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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.

BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Brennan regarding upcoming preparation

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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 Bob Flynn, Arnold Wren, Fr. Mike Costello, Fr. Doug Morris, Fr. Moses Nwosu, Father 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 and Audrey Tibbles.

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**COUNTDOWN TO LENT**

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS COMING!**

Lent begins March 1<sup>st</sup>. In 2017, the Message of Pope Francis for Lent is "**The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift.**" Based on the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Luke 16:19-31), the Holy Father invites Catholics to find "inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion."

Ash Wednesday there will be 9:30 a.m. Mass, with the imposition of Ashes at which time the school communities of St. Joseph's High School and St. Thomas the Apostle School will attend. Mass and imposition of Ashes at 7:00 p.m. as well. There will also be Mass at Our Lady of Fatima at 8:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. on Ash Wednesday.

During Lent we will have Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays preceded by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays will be at 9 a.m. and Wednesday to Friday at 8 a.m.

Please make a special effort to come to Mass whenever you can during this Holy Season.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



**RENFREW:** will be serving a **FISH & CHIPS DINNER** every Friday during Lent (Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> to Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>); from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. \$10.00 / person. Take out is also available. Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 313 Raglan St. S.

**MANOR BULLETIN DELIVERY:** Looking for an individual or individuals to assist with delivery of the bulletin to Bonnechere Manor. Ministry consists of delivering bulletins to approximately 20 residents about once every two and a half months. If interested or for more info please contact Martha at the parish office 613-432-5825 X2.

**2016 FINANCIAL REPORT:** is attached to the bulletin this weekend.

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      |

**LAST FRIDAY COFFEE**



The last Friday of the month the CWL hosts a Coffee Party **after the 8 a.m. Mass and Devotions to Mary**. All are welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship this **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** in the parish hall.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH SUPPER - SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2017**

**Circle this date on your calendar now**

The Parish Council is hosting a **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

**Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7 p.m. in S.F.X. Parish Hall**

**Free Will Offering      Everyone Welcome      Bring a friend**



A Free Will Offering will be donated to the Sisters of Saint Joseph, through Sr. Pauline Coulterman, specifically for their undertakings in their Peruvian Mission.

Any questions please contact Nancy Connors @ 613-432-3207.

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Feb. 20 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF-10am)  
 TUES. Feb. 21  
 9:00 a.m. Carl Cuddy - Angela McAdam  
 WED. Feb. 22  
 8:00am. Rev. Patrick J. Tait - The Dobec Family  
 THUR. Feb. 23  
 8:00 a.m. Russell Bennett  
 - Norma Bennett & Family  
 10:30 a.m. MANOR: Charles Kosowskie  
 - Mother, Dorothy Kosowskie  
 FRI. Feb. 24  
 8:00 a.m. Tom Donohue - Don & Lore Coyne  
 SAT. Feb. 25  
 4:30 p.m. Vicki, Bill & Debbie - Mother, Leona Barr  
 Chris Warren - Mom  
 SUN. Feb. 26  
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 26<sup>th</sup> 2017  
**SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.**  
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S. McCanna; J. Freemark  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - D. & C. Sulpher;  
 T. Brazeau; B. Kusluski  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - C. Sulpher; S. Dregas;  
 T. Lemenchick; D. Dillon  
 SERVERS - L. Zohr  
**SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.**  
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - N. Smith; J. Valliquette  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY- D. & C. Varrin;  
 T. & B. McIntyre  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - N. Adam; M. L. Rowat;  
 T. Fiebig; D. Varrin; D. Yemen  
 SERVERS - N. & S. Lesk; A Coyne  
 CANTOR - L. Mahusky  
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY - S. Pallen; J. Mahusky

**PLEASE NOTE:** The parish office will be closed Monday, February 20 for Family Day.

As we approach Lent, perhaps this prayer may offer us some food for thought:

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A NEW SERENITY PRAYER

God, grant me the serenity
 to accept the people I cannot change,
 which is pretty much everyone,
 since I'm clearly not you, God.
 At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God,
 please give me the courage
 to change what I need to change about myself,
 which is frankly a lot, since, once again,
 I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.
 It's better for me to focus on changing myself,
 than to worry about changing other people,
 who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying,
 I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up
 whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter
 than everyone else in the room,
 that no one knows what they're talking about
 except me,
 or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God,
 grant me the wisdom
 to remember that I'm not you. Amen.

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



S.F. X. C.W.L. will be holding a Rummage Sale on Friday afternoon, April 28 and Saturday morning, April 29. Please remember us when you are doing your spring housecleaning. Details to follow.

**SUNDAY OFFERING: Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> - \$3,363.10**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

All parishioners are invited to participate in the 2017 World Day of Prayer Service scheduled for **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity St. Andrew's United Church.**



This year's service was written by the women of the Philippines, "Am I Being Unfair to You".

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.**

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|-------------------|----|--------------------|-------------|-----------|
| * Tues., February | 21 | SFX Cemetery Board | Mtg. Rm. #2 | 7:00 p.m. |
| * Wed., February  | 22 | R.C.I.A.           | Small Hall  | 7:00 p.m. |

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