

St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 2018



Newtowne Mission from 1640 † First Chapel Built 1662
Current Church Built 1731

**OLDEST CATHOLIC CHURCH
IN ORIGINAL THIRTEEN COLONIES**



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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 11: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 14: Ash Wednesday

Mass at 8am & 6:30pm

Catholics 18-59 are required to fast
on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Catholics 14 and older are required to fast
and abstain from meat on

Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, & Lenten Fridays.

FEBRUARY 16: Stations of the Cross, 7pm
and every Friday in Lent through March 23

LOOKING AHEAD

FEBRUARY 18: First Sunday of Lent

*Maintenance Collection

*Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 3pm, Church

FEBRUARY 19: PRESIDENTS DAY

***9am:** Mass in the Extraordinary Form
(Latin Mass) - Celebrant, Fr Kevin Cusick,
St. Francis de Sales, Benedict
No 8am Mass

FEBRUARY 21

*First Eucharist Parent Mtg, 6:30pm, Church
*The Light is on for You, 6:30pm, Church

FEBRUARY 22

Spiritual Book Club: 9am, Parish Hall

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!



Thought
of the
WEEK..

"Lent is a fitting
time for self-denial;
we would do well
to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help
and enrich others by our own poverty."
- Pope Francis

LENT & EASTER

**ASH WEDNESDAY
LENT BEGINS**



Emphasizes our
mortality and our
need for ongoing
repentance.

PALM SUNDAY



Commemorates
Jesus' triumphal
entry into the city
of Jerusalem.

HOLY THURSDAY



Celebrates the
Last Supper with
the disciples
and Passover.

GOOD FRIDAY



We remember the
Passion and Jesus'
sacrifice for us
on the cross.

**EASTER SUNDAY
HE HAS RISEN!**



Alleluia!
The principal feast
of the ecclesiastical
year. Jesus has risen!

Easter is an 8 day celebration
leading to Easter Season,
which ends on Pentecost.

DAYS OF FASTING

**ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY**

WHAT IS FASTING?

One full meal and two smaller meals.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

**ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT**

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

No meat.

GOOD FRIDAY

We remember the
Passion and Jesus'
sacrifice for us
on the cross.

40

The 40 days of Lent are based
on two accounts: the 40 years
of wandering by the Israelites
and our Lord's 40 days in the
wilderness at which point He
was tempted by Satan.

**PILLARS
OF LENT**

**PRAYER
FASTING
ALMSGIVING**

The key to
understanding
the meaning
of Lent is
simple: Baptism.



HAVE YOUR BEST LENT EVER

Enhance your prayer life by signing up for **BEST LENT EVER**, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic. You'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips for everyday life and encouraging real-life stories. Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/BestLent.

The Light is ON for You
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation



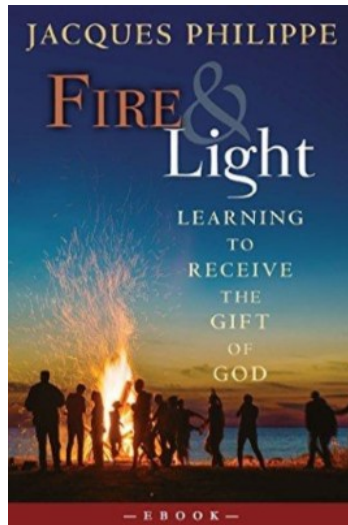
CONFESSIONS, WEDNESDAYS IN LENT
FEB 21 - MAR 28
6:30PM IN THE CHURCH

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.



Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion schedules are available in the vestibule. Thank you for your commitment of service to our parish ministries.

2018 CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who participated in making a pledge for this year's Cardinal's Appeal. Your gift helps us reach our parish goal to help those in need.

MAKE YOUR GOOD MARRIAGE A GREAT ONE

Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track? Looking for a better way?

Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. It can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal. For confidential information about or to register for an



upcoming program, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, 443-400-7017, or 3015@retrouvaille.org.

THIRD DISTRICT OPTIMIST CLUB

DRIVE-THRU SEAFOOD DINNER

Friday evenings Feb 16 thru Mar 30, 4-7pm.

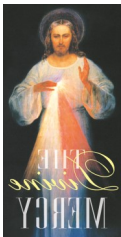
\$10 per dinner:

fish, shrimp, clam strips, fries, hush puppies, apple sauce. Their



mobile kitchen, the Kruzin' Kafe, will be set up in the St. Mary's Fairgrounds parking lot in front of the main gate—you won't have to leave the comfort of your nice warm vehicle! Please come out and help the Optimists support the 4-H as they try to start an archery group.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY



Join us every Sunday at 3pm in the church, beginning February 18 through April 8, as the Knights of Columbus lead us in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY:

That those who have material, political, or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

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Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

For the greater glory of God...

Dear Parish Family,

This Wednesday, February 14, we begin the holy season of Lent. Can you recall your most memorable Lent? A particularly memorable one for me was when I was in my last year as a deacon in the seminary. I remember we were challenged to memorize one verse of Scripture for each of the 40 days of Lent.

Now while I can't say that every verse was committed to my memory perfectly, I do know that my spiritual life was greatly nourished by this practice. Our faith teaches us that we encounter the living God whenever we read the Holy Scriptures with devotion: "*For in the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them.*" (Dei Verbum #21)

That Lent was memorable for me because it is a profound blessing to recall those favorite verses of Scripture, especially at times in my life when I need them most. The Word of God is food for the soul and can strengthen us in times of trial and difficulty.

How will this Lent be different for you? One Catholic speaker/author always says "don't give up chocolate for Lent!" What he means is, if after giving up chocolate we are no better off spiritually than we were before Lent, then what good is that? The key is to do something that will help us to become the saints God intended us to be.

I look forward to journeying with you this Lent! With God's help, let's make this our best one yet.

Peace and blessings,

Fr. Rob



Saturday – February 10

St. Scholastica

3:15pm—Confessions

4pm—Augustine Keough

Sunday – February 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am—St. Francis Xavier Parish

11am—Abby Rogers

Monday – February 12

8am—Judson Alvey †

Tuesday – February 13

NO MASS

Wednesday – February 14

Ash Wednesday

Mass at 8am and

6:30pm—Ben & Molly Bowles †

Thursday – February 15

8am—Jimmy Robrecht †

Friday – February 16

8am—Deacon Richard A. Fisher †

Saturday – February 17

3:15pm—Confessions

4pm—Pauline Moriarty †

Sunday – February 18

First Sunday of Lent

8am—St. Francis Xavier Parish

11am—Our Seminarians



For healing for Julie Broyles,

Lillie Rideout, Carolyn Russell

Weiler, and Erin Schaller.

For victims of war and terrorism.

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.