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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
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HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic High School
835 First Street 613-432-5846
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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Brad Guyea, son of Eleanor Guyea and Gerald Robillard, nephew of Emmett Gray, Eunice Meilleur & Gerry Craig.

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.

WEDNESDAY MASS: Please note the time of this Wednesday's Mass - **9:30 a.m.** The students and staff of St. Joseph's High School will be joining us for a liturgy which will be celebrated by Bishop Mulhall.

REFUGEE APPLICATION - Please continue praying for the family that we are sponsoring by name: Ammar Hriz, Wiamm Al Dakhil, their son Elian Hriz and Barra Hriz. They are in a desperate situation in Lebanon. We pray for their continued safety and that the immigration process will move forward quickly so that we can soon welcome them here in Renfrew.

LENTEN MISSIONARY & DEVELOPMENT:

\$7,922.00

EASTER OFFERING: - \$3,779.00



FOOD BANK DONATIONS:

Reminder that next weekend is the Parish **Food Bank Sunday** for April. Baskets at the doors of the church will be available for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

March Hunger Count 2016 - The Food Bank had 191 intakes in March and provided food for 426 men, women and children. This is up from 384 March Hunger Count 2015.

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: call Joan at 613-432-9161 or jtlemay@sympatico.ca before April 20th. If you need a ride, please also call Joan.

KEEP KIDS SAFE ONLINE!

Is your child using Facebook, twitter, Ask FM, Snapchat, a cell phone? Then you should attend an Information Session for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents to keep their kids safe online!

Paul Davis of

Social Networking Safety

Monday, April 4, 2016 - 7pm

Our Lady of Fatima School

Brought to you by Renfrew O.P.P. and Renfrew Police Services board

FRIENDLY VISITING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Renfrew and Area Seniors' Home Support is looking for volunteers for this program. Currently they have many clients on a wait list. Friendly visiting involves a devoted core of volunteers who provide seniors and adults with disabilities with regular visits. If you may be interested please call 613-432-7691 or see posters for more information.

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.

Please pray for our young people preparing for their First Communion.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Apr. 4 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF @ 8:15 a.m.)
 TUES. Apr. 5
 9:00 Edward Dowe - Jean Spilchen
 WED. Apr. 6
9:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Amy Johnston
 - Staff of SJCHS
 Repose of the Soul of Rita Connors
 - Students of SJCHS
 THUR. Apr. 7
 8:00 a.m. Linda Letang - Mike & Darlene Joyce
 FRI. Apr. 8
 8:00 a.m. Steven Waite - Kathy & Vince Windle
 SAT. Apr. 9
 4:30 p.m. Martin & Wilfred - Leona Barr
 Doris Enright
 - Glenn, Garry & Ronnie Enright
 SUN. Apr. 10
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

LITURGICAL ROLES

Third Sunday of Easter - April 10th, 2016

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Lemay; M. Maloney
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - L. & G. Curry;
 J. Skebo; A. Wren
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - R. & N. Connors;
 G. Curry; D. Mantil
 SERVERS - L. & S. Brown
SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S. McNulty; J. Perry
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - D. & S. Letts;
 L. & S. Hall
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - P. Perry; D. Letts; N. Adam;
 T. Fiebig; R.A. Dicker
 SERVERS - E. & A. Freamo
 CANTOR - T.B.A.
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY - S. Barkey; C. Brown

MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

Saturday, April 16th 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. Please see posters.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Andrew Coyne, winner of the March Altar Server draw.

SUNDAY OFFERING March 27th - \$3,963.10

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion

Sunday, April 3rd from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Columbkille Cathedral, Pembroke. The guest speaker will be Fr. Denis Lemieux of Madonna House. This will be a time with Our Lord with adoration, singing of hymns and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Let us join together and pray for God's mercy upon the whole world.

St. Michael's Choir School in Concert ~ SACRED SPLENDOR: Friday, April 8th at 7 p.m. at St. John Chrysostom Church, Arnprior. The full choir of 140 boys (junior and senior) will sing and celebrate the joy of Easter. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for youth (under 18) and will be available at the door. Tickets can also be purchased in Arnprior at The Gallery Gift Shop, Peebles, or the Parish office (295 Albert St. 613-623-2282). The concert is sponsored by the Bell Tower Renewal Committee.

Post card campaign against euthanasia

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has a program to send bilingual post cards to Members of Parliament to protest against euthanasia. Information about the program can be found at the following link:
[http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca/2016/03/euthanasia-prevention-coalition.html?utm_source=Churches&utm_campaign=7a2218f68b-Join the Caring Not Killing campaign3 14 2016?utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_455fe85306-7a2218f68b-198426621](http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca/2016/03/euthanasia-prevention-coalition.html?utm_source=Churches&utm_campaign=7a2218f68b-Join+the+Caring+Not+Killing+campaign3+14+2016?utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_455fe85306-7a2218f68b-198426621)

HOSPICE RENFREW will once again be hosting our annual "**Hike/Run for Hospice – It Takes a Team!**" major fundraising event on **Sunday May 1st, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Ma-Te-Way Park.** We are extending a challenge to all churches in Renfrew County to enter a team into the 3k walk or 5k run. All funds raised go directly to the Hospice to allow end-of-life care to be offered to families completely free of charge! The site for pledge sheets or to register your team online can be found visit www.hikeforhospicerenfrew.ca.

Respect for Life Talk

On May 5th 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. Refreshments will be served. Her talk will focus on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.

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| ♦ Mon., Apr. 4 | Bereavement Group | Rectory Mtg. Rm. #1 | 7:30 p.m. |
| ♦ Wed., Apr. 13 | PPC | Rectory Mtg. Rm. #2 | 7:30 p.m. |

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