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OFFICE HOURS

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

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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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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Lise Sculland, wife of Harry Sculland, Gerard Cuddy, brother of Marguerite Power, Olive Lapensee, sister of Doreen Dagenais and Peter Sidock, brother-in-law of Helen Bennett.

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.

2019 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 31st, 2019 will be credited to your 2020 income tax receipt.

ASSISTED SUICIDE LAW IN CANADA (MAID)

A consultation by the Ministry of Justice concerning proposed radical expansions to assisted suicide law in Canada will end Monday, 27 January. To have your say, please fill out the short questionnaire at the following link and make your comments and thoughts known. <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html>. Go to link and then simply scroll down and then press on the blue button that says "Complete the Questionnaire".

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.

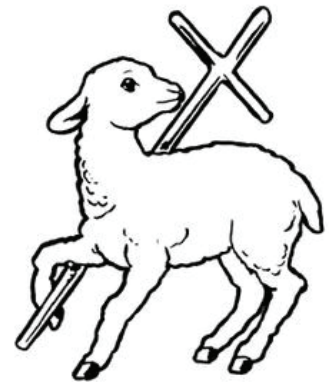
Female - 17 years old; Grade 11. Being a host family is a very rewarding experience. You and your family get to learn about a different country and culture and you also get to share yours!

Hosting stipend - \$500.00 a month.

Please contact Lorraine MacDonald, Renfrew County Coordinator at 613-312-030 or contact renfrewcounty@youthedservices.ca if interested.

At every Mass, just before Communion, we hear the very words that John the Baptist used when first announcing the presence of Jesus: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world." What a blessing it is if we take the announcement as a reminder that we too are called to be like John the Baptist to other people. Pope Francis often warns of the dangers of being "self-referential", of putting ourselves as the centre of everything, the centre of our own thoughts and desires and hopes. Today John the Baptist stands before us as an inspiring example. Filled with love for Jesus, he is always ready to deflect attention from himself in order to direct it towards Jesus.

We, who have been baptised in the Spirit, are all invited, by God's grace to follow the example of the Baptist. We are called to point towards Jesus not simply by word of mouth, at the appropriate time, but above all by daily lives lived by standards - lives that simply do not make sense unless, like the life of the Baptist, they are centred upon the Lord.



BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

ON OUR WAY WITH JESUS

Part II: "WE SHARE IN THE EUCHARIST"

The children now embark on the journey of experiencing God's love for us through preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion which will be celebrated on May 3, 2020.

Parent Meeting in the church on Thursday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioning Mass: weekend of February 8th/9th

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



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Jan. 20 NO PARISH LITURGY (8:15 a.m. Mass @ OLF)
TUES. Jan. 21
9:00 a.m. Dorothy & James Cardiff - The Family
WED. Jan 22
8:00 a.m. Carey Bissonnette - Mary Visutskie
& Family
THURS. Jan 23
8:00 a.m. Aileen Power - Marguerite Power
10:30 a.m. MANOR: Eunice Meilleur - Her Family
FRI. Jan. 24
8:00 a.m. Genevieve McCallum
- Catholic District School Board of
Eastern Ontario
SAT. Jan.25
4:30 p.m. Terry Latendresse - Gordie & Sharon
Emmett Gray and Deceased Members
of the Family - Gerry and Jack Craig
SUN. Jan. 26
10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

LITURGICAL ROLES

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26th, 2020

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - J. Lemay; A.M. Slight
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - L. & G. Curry
L.Manwell; R. Zohr
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Mantil; D. Mooney;
D. Dillon; T. Lemenchick

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - E. Sheahan; T. Keller
MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY- A. Agnew; B. Taylor;
D. Dawkins; L. Sammon
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – N. Adam; D. Yantha;
M. L. Rowat; J. O’Gorman; D. Yemen
SERVERS - S. Lesk; K. Richards
CANTOR: Slight
CHILDREN’S LITURGY - NO LITURGY

NEW YEAR’S OFFERING \$3,055.15 (to date)

SUNDAY OFFERING - Jan. 12th - \$2,271.55

\$1,972.00 - Envelopes
\$200.00 - Weekly EFT \$99.55 - Loose

INITIAL OFFERING - \$1,582.00 (to date)

Thank you for your continued support of the
parish. It is truly appreciated.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L. NEWS:

CWL EXECUTIVE MEETING: Wednesday,
January 22, at 7:00 pm. in the small hall.

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.

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.

**THE DON BOSCO DRAMA CLUB of Our Lady
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Bernadette*, a drama of true events by Jean and
Walter Kerr. Bernadette causes a tumult in the
town when she claims to see “a beautiful lady in
white” at the dump. Everyone thinks she is a liar
or a lunatic. Dates: Fri. Feb. 7 & Sat. Feb. 8 at
7 p.m., Sun. Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. at Madawaska
Valley District High School, Barry’s Bay. Tickets
available at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College
and Lorraine’s Pharmasave. Call 613-756-3082
for more info or visit www.seatofwisdom.ca.

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.pembrokedioocese.com or a form may be
obtained from the parish. Inquires: Yvette
Bourque at 613 732-7933 ext. 208 or [yvette-
bourque@pembrokedioocese.com](mailto:yvette-bourque@pembrokedioocese.com).

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH SUPPER - SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

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

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