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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
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died.

PLEASE NOTE: Father Brennan will be away from January 18th - 22nd inclusive. Father Holly will cover for funerals or emergencies.

EXAMS: May God bless and inspire our high school students as they prepare to write their exams over the next two weeks. Please keep them in your prayers.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS PREPARING FOR EXAMS

Loving God
be with me now,
as I prepare for my exams.
Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me and for the opportunity of education. Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions the very best that I can.
Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exam
- and always.
In Jesus' name
Amen



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.

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.

**SYRIAN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP:
\$40,022.95
(TOTAL FOR OLF & SFX)**

I wish to acknowledge and thank the parishes of Mount St. Patrick and Calabogie for their generous contribution of \$4,000 to the Sponsorship Fund which is included in the total.

2015 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.

ON OUR WAY WITH JESUS:

Part II: "WE SHARE IN THE EUCHARIST"

The children now embark on the journey of experiencing God's love to us through preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Child/Parent Meeting in the church on Thursday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioning Mass: weekend of January 30th/31st

We ask you to keep these children and their families in your prayers over the next months.



JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

**JANUARY 25 – FEBRUARY 5, 2016 inclusive
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Our Lady of Fatima	Full Day (Extended FSL)	Jeannie Armstrong	613-432-4351
St. Thomas the Apostle	Full Day	Connie Dick	613-432-3137

If you are unable to register at this time please contact the school principal and make arrangements for a mutually convenient time to register.

If you do not know your child's designated school, please call your local Catholic school.

Documents required to register your child

* Proof of Age, Proof of Residence, Certificate of Immunization (Health Unit) Child's Individual Health Card, Baptismal Certificate and Birth Certificate. Your 911 address will also be required.

* Senior Kindergarten registrants must be five years old by December 31, 2016.



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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Jan. 18 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 TUES. Jan. 19 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 WED. Jan. 20 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 THUR. Jan. 21 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 FRI. Jan. 22 NO PARISH LITURGY
 SAT. Jan. 23
 4:30 p.m. Edgar & Kay Beaudoin & John Clouthier
 - Darlene Clouthier
 Gary Cybulski & Herb Howard
 - Linda Cybulski
 SUN. Jan. 24
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

LITURGICAL ROLES

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 24th, 2016

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - K. Harris; J. Lemay
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - L. Manwell; R. Zohr
 S. McCanna; M. Maloney
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Mantil; C. Sulpher
 G. Blanchette; K. Coulas
 SERVERS - L. Zohr
 SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - T. Keller; N. Saumure
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - T. & B. McIntyre
 D. & C. Varrin
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - S. O'Neil; K. & T. Mann
 J. O'Connor; D. Varrin
 SERVERS - E. Saumure; S. Holmes; A. Coyne
 CANTOR - L. Mahusky
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY— L. Richards; D. Fleury

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.

**SUNDAY OFFERING:
 January 10th - \$5,398.00.**



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18th—25th, 2016

Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God

(1 Peter 2:9)

Saint Peter tells the early Church that in their search for meaning prior to encountering the Gospel they were *not a people*. But through hearing the call to be God's *chosen race* and receiving the power of God's salvation in Jesus Christ, they became *God's people*. This reality is expressed in baptism, common to all Christians, in which we are born again of water and the Holy Spirit (*cf. John 3:5*). In baptism we die to sin, in order to rise with Christ to a new life of grace in God. It is an ongoing challenge daily to remain aware of this new identity in Christ.

Baptism opens up an exciting new journey of faith, uniting each new Christian with God's people throughout the ages. The Word of God – the Scriptures with which Christians of all traditions pray, study, and reflect – is the foundation of a real, albeit incomplete, communion. In the shared sacred texts of the Bible, we hear of God's saving acts in salvation history: leading his people out of slavery in Egypt, and *the great mighty act* of God: the raising of Jesus from the dead, which opened new life to all of us. Furthermore, prayerful reading of the Bible leads Christians to recognise the *mighty acts* of God in their own lives.

God has chosen us, but not as a privilege. God has made us holy, but not in the sense that Christians are more virtuous than others. We are holy insofar as we are committed to God's service, which is always to bring the divine love to all people. Being a priestly people means being in service to the world. Christians live this baptismal calling and bear witness to God's *mighty acts* in a variety of ways:

Healing wounds. Wars, conflicts and abuses have wounded the people of Latvia and many other countries. God's grace helps us to beg forgiveness for the obstacles which prevent reconciliation and healing, to receive mercy, and to grow in holiness.

Searching for truth and unity. Awareness of our common identity in Christ calls us to work towards answering the questions that still divide us as Christians. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we are called to share our experiences, and so discover that, in our common pilgrimage, Jesus Christ is among us.

An active commitment to human dignity. Christians who have been brought *out of darkness* into the *marvellous light* of the Kingdom recognize the extraordinary dignity of all human life. Through common social and charitable projects we reach out to the poor, the needy, the addicted, and the marginalized.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.

*Mon., January 18	Bereavement Group	Mtg. Rm #1	7:30 p.m.
*Thurs., January 28	1st Communion Candidates & Parents	Church	6:30 p.m.

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