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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs 9 am - 4 pm  
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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  
41 Bolger Lane 613-432-3137  
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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 Carl Cuddy, brother of Marguerite Power.

**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.

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

Lent begins Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. Pope Francis has asked that "the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy" (Misericordiae Vultus 17). 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 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.

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

- 1) Resist Sarcasm; it is the antithesis of mercy: "Set, O Lord, a guard over my mouth; keep watch, O Lord, at the door of my lips!" (Psalm 141:3).
- 2) Pare down possessions: share your things with the needy and your food with the hungry.



**FOOD BANK DONATIONS:** Next weekend is the Parish Food Bank Sunday for February. Baskets at the doors of the church will be available for your donations. Thank you for your generosity. The following are items are always needed: peanut butter, pasta & pasta sauce, pure fruit juices, canned tomatoes, rice, unsweetened cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, tinned tuna, salmon, ham, chicken and turkey.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** General Meeting on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RENFREW:** will be serving a FISH FRY DINNER every Friday during Lent - Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> (not Good Friday). Location: 313 Raglan St. S. Meals from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Price \$10.00. Take out available. For more info call 613-432-5334 M.J. Blimkie.



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

**COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN:** Two FREE lunches every month offered by St. Paul's Anglican Church and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, in conjunction with St. Joseph's Catholic High School. Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 11:30 a.m. at OLF Church and Wednesday, Feb. 24 at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Please see posters.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Shanna Beauchamp, winner of the Altar Server draw for January.

**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.

**REGISTRATION FOR JR. & SR. KINDERGARTEN AT CENTRE SCOLAIRE CATHOLIQUE JEANNE-LAJOIE ÉLÉMENTAIRE** will be from February 16<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We ask parents to contact us at 613-732-8302 to make an appointment. N.B.: Registration can be done at any time or date.

**SUNDAY OFFERING:  
January 31<sup>st</sup> - \$4,074.05**

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Feb. 8 NO PARISH LITURGY (**NO Mass at OLF**)  
 TUES. Feb. 9  
 9:00 a.m. Bill, Vicki & Debra - Ken & Leona Barr  
 WED. Feb. 10 **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 9:30 a.m. Jay Riopelle - Staff of SJCHS  
 Braelyn Luckovitch - Students of SJCHS  
 7:00 p.m. Theresa McKitchen - Glenn & Barb McGahan  
 THUR. Feb. 11  
 8:00 a.m. Jim McAdam - Angela & Family  
 10:30 a.m. MANOR: Intentions of Wil & Arlette Hermans  
 - Doris Callaghan  
 FRI. Feb. 12  
 8:00 a.m. Dennis Enright - Ron & Marilyn Leclair  
 SAT. Feb. 13  
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan  
 SUN. Feb. 14  
 10:30 a.m. Patricia Dicker - Alan & Rose Ann Dicker  
 Melinda Caouette - Stella Shalla & Family

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

First Sunday of Lent - February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.**  
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Freemark; S. McCanna  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - S. & R. Mears;  
 M. & B. Coulas  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - R. & N. Connors;  
 D. Mantil; K. Coulas  
 SERVERS - L. & S. Brown  
**SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.**  
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S. McNulty; T. Keller  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - D. & C. Varrin;  
 L. Leech; J. Ballard  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Varrin; D. & B. O'Connor;  
 T. Mann; D. Lennox  
 SERVERS - A. & D. Lennox; S. Holmes  
 CANTOR - T.B.A.  
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY - H. & D. & C. Holley

**2015 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** To obtain a 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.

**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.pembrokedioocese.com](http://www.pembrokedioocese.com) or go to [DynamicCatholic.com/Lent](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Lent) and check out the other great resources.

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK  
 FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

The 24<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick will be celebrated, as it is every year, on February 11, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. This year, the Day of the Sick will be solemnly celebrated in the Holy Land. The Holy Father's Message is entitled: **Entrusting Oneself to the Merciful Jesus like Mary: "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2:5)**. In his Message, Pope Francis invites all those who assist the sick and the suffering to draw their inspiration from Mary, the Mother of Mercy. "Let us entrust to the Virgin Mary our trials and tribulations, together with our joys and consolations. Let us beg her to turn her eyes of mercy towards us, especially in times of pain, and make us worthy of beholding, today and always, the merciful face of her Son Jesus," the Pope states in the conclusion of his Message.

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

- Joseph & Sylvia St. Aubin (54)
- Don & Janet Goulet (44)
- Brian & Lee Ann Shepherd (39)
- Michael & Jennifer Cuff (11)



The Parish Council is hosting a **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 7 p.m. in S.F.X. Parish Hall



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The recipient of the funds this year will be to the Sisters of St. Joseph's and specifically for their undertakings in their Peruvian Mission. Sister Pauline Coulterman sends regular updates to the parish on the work of their mission in Peru. Contact person: Nancy Connors 613-432-3207.

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

**\*Mon., February 8 Bereavement Group Mtg. Rm. #1 7:30 p.m.**

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