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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

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Tom O’Gorman, brother of Pat Neville, Joan Scott and Brian O’Gorman of our parish.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God’s healing, especially Joan Sherlock, Greg Mantil, Sandy Massine, Mary Visutskie, Philip Laprade, Jack Windle, Greg Colterman, Baby Isaac Smith, Larry Hebert, Hedy Kedrosky, Carolyn Dodds, Des and Doreen Herrick, Ed Lee, Elaine Brazeau, Bob Flynn, Arnold Wren, Linda (Mahusky) Hull, Dorothy Kosowskie, Georges Blanchette, Robert Berube, Barbara Helferty, Betty Sammon, Catherine Kuehl, Leona Barr, Gwen Deslaurier, Rose Nighbor and Audrey Tibbles.

KUDOS to the Renfrew Knights of Columbus Council 1916 for their Christmas Day meal. Because of their members’ generosity, as well as businesses and other volunteers, a total of about 410 meals were prepared and served including take out meals. This is the highest number of meals ever. The Knights wish to thank all the volunteers who helped make the day a pleasure for all involved.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS:



January 13/14 is the Parish **Food Bank Weekend** for January. Baskets will be at the doors of the church for your donations. Many families struggle to make ends meet after the Christmas season. We appreciate your generosity in helping to lighten their load through your donations.

11th ANNUAL MEN’S RETREAT Jan 19—21, 2018

Retreat leaders are Fr. Denis Lemieux and Patrick Stewart from Madonna House. Friday 6:30 p.m. registration. 7:30 p.m. start to Sunday, January 21st (1:00 p.m.), 2018. Cost: \$150.00 for the weekend (includes retreat, room and great meals). Where: Graphite Bible Camp (Between Maynooth and Bancroft - Google it). Inspirational talks, fellowship, Mass, adoration, confession, and good food. Bring your own towels, bedding/ sleeping bag and pillow to minimize costs. For questions, sleeping arrangement, requests, or financial concerns email David Douthwright at daviddouthwright@hotmail.com or call at 613-756-9815.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

This year we will Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in late November in our Parish. **Students in Grades 6 and 7** who wish to be confirmed will be given a letter and a registration form to be filled in and returned to the **Parish Office or placed in the Collection Basket on or before January 28th.** A **Parent Meeting will be held in the Small Parish Hall February 11th after the 10:30 Mass.** If your child attends Public School you may pick up Registration forms at the Parish office during regular business hours.

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**SUNDAY OFFERING - Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> - \$4,941.13**

\$3,166.00 - Envelopes \$172.80 - Loose  
 \$1,288.33 - Monthly EFT  
 \$314.00 - Weekly EFT  
 \$40.00 - SFX Care Fund

**NEW YEAR’S - \$2,547.80 (to date)**

\$2,033.00 - Envelopes \$94.80 - Loose  
 \$420.00 - EFT

**INITIAL OFFERING - \$1,082.00(to date)**

\$962.00 - Envelopes \$120.00 - EFT

**CWL LET’S-TRY-AGAIN**

**POST-CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER**

Weather did not co-operate in December, however, CWL members are not quitters, so the St. Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Fatima CWL members will be sharing a Post-Christmas potluck dinner in St. Francis Hall.

**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018;

**Arrive:** 5:30p.m.; **Dinner:** 6:00p.m.

Bring your favourite dish. It will be an evening of prayer, fun and friendship.

**2017 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** are ready.

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>, 2017 will be credited to your 2018 income tax receipt.

**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Jan. 15 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF-8:15am)

TUES. Jan 16

9:00 a.m. Mervyn Stubinsky - Ruth Elliott & Family

WED. Jan. 17

8:00 a.m. Wil Hermans - Agnes Lorbetkie

THURS. Jan. 18

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother  
- A Parishioner

FRI. Jan. 19

8:00 a.m. Rose Sutcliff - Mary Visutskie & Family

SAT. Jan. 20

4:30 p.m. Mom, Dad & John - Fay & Darlene  
Orella Stewart - Leonard & Lois Desjardine

SUN. Jan. 21

10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

**NEW CHURCH DOORS - THANK YOU!!**

I have received and been told of many positive comments on the new front doors of the church. Esthetically, they enhance and update the appearance of the church. The foyer is also brighter with the enlarged glass area. As well, there is a much better insulation factor which should help with our heating bills.

**At this time I wish to publicly express to the SFX CWL a tremendous "Thank You".** At the CWL 2017 May general meeting, a motion was passed that the CWL would donate \$15,000.00 to St. Francis Xavier Parish in 2017 for the church doors project, and that the council's donations to the parish over the next 3 to 4 years would be earmarked for the church doors.

The monetary support offered by the council is of great assistance but the parish and parishioners are exceptionally blessed by the practical and spiritual undertakings of the C.W.L.

I wish to commend the SFX CWL for its numerous undertakings such as funeral luncheons, coffee parties, bursaries, gifts to those receiving sacraments, Tea and Talent Sale ... and the list goes on.

Also, of tantamount importance to our parish are the spiritual support and growth opportunities the CWL council offers through participation in sacramental preparation and offerings of retreats and faith development.

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 21<sup>st</sup> 2018

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - P. Dowdall; J. Dowdall

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - S. & R. Mears;  
B. & S. A. Holley

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - R. & N. Connors  
D. Dillon; L. Armstrong

SERVERS – T.B.A.

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

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Cuff; J. Perry

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - E Turner; D. Dawkins  
T.B.A.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – D. & B. O'Connor;  
J. O'Connor; M. Campbell

SERVERS - S. & M. Holmes

CANTOR - H. Holley

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - S. Pallen; H. Desjardins

**WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS  
AND REFUGEES  
January 14**

A World Day of Migrants and Refugees is observed in solidarity with the World Refugee Day promoted by the United Nations and observed since 2001 on 20 June. This January observance was instituted by Saint Pius X in 1914.

Pope Francis in his message acknowledging the 104th World Day of Migrants and Refugees reaffirmed that "our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: *to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate*" (address to participants in the International Forum on "Migration and Peace", 21 February, 2017).



**POTLUCK SUPPER: Saturday January 20<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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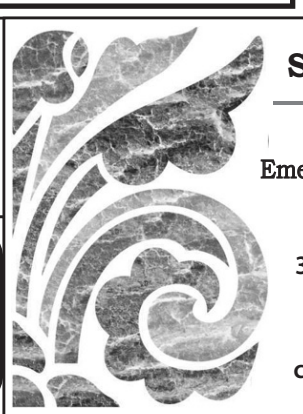
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 (Serving Renfrew & Area)  
**MEETINGS:** 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM  
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