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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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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 Amy Johnston, mother of Nancy Lance.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

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

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.

Reconciliation will be available before all weekend Masses and all Fridays before the morning Mass. A Lenten Confession Day will be held at both Parishes in Renfrew on March 21st from 3p.m. to 7 p.m.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: earlier a paper entitled "52 + 2 Ways to Be Merciful During the Jubilee Year of Mercy" was inserted in the bulletin. As a gentle reminder to try and incorporate these practices in our daily life, each week we will try and publish one or two of the suggestions.

- Learn to say this prayer: "Dear Lord, bless (annoying person's name) and have mercy on me!"
- Plan a mini pilgrimage to a local shrine/ church; make an effort along the way to live the corporal work of mercy of "welcoming the stranger" as Christ.

Lord, stay close to me on this my Lenten journey, so that starting, continuing and ending with you each day may prove to be a real blessing and gift of your love.

Amen†

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

♦ St Francis Xavier CWL General Meeting MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd at 7:30 pm in small hall. Please note date and time change!!!

COFFEE PARTY: members of SFX CWL will host a Last Friday of the Month Coffee Party in the large Parish Hall after 8 a.m. Mass and Devotions to Mary on **Friday, February 26**th. All are welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RENFREW:

will be serving a **FISH FRY DINNER** Fridays during Lent Feb. 19th and 26th and March 4th,
11th & 18th (not Good Friday). Location: 313 Raglan St. S. Meals served from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Price \$10.00. Take out is available. For more info call 613-432-5334 M.J. Blimkie.

Adoration and Prayer

The Office of Faith Formation and the Office Family Life and Youth Ministry invite you to an evening of Adoration and Prayer at St. James the Less Parish, Eganville from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on February 26, 2016. All are welcome to this special gathering during the Jubilee of Mercy. Fr. Ken O'Brien will share a talk on the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available. For more info, contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613-732-7933 ext. 206 or dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com.

FRONTIER APOSTOLATE REUNION:

60th Anniversary reunion in Prince George, B.C., August 19-21, 2016. Location: Pastoral Centre in the Diocesan Centre (formerly) Prince George College.

For further information call Sandy or Clarence Massine at 613-432-3630.

SUNDAY OFFERING: February 14th - \$3,804.05 EFT - \$293.00 Envelopes - \$3,346.00 Loose - \$165.05

Thank you to all who help support the Parish.

ON OUR WAY WITH JESUS:

Part II: "WE SHARE IN THE EUCHARIST".....

Parent/ Child meeting in the church on Thursday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. Please pray for our young people preparing for their First Communion.



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Feb. 22

6:30 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 p.m. Deceased Family Members - Tom Wojick

TUES. Feb. 23

9:00 a.m. Gertrude Lepine - Jan & Roy Leitch

WED. Feb. 24

8:00 a.m. Ben Surnoski - Tiffany Charette

THUR. Feb. 25

8:00 a.m. Carl Cuddy - Joseph & Gerri Manion

FRI. Feb. 26

8:00 a.m. Lorna Kluke - Mike & Darlene Joyce

SAT. Feb. 27

Feb. 27

4:30 p.m. Tom Prince - The Family Chris Warren - Mom & Dad

SUN. Feb. 28

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Third Sunday of Lent - February 28th, 2016

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - N. Saumure; K. Harris MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - G. & S. Harper;

T. Brazeau; B. Kusluski

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Mooney; S. Dregas;

G. Blanchette; C. Sulpher

SERVERS - E. Saumure

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - D. Fleury; T. Wall MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - T. & B. McIntyre;

J. Ballard; L. Leech

Child/Parent Mtg.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - M. Campbell; D. Yantha S. O'Neil; M. L. Rowat; A. M. Millar

SERVERS - S. Beauchamp; E. & A. Freamo

CANTOR - M. E. Vice

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - L. Leech; K. Arbuthnot

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: current schedule runs out February 28th. If there are any changes for current ministers please contact the office by no later than Monday, February 22nd.

To obtain a **2015 TAX RECEIPT** put a stamped, self-addressed envelope in the collection basket and it will be mailed to you. Receipts may also be picked up at the parish office during regular office hours.

If you have not yet picked up your box of 2016 Sunday Contribution Envelopes we would appreciate if you would pick it up at your earliest convenience.

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE THIS LENT! Do something life-changing!

Sign up for "Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever!" email program. Each day you will receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. They will guide you through the 40 chapters of Matthew's new best-seller 'Rediscover Jesus' and share simple ways to bring Jesus into your daily life. Sign up today on the front page of the diocesan website www.pembrokediocese.com or go to DynamicCatholic.com/Lent and check out the other great resources.

The topic of <u>ASSISTED SUICIDE</u> is very much in the news these days. What is the Church's stand on assisted suicide? St. Francis Xavier CWL invites you to come to a talk by Fr. Tim Moyle, on this issue facing all of us, March 2nd at 7 p.m. in St. Francis Xavier Hall.

ORDINATIONS 2016: Bishop Mulhall has announced the following ordinations:

- 1) **Deacon Peter Do** (Deep River) will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Columbkille Cathedral;
- 2) Anthony Burchat (Round Lake), Justin Bertrand (Ile-du-Grand-Calumet) and Stephen Helferty (Douglas) will be ordained to the Transitional Deaconate on Saturday June 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Columbkille Cathedral.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: for the Jubilee of Mercy with Fr. Chris Shalla from Oct. 17 –29, 2016 (13 days), visiting Warsaw, Czstochova, Kracow and Zakopane. Cost is \$3,999.00 per person (double occupancy). For further info and registration, contact Laurie Courchesne-Dooley at 613-732-5739 or email plcdooley@hotmail.com. See posters.

COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN: **FREE** lunch on Wednesday, February 24th at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Please see posters.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.

*Mon., February 22 Bereavement Group *Tue., February 23 F&P *Thurs, February 25 1st Communion

 Rectory Mtg. Rm. #1
 7:30 p.m.

 Rectory Mtg. Rm. #2
 7:00 p.m.

 Church
 6:30 p.m.

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