

# St. Francis Xavier Church (Newtowne)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
JANUARY 9, 2022



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**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

Also recorded and uploaded on YouTube

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

## WEEKLY ADORATION

Friday after 8am Mass, 8:35-9:35am

1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, 7:30-7:55am

## 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 William Nickerson (Retired)**

**Deacon Joel Carpenter**

**Judith Gwynn, Parish Secretary**

SFXparishoffice1662@gmail.com

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## THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**  
**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
\*2nd Collection: FAW School  
\*Religious Education class



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12**  
Religious Education class

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 13**  
For information on Book Club, email  
paula.mcleod@gmail.com  
\*6:30pm: RCIA, location TBD

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14**  
6:30pm: Bible Study, Hall

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15**  
\*6am: *That Man Is You*, Hall  
\*8am: 3rd Saturday Mass

## LOOKING AHEAD

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**  
**2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
\*2nd Collection: FAW School  
\*Religious Education class

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17**  
Federal Holiday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday  
Rectory office closed



## SHARING OUR TREASURE

Offertory 12/19/2021	\$3,002.00
Offertory 12/26/2021	\$1,401.00
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Online Giving 12/19	\$1,165.00
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Online Giving 1/2 (unavailable due to snow)	
2nd Collection (Maintenance)	\$1,285.00
Tornado Disaster Relief	\$1,039.00
Poor Box for December	\$262.00
Christmas Collection will be available next week.	



We welcome these  
new members  
of our Faith Family!

Valelie Jean Eceberger  
Xaile Pabunan Sanchez  
Barrett Ford Errington

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you"  
—Jeremiah 1:5

## INTERESTED IN LEARNING

### MORE ABOUT CATHOLIC

### SCHOOL ADMISSIONS,

### ENROLLMENT, AND TUITION ASSISTANCE?



The Catholic Schools Office will host virtual information sessions on Wed, Jan 12 and Thu, Jan 13, at 7pm. Register at [www.adwcatholicschools.org](http://www.adwcatholicschools.org)

*2022 - Living the Message*



**What's your plan?**

**Women's  
Night of Reflection**

Given by:

*Fr. Larry Swink*

**Tuesday | January 11, 2022 | 7PM**

**St. Cecilia Catholic Church**

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*How can 2022 be the year*

*you resolve to live more like the daughter of God He created you to be?*

We know what is at stake. Is your spiritual plan to hide like Eve or to live in communion with God? The 3 shepherd children of Fatima were graced to see fully what was at stake and their daily habits were never the same. What's the reality/condition of your life of piety? Is it recognizing a total reliance on God, with humility, trust and love?



"If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out... Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter... Do not give yourself to others so completely that you have nothing left for yourself."  
— St. Charles Borromeo

Fr. Larry is going to reflect on the potholes that may impede us in our quest for holiness. And also, not only teach us some new holy habits, but also guide us in creating our own daily plan to make room for communion with God in 2022! Let's get ready for a great year!



*Give me an army saying the rosary and I will conquer the world."*  
Pope Pius IX

For future event notifications, Join Flocknote at [stceci church5.flocknote.com](http://stceci church5.flocknote.com) "Women's Ministry"

## BAPTISM (F.A.Q.)



### 1. What is baptism?

Baptism comes from the Greek word *baptizein*, which means to “plunge” or “immerse”; the “plunge” into the water symbolizes the catechumen's burial into Christ's death, from which he or she rises up by resurrection with him, as “a new creature.”

### 2. Why is baptism important?

Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as child of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation.** He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. Those who die for the faith, those who are catechumens, and all those who - without knowing of the Church but acting under the inspiration of grace - seek God sincerely and strive to fulfill his will, can be saved even if they have not been baptized. Furthermore, with respect to children who have died without Baptism, the liturgy of the Church invites us to trust in God's mercy.

### 4. Infant baptism – why do it?

Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new birth in Baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God, to which all are called. The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth. Moreover, **the practice of infant Baptism is an immemorial tradition of the Church.** There is explicit testimony to this practice from the second century on, and it is quite possible that, from the beginning of the apostolic preaching, when whole “households” received baptism, infants may also have been baptized.

### 5. Who can baptize?

The ordinary ministers of Baptism are the bishop and priest and, in the Latin Church, also the deacon. In case of necessity, any person (even a non-baptized) can baptize provided that he or she has the intention of doing that which the Church does and provided that he or she pours water on the candidate's head while saying: “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

### 6. What are the duties of the parents?

According to Canon 868 §1, for an infant to be baptized licitly, the parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent; and there must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion. The parents are ultimately responsible for the upbringing of the child, including religious formation since they are the first educators of children.

