinces transfer it to Sunday? Traditionally, the whole church celebrates Ascension on Thursday because in the Scripture, Ascension occurs 40 days after Easter. Plus, there is also a significance of the number 10. Pentecost occurs 10 days after the Ascension.

However, Ascension is a Holy Day of Obligation, and it was observed that Mass attendance on that day, especially in the West and South, is low. It was also difficult for some priests who serve multiple parishes and needed to travel on a Thursday to celebrate Mass. Hence, in 1999, the ecclesiastical provinces in the United States were given permission to transfer the Solemnity of the Ascension from Thursday after the 6th Sunday of Easter to the 7th Sunday of Easter. The same principles were used when we transferred Epiphany from January 6 to the Sunday after January 1, and when we transferred the Solemnity of Corpus Christi from the Thursday after Trinity Sunday to the next Sunday.

Are we compromising too much? Where is the universality, one may ask? Can we still call ourselves One Church even though we celebrate Ascension this weekend while our brothers and sisters in the other ecclesiastical provinces and in other countries celebrate it this past Thursday? I guess some of you might think that it does not really matter. But it really does!

In Christ, Father Ryan



Mass Intentions

Saturday – May 28

4pm — Teresita Cauterucci †

Sunday – May 29

The Ascension of the Lord

8am — Pro Populo

11am — Teresita Cauterucci †

Monday – May 30

8am — Sylvana Martirano †

Tuesday – May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am — Stanley J. Kozloski Jr. †

Wednesday – June 1

St. Justin

6:30pm — Edgar J. & Elise Stellway †

Thursday – June 2

Sts. Marcellinus & Peter

8am — Rich Clare Hoffman †

Friday – June 3

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

8am — Charles Downs †

Saturday – June 4

8am — Teresita Cauterucci †

4pm — Mason Borek

Sunday – June 5

Pentecost

8am — Pro Populo

11am — Kenneth Guy †

Pray For

The sick: Isabel Rebarchick, Maverick Rose Butler, Alice Lavender, Joseph Butch, Joan O'Dell, Thomas Herbert, Scott, Theresa Ragustad, Mark Coontz, Brenda Jean Jones, Chloe Thurnbaugh, Lauren Thurnbaugh, Ron Glockner, Brenda Mattingly Garber, Bill Law, Arthur Goeller, Kylee Viola, Elsie Marte, Mickey McAloon, Richard Fezio, Karen Feagley, Willard L. Jones Jr., Joan O'Dell, Glenn Priddy, Godilla Anana Gudelos, Kit Pilkerton, Mary Helen Farrell, Karen Huseman, Wally Bowles, Richley (Bunky) Taylor, Erin Schaller; those in hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation & long-term care facilities, or homebound.

Our beloved dead: Louise Payne, Patricia Smyleck, Richard Skate, Pat Getson, Denise Jones, Godofredo Villanueva, victims of the war in Ukraine, all who have died of COVID-19, those known only to God, all those buried in our cemetery.

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