

# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

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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

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School  
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## HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic High School  
835 First Street 613-432-5846  
<http://sjchsrenfrew.wordpress.com>

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Alban Roach and Jill Van Allen, daughter of Bea Hay.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN**

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

**CATHOLIC FUNERALS EXPLAINED:** is a talk which will be given by Father Holly at the request of the O.L.F. C.W.L. The talk will take place on Monday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PRAYER GROUP** is offering a 10 week program called THE CATHOLIC DISCIPLE. The DVD talks are given by Fr Bob Bedard, CC. Begins March 5 at 7pm in the basement; ends May 14. Call Bernie Taylor at 613-432-8588 for registration ASAP since we have to order books.

**LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION:** ~ "Speak Lord, for Your Servant is Listening - Responding to the Call of Lenten Renewal" with Archbishop Brendan O'Brien on **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** at St. John Chrysostom Parish Hall in Arnprior from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Doors open at 9:00 a.m.; refreshments. No fee but registration required for numbers for lunch. Call/email the parish office (613 623-2282) or John Wagner (613 623-3722; [jwagner@bell.net](mailto:jwagner@bell.net)). Last date to register is Wednesday, March 4. Sponsored by Arnprior Knights of Columbus Council 2082.

**COUNTDOWN TO LENT  
ASH WEDNESDAY IS COMING!**

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the holy season of Lent. 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. We will also have Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday with imposition of Ashes. Lent provides us with an opportunity to do Penance for our sins. During Lent penance is an important requirement of Christian life. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence. Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and of abstinence from meat. The law of fasting binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. The law of abstinence from meat, binds those who are 14 and older.

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. led by members of the CWL and the K of C. Mass on Tuesdays will be at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday to Friday at 8:00 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.

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE/SAUSAGE SUPPER**

**Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in S.F.X. Parish Hall**

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

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

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

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. 24 NO PARISH LITURGY (8:15 a.m. Mass @ OLF)  
 TUES. Feb. 25  
 9:00 a.m. Sheila Penney - Gerry & Mary Richards  
 WED. Feb. 26  
 9:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Ken Christink  
 - Students & Staff of SJCHS  
 Healing for Two Former Students,  
 Jacob Schuler & Nathan Plunkett  
 - STA Staff & Students  
 7:00 p.m. Terry Latendresse - SFX Parish Staff  
 THURS. Feb. 27  
 8:00 a.m. Maurice McQuade - Bob Kusluski  
 & Tim Brazeau  
 10:30 a.m. MANOR: Eunice Meilleur - Her Family  
 FRI. Feb. 28  
 8:00 a.m. Mabel Eady - Ed & Mary McCann  
 SAT. Feb. 29  
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan  
 SUN. Mar. 1  
 10:30 a.m. Jennifer Hardie - Irene & Paul Kumli  
 Clem Recoskie  
 - Denis & Carmel Madigan

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

First Sunday of Lent  
 March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.**  
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Perry; A.M. Slight  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - B. & S. A. Holley;  
 S. & R. Mears  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Mantil; D. Mooney;  
 G. or S. Harper; D. Dillon  
**SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.**  
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - STA Student; L. Richards  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - STA Students  
 MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST - R.A. Dicker; D. Yantha;  
 J. O'Gorman; D. & B. O'Connor  
 SERVERS - S. Lesk; K. Richards  
 CANTOR: J. Belanger  
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY - C. Manwell; E. Tracey



**COFFEE PARTY** in the Parish Hall on  
**Friday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>** after 8:00 a.m. Mass  
 and Devotions to Mary. All welcome.

**SUNDAY OFFERING - Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - \$3,436.75**

**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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RENFREW:**  
 will be serving a **FISH FRY SUPPER** every  
 Friday during Lent from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
 in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 313  
 Raglan St. S. The first meal will take  
 place on Friday, February 28 and the final  
 meal will be Friday, April 3. Meals are  
 \$12/person. Tickets available at the door  
 and take out also available. Proceeds to  
 charity. All are welcome

**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.

**CONFIRMATION 2020:** In the spring and fall  
 of 2020 the Confirmation program, Decision  
 Point, will be facilitated by Saint Francis Xavier  
 Parish. Any questions please feel free to  
 contact Nancy Connors @ 613-432-3207 or  
 Father Brennan @ 613-432-5825.

**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. The first meeting will take place on **Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the small hall.**

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