

# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

## PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR

Nancy Connors

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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 Joseph St. Aubin and Patricia Fabian.

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

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Barb Patrick, John Ryan, Stella Shalla, Maurice McQuade, Fr. Peter Proulx, Aileen Villemure, Georges Blanchette and Sandy Massine.

**FATHER STEVE BALLARD:** You may have noted that Fr. Steve Ballard's name has not been listed in the prayers for the sick the last few weeks. We are happy to report that Fr. Ballard conveyed to us that following extensive medical follow-up the mass in his kidney and affected lymph nodes have decreased in size and are not malignant. None of the tests have returned positive for cancer. Father Ballard is deeply appreciative of the prayerful support that he has received during the past months. He is hoping to be back in his parish full-time early this year.

**NEW YEAR'S OFFERING \$2,880.15**

\$2,305.15 - Envelopes  
\$575.00 -EFT

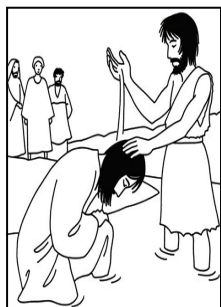
**SUNDAY OFFERING - Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> - \$5,967.34**

\$3,188.00 - Envelopes  
\$2,413.34 - Monthly EFT \$200.00 - Weekly EFT  
\$166.00 - Loose

**INITIAL OFFERING - \$1,382.00 (to date)**

\$1,277.00 - Envelope \$105.00 - EFT

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**



The celebration of Jesus' Baptism concludes the cycle of festivities around the Nativity. It is a meaningful focal point. Each year, the liturgy offers us one excerpt from the four Evangelical Gospels. Each has its own character and this year, through St. Matthew's Gospel, we recall these events.

**"When Jesus had been baptized, he saw the Spirit of God coming upon him."**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL RENFREW COUNCIL 1916:** The General meeting will be held on **Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

**THANK YOU TO ADULT ALTAR SERVERS:** I wish to extend a sincere "Thank You" to our weekday adult altar servers who so generously step forward, often without no foreknowledge, to assist at the weekend Masses. The parish is most grateful to you all.

**2019 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** will be ready shortly. To obtain a receipt put a stamped, self-addressed envelope in the collection basket and it will be mailed to you. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to sustaining the ministries and facilities here at S.F.X. Any donations received or deposited after December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 will be credited to your 2020 income tax receipt.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM:** Next program is on March 7 and March 28, 2020 in Renfrew at SFX parish. Registration Deadline: February 28, 2020. Registration online at [www.pembrokediocese.com](http://www.pembrokediocese.com) or a form may be obtained from the parish. Inquires: Yvette Bourque at 613 732-7933 ext. 208 or [yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com).

**YES CANADA** is looking for a host family in Renfrew County to host an International student from Japan. From Feb 1 to June 27, 2020. Female - 17 years old; Grade 11. Being a host family is a very rewarding experience. You and your family get to learn about a different country and culture and you also get to share yours! Hosting stipend- \$500.00 a month Please contact me directly if you are interested. Lorraine MacDonald, the Renfrew County Coordinator at [renfrewcounty@youthedservices.ca](mailto:renfrewcounty@youthedservices.ca) or at 613-312-030. For more info please go to <https://youthedservices.ca>

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact.

- George Eliot (Mary Anne Evans)



We welcome to the Christian Community the child recently baptized into our faith. As the Parents and Sponsors make a commitment to share with this child our Catholic faith, we as a faith community offer our on-going support to:

**~ ELI FRANCIS JACQUARD , son of Matthew & Taryn ~**

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Jan. 13 NO PARISH LITURGY (8:15 a.m. Mass @ OLF)  
 TUES. Jan. 14  
 9:00 a.m. Intentions of John Ryan & Olive Lapensee  
 - Doreen & Bob Dagenais  
 WED. Jan 15  
 8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Bennett Family  
 - Jack & Velma O'Shea  
 THURS. Jan 16  
 8:00 a.m. Don Coyne - Lore & Family  
 FRI. Jan. 17  
 8:00 a.m. Doug Rouble  
 - Welland & Helen Caldwell  
 SAT. Jan. 18  
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan  
 SUN. Jan. 19  
 10:30 a.m. Dieter Gundlack - Stella Shalla

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - K. Harris; J. Dowdall  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - L. & G. Curry;  
 L. Manwell; R. Zohr

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - S. Dregs; K. Coulas;  
 G. or S. Harper; L. Armstrong

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - N. Smith; J. Valliquette  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY- L. Hall; N. Bailey  
 T. & B. McIntyre

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - C. Manwell; T. Fiebig;  
 D. & B. O'Connor; R. Russell

SERVERS - S. & M. & H. Holmes

CANTOR: H. Holley

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - A. Cameron; A. Tracey

**The more things change the more they stay the same.....**

"You hear people complaining about this present day and age because things were so much better in former times. I wonder what would happen if they could be taken back to the days of their ancestors - would we still hear them complaining? You may think past ages were good, but it is because you are not living them".

St. Augustine  
 354 - 430 A.D.

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

it's not too late for the ladies of the parish to join or renew. Membership payments by cheque payable to St. Francis Xavier CWL can be dropped into the collection basket. CWL new member application forms are in pre-addressed envelopes at the church entrances and the blue CWL membership renewal envelopes as well as the direct deposit options are gratefully accepted. For more information call the membership chair - Debbie Macdonald at 613-432-5768 or email at [debbiemacdonald12@gmail.com](mailto:debbiemacdonald12@gmail.com).

**13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT:**

**January 17-19** at Graphite Bible Camp. Cost is \$150. Theme is *"Loving Obedience to the Father's Loving Will (Through Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit)." A deposit of \$50 is needed to reserve your place. For details, please contact Pierre-Paul Filion at 613-602-6580 or [ppfilion@yahoo.ca](mailto:ppfilion@yahoo.ca).*

**ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT:**

To be held Feb 28 - Mar 1, 2020 at Graphite Bible Camp in Maynooth. Fr. Denis Lemieux and Philomena Lim from Madonna House will be leading the retreat. This year the theme is *"FIAT: Living a life of surrender to God."* The cost is \$150. For information, please call Posie 613 281-5522, Kristan 613 585-0579 or Mary 613 756-0148 or [womensretreatcombermere@gmail.com](mailto:womensretreatcombermere@gmail.com).

**Funny in a GooD Way presents an event opening the week of Prayer for Christian Unity.**

Featuring Comedians Timmy Boyle and Cheridan Richardson. Guest appearance by FLCC Choir. Worship music by Gate 47 and production by P.A.C.A. members. Proceeds to support First Step Options. **January 18, 2020** at 7 p.m. at Festival Hall, Pembroke. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. For tickets or more info, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at 613 732-7933 ext. 206 or email at [dca-drienchaput@pembrookediocese.com](mailto:dca-drienchaput@pembrookediocese.com).

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Kendel Richards, winner of the Altar Server draw for December.

**POTLUCK SUPPER: Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Parish Council would like to invite you to a potluck supper after the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass. It's a great opportunity to gather as a community and celebrate winter! Come one, come all!

The kitchen will be open at 3:30 p.m. with the oven on warm. Any questions please contact Nancy and Russ Connors @ 613-432-3207.



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**RENFREW COUNCIL 1916**  
 (Serving Renfrew & Area)

MEETINGS: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM

MEMBERSHIP: Open to Men 18 Yrs. or older who are practicing Catholics in good Standing with the Catholic Church

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