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OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Thurs
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday – Closed

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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

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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 Hedy Kedrosky and Lori Ann Small, sister of Dan McNulty.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Ruth Elliott and Sandy Massine.

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on **Monday, February 18, 2019** for Family Day.

Adult Faith Pre-Lenten Retreat – “An Encounter with Mercy” on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at St. Columbkille Cathedral, 188 Renfrew St., Pembroke, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Registration at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person (lunch and refreshments provided). This retreat is open to all the faithful of the Pembroke Diocese. Please join us for this very special day as we prepare to begin a beautiful Lenten Season. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613 732-7933 ext. 206 or dca-driendchaput@pembrokedioocese.com. Registration deadline is Thursday, February 28.



2018 FINANCIAL REPORT: copies of the report may be found at the church entrances.

The Finance & Property Committee would like to express sincere gratitude to the Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier for their generous and ongoing support of the parish. The Committee takes very seriously their financial responsibility and accountability to the parish. If you have any questions concerning the financial report or have any other questions or concerns please contact a member of the Property and Finance Committee who will be most happy to address these.

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| Steve Dregas (Chair) | Colin Slight |
| Dorothy Yemen | Robert Pelletier |
| Mackie McLaren | Fr. Brennan |



FATHER BRENNAN: I will be away February 18th to February 25th inclusive. I thank Father Holly and Father Do for taking emergency calls and funerals during my absence.

Women's Retreat. The Joy of Catholic Womanhood: “The Joy of the Lord is my strength.” February 22 to February 24 at the Graphite Bible Camp. \$150 (\$120 for commuters). Student rates available. Send e-transfer or cheque (Payable to Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish – Women's Retreat) to: Claudia Francis, 976 County Road #27 Codrington, ON, K0K 1R0. Registration confirmed upon receipt of payment. contact Claudia Francis at 613-970-4656 or email claudia.francis777@gmail.com

Flying Father's Hockey Team will play against the Pembroke Minor Hockey League coaches on **February 18th at the PMC at 2 p.m.** Tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/child and can be purchased at Marianhill, Miramichi and the Chancery Office in Pembroke. All proceeds will go to Marianhill and Miramichi Lodge. For more information contact Fr. Blake at 613-633-4009.

The Flying Fathers: will play a fundraising hockey game against the youth of *l'École secondaire Sieur-de-Coulonge* on **February 19th at 7 p.m.** at the Fort-Coulonge Arena. Proceeds will be split between St. Peter's Parish, Fort-Coulonge and the High School. Adult - \$10.00 and children 4 to 17 - \$5. May be purchased at *l'École secondaire Sieur-de-Coulonge*, the Chancery Office in Pembroke, Fr. Réal Ouellette or Fr. Justin Bertrand. For information, please contact Fr. Justin Bertrand at 819-683-2056.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RENFREW: will be serving a **FISH FRY SUPPER** every Friday during Lent (not Good Friday). Meals are \$10.00 and start from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 313 Raglan St. S. First meal Friday, March 8th to Friday, April 12th, 2019. For more info call 613-432-0887. All profits go to charity



The Parish Council is hosting a SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, March 5th from 5 - 7 p.m. in S.F.X. Parish Hall

Free Will Offering Everyone Welcome Bring a friend

Any questions please contact Nancy and Russ Connors @ 613-432-3207



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON Feb. 18 NO PARISH LITURGY (9:00 a.m. Mass @ OLF)
 TUES. Feb. 19 NO PARISH LITURGY (8:15 a.m. Mass @ OLF)
 WED. Feb. 20 NO PARISH LITURGY (8:15 a.m. Mass @ OLF)
 THURS. Feb. 21 NO PARISH LITURGY (8:15 a.m. Mass @ OLF)
 FRI. Feb. 22 NO PARISH LITURGY (8:15 a.m. Mass @ OLF)
 SAT. Feb. 23
 4:30 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Clarence McIntyre
 - Jason & Tina Dedo & Family
 SUN. Feb. 24
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

LITURGICAL ROLES

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 24th, 2019

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - E. Saumure; N. Saumure
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - B. & S.A. Holley;
 J. Skebo; J. Mahusky
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - C. Sulpher; K. Harris;
 T. Lemenchick; D. Mooney

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Cuff; T. Keller
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - T. & B. McIntyre;
 L. & S. Hall
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Yemen; T. Fiebig;
 M. L. Rowat; R. A. Dicker; N. Smith
 SERVERS - S. & M. Holmes
 CANTOR - L. Mahusky
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY - NO LITURGY

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Current schedule runs out February 24th. If you have not already done so please contact the parish ASAP if there are any changes for current ministers. Our **Hospitality Ministry**, especially on Sunday mornings, needs reinforcements. Please contact the office if you might be able to assist.

SUNDAY OFFERING - Feb. 10th - \$6,275.14

\$3,867.20 - Envelopes \$199.60- Loose
 \$2,003.34 - EFT Monthly
 \$205.00 - Weekly EFT

"Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord."

Ps 1.1-2, 3, 4+6 (R.40.4)

This past week the first reading at Mass was from the book of Genesis concerning the beautiful story of Creation. We are told that on the seventh day God rested. The Orthodox Jews and their practice of dedicating the Sabbath to the Lord is admirable. But often we find it easy to follow the cultural custom of using the Lord's Day for all sorts of catch-up work for diversions from our 'day job'. This is usually at the expense of using the time to pray and worship the Lord, to make this day a special day for the family to spend quality time together.

We are coming up to Lent (March 6th is Ash Wednesday) when we talk about prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the traditional forms of penance to make up for our sins and hopefully make us better persons. Here is a chance for each family to take charge of how they spend the Lord's Day. Is it made holy by our efforts to strengthen the family with time together especially in worship or is it made profane by our going off from the family for all sorts of selfish diversions? This past week I spoke to the First Communion parents about the importance of bringing their children to Sunday Mass. Families need to plan their weekends scheduling Mass as a first priority and then other activities scheduled around Mass attendance. I know this requires some sacrifice, something that unfortunately we tend to shy away from in our contemporary society. Each of us needs to reflect on this and pray about it so that we truly can do God's will in "making holy the Sabbath day."

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

**DON'T THROW IT OUT!
 CWL RUMMAGE SALE**

S.F.X. C.W.L. will be holding a Rummage Sale on Friday afternoon, April 5th and Saturday morning, April 6th. Please remember us when you are doing your spring housecleaning (yes, Spring will come). Details to follow.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday, March 1st

This year the World Day of Prayer Service is taking place at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Friday, March 1st at 2:00 p.m. The theme is "Come - Everything is Ready". The service was prepared by the women of Slovenia. Everyone is invited to attend.



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 (Serving Renfrew & Area)
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