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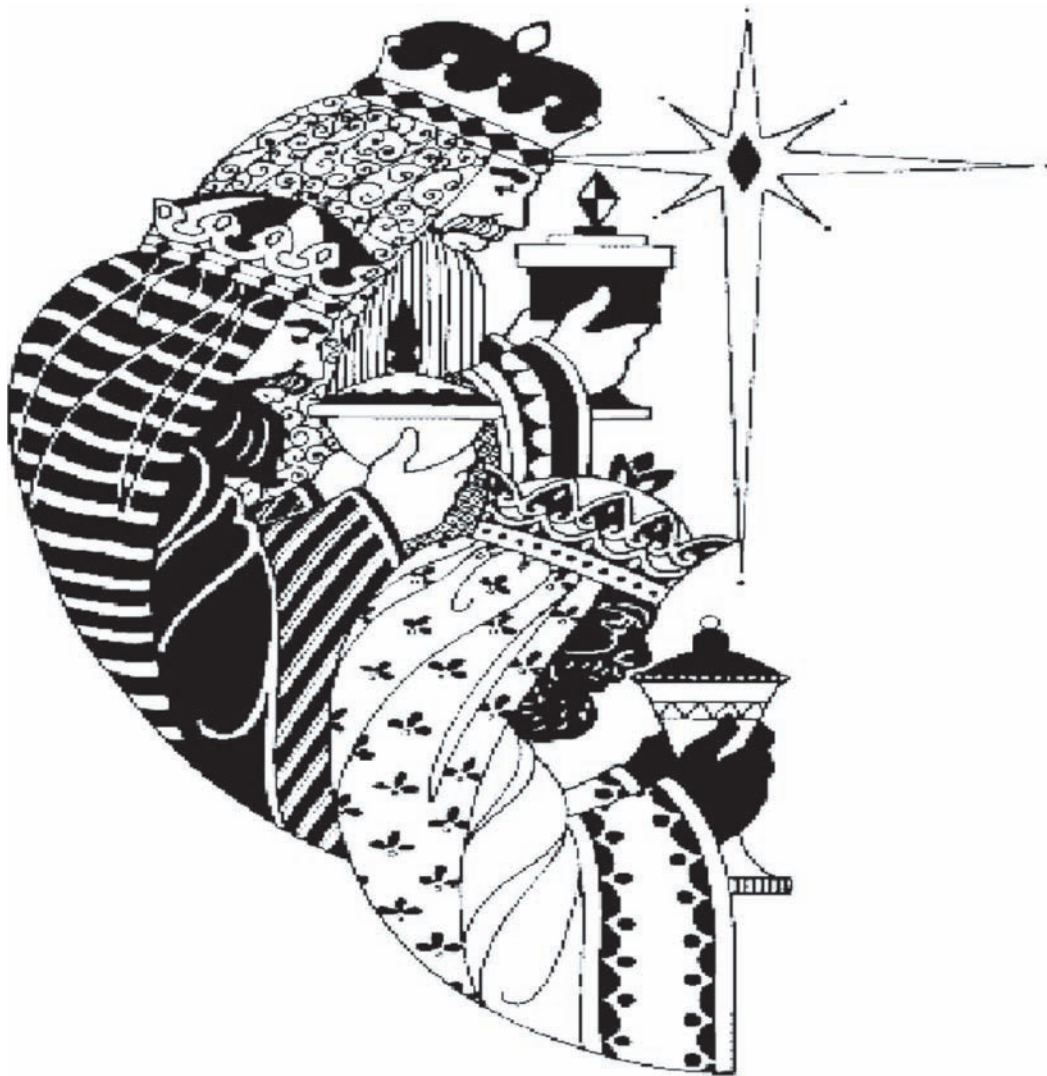
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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Y

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died recently, especially Father Patrick McNulty.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Dorothy Kosowskie, Louise Gavin, 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.

VOLUNTEERS: People are needed to help with delivering bulletins to the Manor and also with laundering of church linens. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in assisting in either of these ministries.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS: Reminder that next weekend is the Parish **Food Bank Sunday** for January. Baskets at the doors of the church will be available for your donations. Thank you for your generosity. The following are items are always needed: peanut butter, pasta & pasta sauce, pure fruit juices, canned tomatoes, rice, unsweetened cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, tinned tuna, salmon, ham, chicken and turkey.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all who made our Christmas Celebration so special this year. John Laviolette, Sharon, Jessa & Gord Harper who decorated the church and house; singers, musicians Hospitality Ministers, Altar Servers & Eucharistic Ministers. A special thanks to all who remembered Deacon Don, the Parish Staff and myself with gifts. Your generosity is much appreciated

CARE FUND DONATIONS: A "Thank You" also to the many parishioners who donated to the Parish Care Fund either monetarily or with gift cards. Many in our community struggle to make ends meet and thus the demand for financial assistance has been substantial. May God bless you all abundantly for your generosity.

