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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

Cancelled until further notice

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In the Quiet Room
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
or Fr. Coyne Ext 4

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. Joseph's Catholic High School
835 First Street 613-432-5846
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Mary McMaster, sister of Marguerite Power and Joan McLaughlin, sister of Leona Barr.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Darlene Shields, Annlea O'Rourke, Gail Caillier, Doris Long, Johanna Mathieu, Margarita Kurth, Mary McCann, Betty Sammon, Dick Cobus, Sylvie Lafontaine, Stella Shalla and Georges and Jeannette Blanchette.

Sunday Offering February 14th: \$4,031.00
Envelopes: \$3,751.00 Weekly EFT: \$240.00
Loose: \$40.00

Sunday Offering February 21st: \$4,126.00
Envelopes: \$3,806.00 Weekly EFT: \$240.00;
Loose: \$80.00; Care Fund - \$100.00

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER:

The staff of St. Joseph's Catholic High School want to thank so many from our community who supported our recent Shrove Tuesday Take-Out Pancake Supper. The generous freewill offerings for the meal resulted in a very generous donation for our "Matthew 25 Program" which is used to support families in need in our community.

CONFESSIONS: During Lent a priest will be available for confession one half hour before the weekday Masses and $\frac{3}{4}$ hour before weekend Masses.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Mar. 1
6:30 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00 pm Harry Ballard - Wife, Doreen & Family
TUES. Mar. 2
8:00 am Special Intentions - A Parishioner
WED. Mar. 3
8:00 am John Power - Marguerite Power
THURS. Mar. 4
8:00 am Repose of the Soul of Clarence McIntyre
- Jason & Tina Dedo & Family
FRI. Mar. 5
8:00 am Anthony Lorbetskie - Agnes Lorbetskie
SAT. Mar. 6
4:30 pm Janet McLaughlin - Helen Visinski
SUN. Mar. 7
10:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Mar. 8
6:30 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00 pm Margaret Burns - Jan & Roy Leitch
TUES. Mar. 9
8:00 am Ray Wojcik - Richard & Judy Bissonnette
WED. Mar. 10
8:00 am Mike & Magda Spilchen - P. & J. Spilchen
THURS. Mar. 11
8:00 am Donna Enright - Pat & Marian Lane
FRI. Mar. 12
8:00 am Jennifer Hardie
- Ernie & Bernadette Dudack
SAT. Mar. 13
4:30 pm Fr. Charles Giroux - Gloria Carr & Family
SUN. Mar. 14
10:30 am Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: to all couples of the Parish who celebrate a Wedding Anniversary in February. We remember you and your intentions at the 10:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday. May God Bless You All. Among those celebrating are:

Dick & Pat Cobus	(55)	Brian & Lee Ann Shepherd	(44)
Don & Janet Goulet	(49)	Michael & Jennifer Cuff	(16)

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the St Francis Xavier CWL, the council will be presenting an "**Historic Highlight**", a remembrance of each decade, which will appear once a month throughout 2021. This month's "**Highlight**" features the 1930's.

1930 -1939

In the 1930's Canada had the Great Depression. Many were unemployed, hungry and homeless. Canada's economy was shifting from primary industry (farming, mining and logging) to manufacturing. Government relief was introduced. With so few jobs, a family was encouraged to have only one income. Women usually stayed home but they saw the need to help with social programs. CWL meetings were held in "Preen's Hall" on Patrick Street.

Funds were raised to furnish one room at the Bishop's Palace in Pembroke. When St. Francis Xavier School was renovated the 3rd floor Auditorium was taken down and the CWL promised to raise \$2000 a year for an auditorium to be built at the street level. A play "The Absentminded Bridegroom" was staged.

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

CHURCH PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS: Bishop Desrochers sent a letter in December of 2020 regarding protocols during the Pandemic. I would like to reiterate some of the measures we are being asked to follow:

The Bishops says: "Virtually no other organization or business frequented by the general public offers so many ways to prevent the spread of the virus: systematic decontamination of the premises after each religious service; use of hand sanitizers; wearing a mask when entering, leaving and while in the church, receiving Communion in the hand only, except for a few rare exceptions; physical demarcation of the places where one can sit in order to maintain the social distance of 2 meters."

"When congregants enter the church, assuming a person is not wearing a mask, RCDHU invites our volunteers to ask them, "Are you able to wear a mask?" If the answer is yes, then the volunteer offers a mask free of charge from a designated area in the church. However, I made it clear to Mr. Tantalo that volunteers or priests are not police officers. If the person is stubborn, we simply have to let them go. They are not to be threatened or insulted with unkind words. That is why physical distancing of our parishioners is so important in that it acts as another level of protection.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021

The 2021 World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in Renfrew on March 5th at 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall. Masks are required.

The 2021 theme is "Build on a Strong Foundation". The country highlighted is Vanuatu. Please extend an invitation to your congregation and parishioners to attend.

There are a number of You Tube sites under WDPIC in which you can safely watch this presentation.

Any questions or concerns about this event, please contact Nancy at 432 5125 or Berny at 432 3276. Please pray for the people of Vanuatu.



BILL C-7 - RECENT NEWS - FROM THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

As you know, the Senate has amended Bill C-7. If these amendments pass the House of Commons, it will make it much easier for vulnerable Canadians to access assisted suicide and euthanasia. The most concerning amendments are:

1. Allowing people to write advance directives that require euthanasia to be administered if they are sick or disabled and lose the ability to make their own medical decisions.
2. Removing the restriction on euthanasia for people whose primary diagnosis is mental illness.

This change will automatically come in to effect 18 months after the Bill is passed.

The Senate's amendments will soon be sent back to the House of Commons for approval.

With the agreement of the Executive Committee, you may wish to promote among your faithful the idea of writing to their MP to ask them to reject the Senate's amendments. To facilitate this task, permanent Deacon Larry Worthen (Halifax) - Executive Director, *Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada* - is providing the following link to the organization Coalition for Healthcare and Conscience which makes such communication much easier: canadiansforconscience.ca

Also, you might have picked up in the media that the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, and the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health, have issued the following statement a few days ago:

"Today, the Attorney General of Canada filed a motion to request an additional extension of four weeks, until March 26, 2021, of the Superior Court of Québec's September 2019 Truchon ruling concerning Canada's medical assistance in dying (MAID) law". <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-justice/news/2021/02/joint-statement-by-ministers-lametti-and-hajdu-on-motion-seeking-additional-extension-of-superior-court-of-quebecs-truchon-ruling.html>

Finally, the CCCB staff is working diligently at preparing a **Message to the Catholic Faithful regarding MAiD**, as approved by the Permanent Council.

Sincerely yours in Jesus with Mary,

Msgr. Frank Leo, Jr.
General Secretary

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