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Mon - Thurs 9 am - 4 pm
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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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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died recently, especially Patricia McHale and Louise Gavin.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

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



HELPING THE HOMELESS:

looking for mitts, gloves, hats, scarfs, sock, new underwear - much needed - cash donations, Tim Horton \$5 gift cards. On January 17th a group from Renfrew will be heading

to Ottawa to hand out all donations.

Contact: Joe: 613-433-9203 or

Debbie: 613-432-1913

Donation Drop Off: 74 Barnet Blvd.

Accepting Donations until **January 15, 2016**

Please see posters

CHURCH DOORS: Please ensure that the front doors are securely closed behind you since they do not always close properly at this time of year. During the winter months, after the morning Masses, the front doors will be locked. The Handicapped door will be open during the day.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: General Meeting on Monday, January 11th at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: Thank you for your ongoing generosity to sustaining the ministries and facilities here at S.F.X. Any donations received or deposited after December 31st, 2015 will be credited to your 2016 income tax receipt. Income tax receipts for the year 2015 will be ready some time during the next few weeks. To obtain a receipt, simply put a stamped, self-addressed envelope in the collection basket and it will be mailed to you.

ALTAR LINENS & BONNECHERE MANOR BULLETIN DELIVERY: 2016 schedules for these ministries will be available in February. If any of the those presently in these ministries have any issues regarding participation or availability please contact the office.

SUNDAY OFFERING:

December 27th - \$3,726.45

January 3rd: \$4,728.09

Thank you to all who have so faithfully contributed to the parish over the last year.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: \$10,528.00 NEW YEAR'S OFFERING - \$3,137.75



POTLUCK SUPPER: Please come join us after mass on Saturday the 16th of January for a gathering to share our culinary talents in a potluck supper. The weather out there has turned on us and the warmth of community is just what we need. Please bring along your family and friends and join us. Any questions please contact Nancy Connors @ 432-3207

9th ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT- 2016

Theme: "A Man of Prayer: Encountering the Mercy of God"

Dates: Friday, January 15, 2016

(6:30 p.m. registration, 7:30 p.m. start) until 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 18

Leaders: Fr. David Linder & Mr. Peter Gravelle

Location: Graphite Bible Camp (between Maynooth and Bancroft): Google it for detailed directions.

Cost: \$135.00

Deposit: send \$50 cheque payable to the order "Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish" to David Douthwright, 92A Annie Mayhew Rd., Combermere, ON K0J 1L0. Mark "Men's Retreat" on cheque.

Participants bring towels, bedding/sleeping bags, pillow)

Questions and Financial concerns to: David at daviddouthwright@hotmail.com or 613-756-9815.

Please register ASAP as 20 registrations are required by Christmas to determine availability.

See posters for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.

*Mon., January 11

Bereavement Group

Small Hall

7:30 p.m.

*Thurs., January 28

1st Communion Candidates
& Parents

Church

6:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Jan. 11 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 TUES. Jan. 12
 9:00 a.m. Mary Belanger - Tony Dota
 WED. Jan. 13
 8:00 a.m. Bernard Mahusky - Helen & Welland Caldwell
 THUR. Jan. 14
 8:00 a.m. Ben Surnoski - Ray & Teresa Sernoski
 10:30 a.m. MANOR: Jock Jolicoeur - Marty & Judy Enright
 FRI. Jan. 15
 8:00 a.m. Lucie McGregor - John & Suzanne Ferguson
 SAT. Jan. 16
 4:30 p.m. Bella Sotnyk & Her Daughter, Diane Antony
 - Mary Visutskie
 SUN. Jan. 17
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

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

Don & Nancy Smith (50)
 Mark & Melany Tracey (29)
 Harry & Doreen Ballard (8)

TWO BECOME ONE: When a man and woman celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony, God, as it were, "is mirrored" in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God's love for us. Indeed, God is communion too: the three Persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit live eternally in perfect unity. And this is precisely the mystery of matrimony: God makes of the two spouses one single life. The Bible uses a powerful expression and says, "one flesh," so intimate is the union between man and woman in marriage. And this is precisely the mystery of marriage: the love of God which is reflected in the couple that decides to live together.

Pope Francis - April 2, 2014

LITURGICAL ROLES

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 17th, 2016

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - P. Dowdall; J. Dowdall
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - A. Wren; J. Skebo
 R. & L. Wojcik
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - L. Neville; L. Gallagher;
 R. & N. Connors
 SERVERS - K. & K. Dowdall

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - D. Fleury; J. Valliquette
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - L. & S. Hall
 L. Sammon; R. Holmes
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Yemen; A. M. Millar
 M. Campbell; D. & B. O'Connor
 SERVERS - L. & H. Curry
 CANTOR - Slight Family
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY- L. Leech; K. Arbuthnot

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.



SYRIAN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP:
\$39,902.95
(TOTAL FOR OLF & SFX)

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE: Registration forms for the Diocese's 2016 Marriage Preparation Course may be picked up at the parish office. Online registration is available at www.pembrokedioocese.com

Session #1: ST FRANCIS XAVIER, Renfrew:

Friday, February 26th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and
 Saturday, February 27th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and
 Saturday, March 5th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Registration deadline February 19th, 2016.

Session #2: OUR LADY OF LOURDES, Pembroke:

Friday, April 8th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. and
 Saturday, April 9th, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and
 Saturday, April 16th, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Registration deadline is March 24th, 2016.



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