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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs 9 a.m. - 4 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

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 Father Doug Morris, Govert "Jack" Schinkel and Betty Anne Tracey.

**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. Moses Nwosu, Father John Affleck, Linda (Mahusky) Hull, Dorothy Kosowskie, Georges Blanchette, Robert Berube, Barbara Helferty, Betty Sammon, Luke Holmes, Catherine Kuehl, Leona Barr, Gwen Deslaurier, Rose Nighbor and Audrey Tibbles.

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

Lent begins March 1<sup>st</sup>. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. 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. Ash Wednesday with imposition of Ashes. Mass at Our Lady of Fatima will be 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 9:00 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. There will be a Penitential Service held here April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests to hear individual confessions.

**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.



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

**Hot off the press!**

Pick up a copy of the SFX Catholic Women's League 2017 Newsletter that can be found on the tables at the front and side doors. Hear from our President Joan Lemay and our Spiritual advisor Father Brennan and see what we plan to accomplish this year as well as our successes from last year.

If you have any questions, or are interested in joining our league, contact one of our 2017 council members for more information. CWL membership applications can also be found on the tables at the entrances to the church.

**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. 19<sup>th</sup> - \$3,616.55**

**THE WORD AMONG US:** copies of the Lenten edition of this publication which contains the complete Catholic Mass readings as well as daily meditations may be found at the church entrances. A donation of a toonie would be appreciated to help defray costs.

**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

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Feb. 27 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)  
 TUES. Feb. 28  
 9:00 a.m. Linda Letang - A Friend  
 WED. Mar. 1 **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 9:30 a.m. Rita Eckersley - Staff of SJCHS  
 Michael Trainor - Students of SJCHS  
 7:00 p.m. Agnes Narezny - Gary & Marie Burton  
 & Family  
 THUR. Mar. 2  
 8:00 a.m. John Burnett  
 - Bernard & Shirley Ann & Girls  
 FRI. Mar. 3  
 8:00 a.m. Lola Mulvihill - Rose Nighbor &  
 Barbara Helferty  
 8:30 a.m. HOLY HOUR  
 SAT. Mar. 4  
 4:30 p.m. Ken Barr - Leon Barr  
 Audrey Hawley  
 - Sandi & Clarence Massine  
 SUN. Mar. 5  
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan



**GENTLE REMINDER:** We respectfully ask you to please be mindful that there are only two pews designated for handicap users. Make sure that these pews remain available for those who need them.



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

1st Sunday of Lent - March 5<sup>th</sup> 2017

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - P. Dowdall; J. Dowdall  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - W. & M. Remus;  
 M. & B. Coulas

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - K. Coulas; L. Armstrong;  
 R. & N. Connors

SERVERS - K. Dowdall

**SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S.T.A. Student; N. Saumure  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - S.T.A. Students  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Yantha; M. Campbell;  
 K. & T. Mann; J. O'Connor

SERVERS - S. Brown; E. Saumure

CANTOR - J. Belanger

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - H. & D. & C. Holley

**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. Best Lent Ever is based on Matthew Kelly's newest book "Resisting Happiness". Sign up today on the front page of the diocesan website [www.pembrokedioocese.com](http://www.pembrokedioocese.com) or go to [DynamicCatholic.com/Lent](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Lent) and check out the other great resources.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool, shun him;  
 He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is a child, teach him.  
 He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep, wake him.  
 He who knows, and knows that he knows, is wise, follow him.  
 Persian Proverb

Be reconciled to God,  
 for now is the  
 acceptable time.  
 2 Corinthians  
 5.20-6.2

**Lenten Fast and Abstinence: An Invitation to Awareness**

"What are you hungry for?" Sometimes the answer is obvious: pizza, Chinese food, a juicy steak. Our spiritual hungers are rarely that easy to identify. The season of Lent, our 40-day preparation for Easter, is our annual invitation to grow in awareness of those deeper hungers. We need Lent to help us recognize that our meaning and mission are rooted in Jesus' dying and rising. Together with those preparing for baptism, we join in outward signs of our inner conversion. Our year-round prayer, fasting and almsgiving take on new meaning during this season.

Catholics who have celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent. Catholics who have celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast, i.e., eat only one full meal on Ash Wednesday. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**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".



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