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.

MASS TRANSFERS: Masses for the following intentions have recently been transferred to Msgr. Ambrose Pick so that these Masses may be celebrated in a timely fashion:

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| Andrew Florian Rekowski | Ambrose Adamchick | Marguerite McIntyre |
| Willis Wren | Theresa Mask | Betty Brisco |
| John Kearney | Grace Rowan Lafleur | Rita Boldt |
| Bernard Mahusky | Gertrude Dagenais | Lucie, Jackie & Kenny McGregor |
| Marie Martel | Lorna Kluge | Gregory Hanniman |
| Fern Chevalier | Terry McIntyre | Jerry Murphy |
| Claudette Vincent | Carmel Smaglinski | Garry Latendresse |
| Doreen Stubinski | Bob Patrick | In Thanksgiving for Favour Received |
| Norah Nighbor | Sr. Barbara Keane, C.N.D. | |



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

*** DAWSYN SANDRA GREEN daughter of Paul & Terri**



POTLUCK SUPPER: Now that winter is here it is time to start gathering together for warmth and company. Please join us for a Potluck Supper after Mass on **Saturday, January 16th** in the Parish hall. All are welcome! Any questions please contact Nancy Connors @ 613-432-3207.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.

***Mon., January 4 Bereavement Group Small Hall 7:30 p.m.**

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Jan. 4 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 TUES. Jan. 5
 9:00 a.m. Micheline Blais - Roy & Jan Leitch
 WED. Jan. 6
 8:00 a.m. Al & Margaret McHugh - Don & Lore Coyne
 THUR. Jan. 7
 8:00 a.m. Rev. Patrick McNulty - Rev. Kerry Brennan
 FRI. Jan. 8
 8:00 a.m. Verlie Wark - Don & Janet Goulet
 SAT. Jan. 9
 4:30 p.m. The Intentions of the Parishionrs - Fr. Brennan
 SUN. Jan. 10
 10:30 a.m. Georgina Mahusky - Nieces, Theresa & Angela Boudreau

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.

ON OUR WAY WITH JESUS:

Part I: WE PREPARE FOR RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the following children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time here on December 5th.

Wesley Fream	Oakleigh Livingstone
Owen LaRocque	Greyson Mousseau
Peighton Lavalee	Claire Richards
Charlie Leclair	James Russett
Laura Anne Lewis	Sadie Wilson

Part II: "WE SHARE IN THE EUCHARIST"

Please keep these children in your prayers as they now embark on the journey of experiencing God's love to us through preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

**SUNDAY OFFERING:
 December 20th - \$4,089.00**

LITURGICAL ROLES

Baptism of the Lord - January 10th, 2016

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - P. Dowdall; J. Dowdall
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - M. & B. Coulas
 S. & R. Mears
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - S. Dregas; K. Coulas;
 D. Mooney; D. Dillon
 SERVERS - K. & K. Dowdall

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S. McNulty; J. Perry
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - J. Ballard; L. Leech;
 B. Taylor; A. Agnew
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - K. & T. Mann; T. Fiebig
 P. Perry; M.L. Rowat
 SERVERS - N. & S. Lesk; S. Holmes
 CANTOR - L. Mahusky
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY- S. Barkey; C. Brown

**SYRIAN REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP:
 \$27,733.95
 (TOTAL AS OF DEC. 25 FOR OLF & SFX)**

*My Dear Friends,
 I am sorry that I am so late with my Christmas greetings this year. From the time of my arrival back in Ghana I have been running around like the proverbial chicken with its head cut off!*

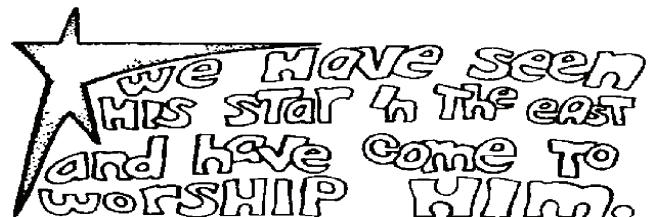
The great feast of the Nativity of our Lord is close at hand. In Jesus God has come close to us to make himself better known to us. Let us also come closer to each other and show our love for each clearly and concretely.

Let us not forget that Jesus has a soft spot for the poor, the humble and the downtrodden.

On 8th December the Year of Mercy was solemnly initiated by Pope Francis. My wish and prayer for 2016 is that we all may show greater mercy, compassion and love towards others, especially those people displaced by wars and natural disasters. May we love each other as Jesus loves us.

May God bless you and keep you throughout the New Year. With thanks for all that you have done for during the year 2015 I remain yours in love and friendship

Best wishes to you all, FR Kevin Rand



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