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Feast of the Holy Family

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Hedy Kedrosky, Sherry & Mark Cruise, Sandy Massine and Noreene Adam.

THE WORD AMONG US: copies of the January edition may be found at the church entrances. A donation of \$3 would be appreciated to help defray costs which have increased due to the exchange rate.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE - JANUARY 1

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come."

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: to all couples of the Parish who celebrate a Wedding Anniversary during the month of December. We remember you and your intentions at the 10:30 a.m. Mass this weekend. May God Bless You All. Among those celebrating are:

- Hector & Barbara Chugg (63)**
- Brian & Suzanne Moseley (44)**

FUNNY IN A GOoD WAY presents an event opening the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Appearances by nationally recognized Comedian/Actor - Leland Klassen, Canadian Military Wives Choir - Petawawa, GATE47, and a skit by local pastors. Proceeds to support Local Food Banks. January 19, 2019 at the Festival Hall, Pembroke. Doors open at 6:30 pm Tickets \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. For tickets please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613 732-7933 ext. 206.

PARISH OFFICE: will be closed until Wednesday, January 2nd.



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all who made our Christmas Celebration so special this year: The Harper Family, who decorated the church; singers, musicians, lectors, Hospitality Ministers and Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers. A Special thanks to all who remembered Fr. Burchat, Deacon Don, the Parish Staff and myself with gifts. Your generosity is much appreciated.

CARE FUND DONATIONS: A "Thank You" also to the many parishioners who donated to the Parish Care Fund either monetarily or with gift cards. Many in our community struggle to make ends meet and thus the demand for financial assistance has been substantial. May God bless you all abundantly for your generosity.

SUNDAY OFFERING - Dec. 16th - \$4,331.45

\$3,734.00 - Envelopes \$248.45 - Loose
\$349.00 - Weekly EFT

\$2,075.00 - SFX Care Fund (Dec. 10 & Dec. 16)

\$425.00 - Gift Certificates for Care Fund
(Dec. 10 & Dec. 16)

\$70.00 - SFX Cemetery Fund

SUNDAY OFFERING - Dec. 23rd

Not available at time of publication

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: Any donations received or deposited after December 31st, 2018 will be credited to your 2019 income tax receipt.

Women's Retreat. The Joy of Catholic Womanhood: "The Joy of the Lord is my strength." This retreat will be led by Cynthia Donnelly and Fr. Robert Johnson of Madonna House from Friday, February 22, 2019 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the Graphite Bible Camp. Cost is \$150 (\$120 for those who wish to commute). Student rates available. To register send etransfer or cheque (Made out to Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish – Women's Retreat) to: Claudia Francis, 976 County Road #27 Codrington, ON, K0K 1R0. Registration is confirmed upon receipt of etransfer or cheque. For more info contact Claudia Francis at claudia.francis777@gmail.com or call 613 970-4656.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON Dec. 31
2:00 p.m. DESLAURIER/JAMES MARRIAGE
NEW YEAR'S EVE
4:30 p.m. Lawrence & Rita Mahusky -
Theresa & Angela Boudreau
TUES. Jan. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
10:30 a.m. Don Coyne - Danielle Dawkins
WED. Jan 2 NO PARISH LITURGY
THURS. Jan.3 NO PARISH LITURGY
FRI. Jan. 4
8:00 a.m. Srs. Joan Pecore, Brenda Kavanagh
& Betty Shields - The Holley Family
8:30 a.m. HOLY HOUR
SAT. Jan. 5
4:30 p.m. Gary Cybulski - Linda & Family
SUN. Jan. 6
10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brenan

LITURGICAL ROLES

Epiphany of the Lord - January 6th 2019

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - M. Maloney; L. Carter
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - W. & M. Remus;
J. Skebo; S. McCanna
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Mooney; K. Harris;
T. Lemenchick; D. Mantil

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - H. Curry; R. Russell
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - L. & S. Hall;
T. & B. McIntyre
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – K. & T. Mann; N. Smith;
R.A. Dicker; D. Yantha
SERVERS - S. & M. Holmes; C. Richards
CANTOR - T.B.A.
CHILDREN'S LITURGY - H. & D. Holley

New Year's Liturgical Ministers as assigned



Next Sunday, **January 6**, as a parish family we will join in celebrating the Baptism of **Isaac Adrien Holmes** during our 10:30 Mass.

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

SENIOR OUTREACH PROGRAM IN 2019:

St. Francis Xavier Parish CWL Council plans to embark on a Seniors Outreach Program in 2019 if enough interest is shown. Members have agreed to occasionally visit any elderly women from the Parish who would welcome visits either in their own home, a nursing home, retirement home or chronic care. All participating CWL Members will undergo a Police Check. If you or a member of your family would welcome such a visit please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible at martha.sfx@on.aibn.com or 613-432-5825 with the following info: name, address, phone number and email address which will be forwarded to the S.F.X. C.W.L. Seniors Outreach Sub Committee Chair.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP:

it's not too late for the ladies of the parish to join or renew. Membership payments by cheque payable to St. Francis Xavier CWL can be dropped into the collection basket. CWL new member application forms are in pre-addressed envelopes at the church entrances and the blue CWL membership renewal envelopes as well as the direct deposit options are gratefully accepted. For more information call the membership chair - Debbie Macdonald at 613-432-5768 or email at debbiemacdonald12@gmail.com.

12th Annual Men's' Retreat. January 18-20, 2019 at Graphite Bible Camp. Cost is \$150. Leaders: Fr. David May and Steve Heroux from Madonna House. Theme: "The Lord is My Strength and My Song." \$50 deposit to reserve a place. See poster or contact David *Douthwright* at daviddouthwright@hotmail.com.

**JANUARY 1ST
Solemnity of**

✻ **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** ✻



POTLUCK SUPPER: Saturday January 19th

The Parish Council would like to invite you to a potluck supper after the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass. It's a great opportunity to gather as a community and celebrate winter! Come one, come all!

The kitchen will be open at 3:30 p.m. with the oven on warm. Any questions please contact Nancy and Russ Connors @ 613-432-3207.

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