### 7. Who can be godparents?

According to Canon 874 §1, to be permitted to take on the function of sponsor, a person must have completed the sixteenth year of age; be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and who leads a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on; not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared; and not be the father or mother of the one to be baptized.

**To schedule a baptism, call or email Fr. Ryan at the rectory: [PinedaR@adw.org](mailto:PinedaR@adw.org), 301-475-9885.**



## “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 JANUARY our focus is on CANNED FOODS: Soups, vegetables, meats, tuna.**

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

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**THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR JANUARY FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



**FATHER ANDREW WHITE (FAW)  
SCHOOL CRUSADER CONNECTIONS**

**Italian Dinner:** Drive-thru Italian Dinner on St, Feb 5, from 4-7pm. Enjoy delicious spaghetti, homemade meatballs, garlic bread, bottled water, and dessert. \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 4-12, free for 3 and under. All are welcome!

**Aftercare Staff needed for the remainder of the school year:** Applicants must be over 18 years of age and be available 3-5 days per week from 2:45-5:30pm. Pay is \$20/hour. For details, or to submit a resume, email [fawslibrary@fatherandrewwhite.org](mailto:fawslibrary@fatherandrewwhite.org).



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Call the office at 301-475-9885 or email Fr. Ryan Pineda at [PinedaR@adw.org](mailto:PinedaR@adw.org) for more information.



FROM YOUR SHEPHERD:  
PAX ET BONUM!

Rev. Ryan Pinada  
rpinada@odvb.org

It was on July 27, 1977, that I was baptized in Sacred Heart Church (not in Bushwood or La Plata but in Manila). I was not even a month old. I wish I knew what happened, but I do not recall this event. In fact, I do not even have pictures from the ceremony. All I have is a copy of my baptismal record (and my name was even misspelled). There were times when I wish I was baptized when I was older so I can remember what was going on. However, this would have meant growing up without the grace from God, including the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and I honestly do not want that. Thus, I'm happy that my parents fulfilled their Christian duties of baptizing me just a few weeks after my birthday.

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. There was no need for him to be baptized but he underwent this act so we can live and die with him. Do we thank God for the graces and gifts that we have received when we were baptized? Do we even know the date of our baptism? Our baptism did not only take away our original sin. Our baptism also enabled us to share the priestly, prophetic, and kingly ministry of Christ. We are all priests, prophets, and kings by virtue of this sacrament. It does not mean that anybody can preside at the Eucharistic liturgy, however, but sharing the priestly office of Christ enables us to worship God. We participate by praying. Then, our sharing of the prophetic and kingly office of Christ enables us to preach the Good News and to lead the people of God.

Meanwhile, every time we bless ourselves with the holy water and make the sign of the cross, we renew our baptismal promises. It is correct that our baptism enabled us to be an adopted child of God. Nevertheless, we need to live our baptismal promises. It is not a free pass to do whatever we want, because being baptized means entering a covenant with God.

As we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, let us reflect on our own baptism. Let us be thankful for the gifts of being part of the Body of Christ. At the same time, let us remember that being part of the Body of Christ should remind us to be conscientious of our actions and to reflect if we are faithful to the commandments.

In Christ, Fr. Ryan

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday – January 8

4pm — Donna Gross

### Sunday – January 9

*The Baptism of the Lord*

8am — Pro Populo

11am — Richard Merrill †

### Monday – January 10

8am — Mercy Aguinaldo †

### Tuesday – January 11

8am — Justino De Lara †

### Wednesday – January 12

6:30pm — Zachary Mudd

### Thursday – January 13

*St. Hilary*

8am — Hope Obar †

### Friday – January 14

8am — Mercedes Aguinaldo †

### Saturday – January 15

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am — Special Intention

4pm — Justino De Lara †

### Sunday – January 16

*2nd in Ordinary Time*

8am — Pro Populo

11am — Mercy Aguinaldo † & Eusebio Velasco †

## Pray For

**The sick:** Jimmy Brown, Lucy Sambuco Funk, Chloe Thurnbaugh, Lauren Thurnbaugh, Ron Glockner, Brenda Mattingly Garber, Bill Larw, Arthur Goeller, Kylee Viola, Elsie Marte, Mickey McAloon, Richard Fezio, Karen Feagley, Willard L. Jones Jr., Amanda Gwynn, Pacencia Santiago, 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:** Ruth Adelle Stewart, Katherine Mueller, Amalia Janeo, Fernando Peredo, all who have died of COVID-19, and all in our cemetery.

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