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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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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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Fr. Doug Morris, Fr. Moses Nwosu, Fr. John Affleck, Linda (Mahusky) Hull, Dorothy Kosowskie, Georges Blanchette, Robert Berube, Barbara Helferty, Betty Sammon, Luke Holmes, Catherine Kuehl, Betty Tracey, Leona Barr, Gwen Deslaurier, Rose Nighbor, Audrey Tibbles, Audrey Hawley, and Joan Prince.

2017 SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: may be picked up from the main foyer. Please call the office if you do not have envelopes and would like some. You may also consider the Automatic Debit Service. Forms on table in main foyer.

SUNDAY MISSALS: for 2016/2017 are now available at the church entrances. Price: \$5. We encourage you to write your name on the inside cover so that if left in the church it is easier for us to return it to you.

2016/2017 YOUTH MISSALS: The missal would be suitable for children from approximately grade 4 and up. This missal would make a lovely gift for a child or grandchild. Price: \$6

\$MONEY\$: for Missals may be placed in the containers on the tables.

**CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 3rd, 10th, 17th

3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Sunday, December 4th, 11th & 18th

9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Monday, December 19th

3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

December 24th

1:00 to 2:00 p.m. - St. Francis Xavier



CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:30 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

What a beautiful parish celebration last Sunday as 24 of our young parishioners were confirmed.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to our catechists, Russ & Nancy Connors, Hannah Holley, Kelly Slight, Liz & Sean Richards and Mary Ellen Vice, who have journeyed with the children and their families over the past seven months.

Thank you also to the members of the CWL who provided the lovely luncheon following the liturgy. I received many comments on how appreciative the families were to be able to share this time together and enjoy a delicious repast.

Finally, a sincere thank you and special blessings on the parents of these youth. The program and journey to this day was a significant commitment on your part. May God bless you abundantly for continuing to fulfill the promise you made at your child's baptism to accept the responsibility of training them in the practice of their faith.

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

**CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT
OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH**

CONFESSIONS

Heard before all Masses

STAY AWAKE!

BE READY!

Monday, December 19th

3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

December 24th

10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima



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5:00 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m.

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Dec. 5 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 TUES. Dec. 6
9:30 a.m. Agnes Narezny - Her Children
 WED. Dec. 7
 8:00 a.m. Raymond Turner - Elaine Turner
 THUR. Dec. 8
 8:00 a.m. Sanctity of Life - St. Francis Xavier C.W.L.
 10:30 a.m. MANOR: The Stubinski & Elliott Families
 - Ruth Elliott
 FRI. Dec. 9
 8:00 a.m. Special Intentions - Parishioners
 SAT. Dec. 10
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan
 SUN. Dec. 11
 10:30 a.m. Alice Lee - The Family
 John Burnett - Agnes Mask & Family

PLEASE NOTE: Due to last Tuesday's weather conditions, students and staff of St. Joseph's High School and St. Thomas the Apostle School will instead join us this **Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.** to celebrate Liturgy. We encourage as many as possible to attend this special Mass.

THE RENFREW CHILDREN'S/YOUTH CHORUS: directed by Jessica Belanger, present their Christmas Concert: "Just Believe" on **Sunday, December 4th, 2016 at 3:00p.m. at the St. Francis Xavier Church Parish Hall.** Tickets \$5.00 and available at the door. Come hear our 47 members (ranging in age from 9-16 years old) singing to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season! A Christmas planter raffle will be held and Christmas chocolates will be available for sale after the concert.

CWL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

All St. Francis Xavier CWL members are invited to join Our Lady of Fatima CWL members for the annual Christmas potluck dinner at Our Lady of Fatima church hall.

Date: Monday, Dec. 12, 2016; **Arrive:** 5:30p.m.; **Dinner:** 6:00p.m.

Bring your favourite dish. It will be an evening of prayer, fun and friendship.

SUNDAY OFFERING: Nov. 27th - \$5,119.26

LITURGICAL ROLES

3rd Sunday of Advent - December 11th 2016

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S. Mosco; J. Freemark
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - T. Brazeau; B. Kusluski;
 J. Skebo; D. Mooney

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - T. Lemenchick; D. Dillon
 R. & N. Connors

SERVERS - E. Saumure

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Cuff; J. Perry

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - L. & S. Hall;
 A. Agnew; B. Taylor

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - P. Perry; D. Yemen;
 K. & T. Mann; N. Smith

SERVERS - H. & L. Curry

CANTOR - H. Holley

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - S. Pallen; J. Mahusky

LITURGICAL ROLES FOR CHRISTMAS

& NEW YEAR'S: If you are able to assist at any of the liturgies please contact the office ASAP so that a schedule may be completed.

BEST ADVENT EVER!!! A parent of one of our Confirmation students made a suggestion for the season of Advent. Dynamic Catholic has daily reflections for Advent. Just go to the site dynamiccatholic.com and click on "The Best Advent Ever"

FOOD BANK DONATIONS:



December 10/11 is the Parish **Food Bank Weekend** for December. Baskets will be at the doors of the church for your donations. The following are items always needed: peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce, pure fruit juices, canned tomatoes, rice, unsweetened cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, tinned tuna, salmon, ham, chicken and turkey.

Monetary donations to 115 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Renfrew, ON, K7V 2R5.

CONFIRMED IN THE SPIRIT

The following are those who were confirmed by Bishop Michael Mulhall last Sunday.

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| Carter Barkey | Emily Freamo | Jordan Perry |
| Darren Barkey | Gavin Halk | Emily Saumure |
| Lily Brown | Savanah Leclair | Emma Sheahan |
| Keegan Crozier | Alexandra Lennox | Braelyn Spencer |
| Lily Curry | Destiny Lewis | Emily Tracey |
| Devon Essiambre | Sarah Lesk | Hudson Valliquette |
| Nadia Essiambre | Kailey Macleod | Abigael Visinski |
| Deakon Flowers | Emma Mahoney | Landen Zohr |

Bereavement Group: From now on, the bereavement Ministry will be on an individual basis rather than in a group setting. If you would like help, please contact the parish office at 613-432-5825, and arrangements will be made for Deacon Don to meet with you.

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