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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.

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

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Diane Lapicki, Mabel Eady, Irene Fremont and Cecelia L'Abbé.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Barb Patrick, John Ryan, Stella Shalla, Georges Blanchette and Sandy Massine.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Current schedule runs out February 23rd. If there are any changes for current ministers please contact the office **no later than Friday, Feb. 14th.** New schedule will run until the end of June.

BONNECHERE MANOR BULLETIN DELIVERY:

2020 schedules will be available in a few weeks. If anyone presently in this ministry has issues regarding participation or scheduling please contact the office. If anyone would like to be added to this ministry you are more than welcome to contact the office for further information.

PLEASE NOTE: the Parish office will be closed on Monday, February 17 for Family Day.

CONFIRMATION 2020: In the spring and fall of 2020 the Confirmation program, Decision Point, will be facilitated by Saint Francis Xavier Parish. Father Brennan will be visiting the grade 6 and grade 7 classes to discuss Confirmation and the program. He will be sending home invitations and registrations for those who wish their child to continue in their Spiritual growth. Anyone whose child is in the public school system may drop by the office, Monday-Thursday, for their invitation and registration. Any questions please feel free to contact Nancy Connors @ 613-432-3207 or Fr. Brennan @ 613-432-5825.

Catholic Funerals Explained: by Father Holly that is open to all who are interested. The talk will take place on Mon., Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall. Education about the *why* of our Catholic beliefs and practices around death can assist us in a greater understanding of our tradition and be of great assistance in planning for our own Christian burial.

FAMILY & FRIENDS BREAKFAST: Mon., Feb. 17,;Presbyterian Church Hall. 9- 11 a.m. \$10 - Adults/ \$5 - Children. Sponsored by Renfrew & Area Seniors' Home Support Inc.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 25th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in S.F.X. Parish Hall Free Will Offering Everyone Welcome Bring a friend

Lent is less than a month away.

This year once again we will have a Pancake/Sausage Supper on Shrove Tuesday.

This year we are supporting a program called 'The Matthew 25 Fund".

This program, headed by Jason Dedo, Chaplaincy Leader at St. Joseph's High School, raises funds to support students and families in our Catholic school community in need at Christmas and throughout the year. I encourage you to come out to our Shrove Tuesday Meal and support this good cause.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday, March 6th

Members of the parish are invited to participate in an ecumenical service on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in St. Francis Xavier Church, where members of all churches in the town of Renfrew will gather. Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. They encourage us to 'Rise, take your mat and walk' with them as they continue their often-turbulent journey towards peace and reconciliation. The service also provides thoughts on what this theme means for us in our own lives.



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Feb. 17 NO PARISH LITURGY (9:00 a.m. Mass @ OLF)

TUES, Feb. 18

9:00 a.m. Clem Recoskie - Dolores Dombroskie

& Leona Chippior

WED. Feb.19

8:00 a.m. Gerard Cuddy - Marguerite Power

THURS. Feb. 20

8:00 a.m. Jim McAdam - Angela & Family

FRI. Feb. 21

8:00 a.m. John Godin - Dwaine & Mary Steele

SAT. Feb.22

4:30 p.m. Edgar & Kay Beaudoin & John Clouthier

- Darlene & Fay

Chris Warren - Mom & Family

SUN. Feb. 23

10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

LITURGICAL ROLES

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time February 23rd, 2020

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Lemay; S. McCanna MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - D. & C. Varrin;

D. & C. Sulpher

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - C. Sulpher; K. Harris; L. Armstrong; K. Coulas

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - T.B.A.; T. Keller MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - T. & B. McIntyre;

N. Bailey; D. Dawkins

MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST – D. Yemen; T. Fiebig;

M. L.. Rowat; N. Adam; R. Russell

SERVERS - S. & M. & H. Holmes

CANTOR: L. Mahusky

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - NO LITURGY

SUNDAY OFFERING - Feb. 9th - \$3,611.00

\$3,203.00 - Envelopes \$200.00 - Weekly EFT

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The giant in front of you is never bigger than the God who lives in you.

Christine Caine

ASH WEDNESDAY- FEBRUARY 26 MASSES IN OUR AREA:

7:00am - Our Lady of Fatima, Renfrew

8:15am - Our Lady of Fatima, Renfrew

9:30 am - St. Francis Xavier, Renfrew

6:30 pm - Mt. St. Patrick

7:00 pm - Most Precious Blood, Calabogie

7:00 pm - St. Francis Xavier, Renfrew



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L. COUNCIL: has decided to enhance our Seniors' Outreach Project to include visits to seniors in Nursing Homes, Retirement Homes and Shut-ins regardless of gender or religious affiliation. If you are/have a senior family member or neighbour who would like regular visits from our CWL Members please contact the Parish Office at 613 432 5825 or Elaine Turner at 613 432 5535. Members are also encouraged to volunteer to answer Renfrew & Area Seniors' Home Support Inc.'s request for providing company, friendship and security for those in need by phoning 613 432 7691. You will be required to attend an interview and provide a Police Check. Please bring a copy of the Police Check to the Parish Office.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT: Feb 28 - Mar 1, at Graphite Bible Camp in Maynooth. Fr. Denis Lemieux and Philomena Lim from Madonna House will be leading the retreat. Theme is "FIAT: Living a life of surrender to God." \$150. For info, please call Posie 613 281-5522, Kristan 613 585-0579 or Mary 613 756-0148 or womensretreatcombermere@gmail.com.

LENTEN JOURNEY INVITATION TO EXPLORE "LAUDATO SI: CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME"

Laudato Si is a profound and disquieting encyclical written by the Holy Father Pope Francis and is addressed to every single person on Earth. He is calling for a new dialogue on how we are shaping the future of our planet. He says that everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation.

If you are interested in exploring this encyclical by meeting once a week for a one-hour discussion during the season of Lent, <u>please register by calling the parish office by Tuesday</u>, <u>February 18.</u> This will allow time to order resources needed for the book study. The first meeting will take place on **Thursday**, **February 27 at 7:00 p.m.**

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