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### St. Francis Xavier, a welcoming faith community lovingly sharing the gifts of God.

#### SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 10:30 AM

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. Mass Junior Kindergarten to Grade 2

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM Sunday 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM First Friday before 8 AM mass Or by appointment. Call Fr. Brennan Ext 1

#### COMMUNION TO THE SICK OR SHUT-INS

Contact the parish office to arrange for this Ministry

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact Father Brennan at least six months before the proposed celebration as a preparation program is required.

#### **BAPTISM**

Please contact Fr. Brennan regarding upcoming preparation

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School 41 Bolger Lane 613-432-3137 http://stthomas.rccdsb.edu.on.ca

#### HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic High School 835 First Street 613-432-5846 http://sjchsrenfrew.wordpress.com

#### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Father Michael Lapierre, S.J.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Linda (Mahusky) Hull, Dorothy Kosowskie, Georges Blanchette, Robert Berube, Father Doug Morris, Anthony Mask, Barbara Helferty, Betty Sammon, Luke Holmes, Catherine Kuehl, Betty Tracey, Leona Barr, Gwen Deslaurier, Ed Sulpher, Rose Nighbor, Audrey Tibbles, Audrey Hawley, and Joan Prince. Hawley, and Joan Prince.

#### REFUGEE UPDATE

Since the end of February the processing of refugee applications has been slowed down by the government. After a delay in Toronto, our applications were sent to the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration on March 31st, and once approved by Immigration, the process moves to Lebanon to prepare the family to immigrate. This may take several months. As soon as we hear from Immigration that our applications are moving forward we will set a date to receive your donations of household items at either parish before the Mass on that weekend. We will store the items until we are ready to rent accommodation for the refugees. Thank you everyone for your generosity, - you have filled all our requests for items. We ask your continued prayers for the safe arrival of Ammar, Wiaam and baby Elian Hriz and Baraa Hraiz to Renfrew. Any questions, please call Maureen at 613-432-7388, or Joan at 613-432-9161.

SUNDAY OFFERING April 3rd - \$5,675.84 **Envelopes - \$4,177.00** Automatic Debit - \$1,291.34 Loose - \$207.50

#### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L. NEWS:

- ♦ CWL General Meeting Tue., April 12 @ 7pm, Large Hall. Guest Speaker: Maureen Sullivan-Bentz and Judy Cobus from Hospice Renfrew. Topic: People Come to Hospice to Live not to Die. All members of St Francis Xavier Parish are invited to attend this presentation at 7pm.
- ♦ All women of the parish are invited to attend a Luncheon on Sunday, April 24th at 11:45 a.m. CWL Service pins will be presented, and guest speaker, Christine Helferty will give an inspiring talk on her missionary work in Uganda. Bring your daughters and granddaughters. Reservations: please call Joan at 613-432-9161 or itlemay@sympatico.ca before April 20th. If you need a ride, please also call Joan.

**COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN:** Two FREE lunches every month offered by St. Paul's Anglican Church and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, in conjunction with St. Joseph's Catholic High School. Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at OLF Church and Wednesday, April 27th at 12 noon at St. Paul's Anglican Church. See posters.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - General Meeting will be held on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, @ 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

EASTER OFFERING: - \$4,109.00

#### **LENTEN MISSIONARY & DEVELOPMENT:** \$8,647.00.00

Thank you and may God bless you for your generous response.

#### †† FIRST COMMUNION ††

Next Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, ten of our young people will be receiving Holy Communion Eucharist for the first time. As a parish family we welcome them for this most special event in their faith lives. The communicants and their families will have reserved seating in the front pews of the centre aisles. Please keep these children in your

prayers this week.

The C.W.L. will host a luncheon for the First Communicants and their families following the celebration.

Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers.

#### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Apr. 11 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF @ 8:15 a.m.)

TUES. Apr.12

9:00 Gertrude Lepine - Jan & Roy Leitch

WED. Apr. 13

8:00 a.m. Lucie McGregor - Marty Enright

THUR. Apr. 14

8:00 a.m. Harold Agnel - The Patrick Family

10:30 a.m. MANOR: Gerald Robillard - Eunice Meilleur

FRI. Apr. 15

8:00 a.m. Norah Nighbor - Art & Marilyn Campbell

SAT. Apr. 16 4:30 p.m.

Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

SUN. Apr. 17 10:30 a.m.

Parnell Shalla - The Gundlack Family Melinda Caouette - Elaine Turner

#### **LITURGICAL ROLES**

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 17th, 2016

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Harper; N. Saumure MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - B. & S. A. Holley

T. Lemenchick; J. Mahusky

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - L. Neville; K. Harris G. & S. Harper

SERVERS - E. Saumure

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S.T.A. Student; T. Keller MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - S.T.A. Students EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—D. Lennox; K. & T. Mann;

D. Varrin; D. Yemen

SERVERS - A. & D. Lennox; A. Coyne

CANTOR - J. Belanger

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - L. Leech; K. Arbuthnot

### ON OUR WAY WITH JESUS:

Part II: "WE SHARE IN THE EUCHARIST Parent/ Child Meeting (Show Tell) in the church on Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m.

## CONFIRMATION



This year Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish in late November. Father Brennan will be visiting the Grade 7 and 8 students on April 11<sup>th</sup> to invite

them to celebrate this sacrament of our faith. Registration forms, along with a letter, will be handed out and must be returned by April 15<sup>th</sup> to the parish office or to their classroom teacher, OR they may be returned April 19<sup>th</sup> at our Parent meeting, which will be in the small hall at 7:00 p.m.

HOSPICE RENFREW will once again be hosting our annual "Hike/Run for Hospice – It Takes a Team!" major fundraising event on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Ma-Te-Way Park. All funds raised go directly to the Hospice to allow end-of-life care to be offered to families completely free of charge! For pledge sheets or to register your team on line please go to www.hikeforhospicerenfrew.ca.

#### Respect for Life Talk

On May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., preceded by Mass at 6:30 p.m., the St. Casimir, Round Lake, Respect for Life group is sponsoring a Pro-Life speaker, Jakki Jeffs. Her talk will focus on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide.

#### MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity St. Andrew's United Church. Tickets (\$10) available at Aikenhead's Drug Store and at the door. Proceeds to the Renfrew Refugee Fund.

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH LOTTERY 2016

942 books were distributed last weekend. A great start. Tickets can also be picked up at the office. Your support is greatly appreciated. We would encourage everyone to at least purchase tickets themselves. Tickets will also be available the weekend of April 23/24 and May 7/8

~ Marilyn Campbell 432-5735 Anita Agnew 432-4070 ~

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.**

Mon., Apr. 11 Bereavement Group

Rectory Mtg. Rm. #1 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Apr. 13 PPC

Rectory Mtg. Rm. #2

7:00 p.m.

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