

# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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Nancy Connors

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## OFFICE HOURS

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

## CEMETERY BOARD CHAIR

Mike Coulas

## CEMETERY CONTACT

Bob Gervais Ext 3

## C.W.L. PRESIDENT

Shirley-Ann Holley

## K OF C GRAND KNIGHT

Robert Kingsbury

**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

Cancelled until further notice

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In the Quiet Room  
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  
or Fr. Coyne Ext 4

## 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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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### **PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Eileen Vice and Dick Cunningham, brother of Eva Yantha.

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

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Darlene Shields, Annlea O'Rourke, Gail Caillier, Doris Long, Johanna Mathieu, Margarita Kurth, Mary McCann, Betty Sammon, Dick Cobus, Sylvie Lafontaine, Stella Shalla and Georges Blanchette and Jeannette Blanchette.

**CARE FUND DONATIONS:** A "Thank You" 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.

**WORD AMONG US:** January/February edition may be found in the mail box just outside the office door. Payment may be placed in the secure mailbox or in the collection basket duly noted when the church reopens for regular Masses

### **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 parish secure mailbox. CWL new member application forms are in pre-addressed envelopes at the church entrances and the blue CWL membership renewal envelopes as well 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).

### **LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

- MON. Jan. 4 Margaret McHugh - Lore Coyne  
TUES. Jan. 5 Intentions of Darlene Shields  
- Ruth Elliott  
WED. Jan. 6 Int. of Dorothy Wright McIntyre  
- Jason & Tina Dedo & Family  
THURS. Jan. 7 Alice Sullivan  
- Ruth McEachen & Family  
FRI. Jan. 8 All My Deceased Relatives  
- Monique Perry  
SAT. Jan. 9 Tom Prince - The Family  
SUN. Jan. 10 Intentions of the Parishioners  
- Fr. Brennan

### **LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

- MON. Jan. 11 Eileen Vice - Lore Coyne  
TUES. Jan. 12 Sharon Hoare  
- Ruth Elliott & Family  
WED. Jan. 13 Isadore Lorbetskie  
- Tony Lorbetskie  
THURS. Jan. 14 Donna Pierunek - Esther Pierunek  
FRI. Jan. 15 Donna Enright  
- Donna & Leo Kiley  
SAT. Jan. 16 Genevieve McCallum - SFX CWL  
SUN. Jan. 17 Intentions of the Parishioners  
- Fr. Brennan

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** Any donations received or deposited after December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 will be credited to your 2021 income tax receipt.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**DUE TO THE ONTARIO LOCKDOWN** there will be **no public Mass until further notice.**

The church will be open for private prayer during the week from 9 am to 4 pm.

Saturdays and Sundays the church will be open from 10 am until noon.

When leaving the church please leave the kneeler down in the pew you have occupied so we will know which pews to sanitize.

Baptisms, weddings and funerals can take place with only 10 people present.

Confessions may be heard by calling and making an appointment with one of the priests.

Thank you

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to all who made our Christmas Celebration so special this year despite the conditions and challenges: Gord, Sharon and Jessalyn Harper and Brian Shepherd who decorated the church; musicians, and ushers. A Special thanks to all who remembered Fr. Michael Coyne, Fr. Bill Kenney, Deacon Don, the Parish Staff and myself with gifts. Your generosity is much appreciated.

*Father Brennan*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** continue to collect pop cans, liquor bottles, aluminum products, copper and car batteries. No steel products please. Pick up will be the last Saturday of each month or as requested for larger pick-ups. Please contact Brian Proulx 432-3377 or Rick Norman 432-8603.

**Sunday Offering December 20<sup>th</sup>: \$3,766.00**  
**Envelopes: \$3,431.00 Weekly EFT: \$225.00**  
**Loose: \$110.00**  
**Care Fund: \$1,025.00**  
**Care Fund Gift Cards: \$535.00**

**Sunday Offering December 27<sup>th</sup>: \$2,782.00**  
**Envelopes: \$2,557.00 Weekly EFT: \$225.00**

**Christmas to date: \$8,645.00**  
**Envelopes - \$7,530.00 EFT - \$1,115.00**

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

It's hard to talk about Epiphany without sounding like we're exaggerating. Today is a day of superlatives. Epiphany is the grandest, merriest, brightest and best day of Christmastime.



Today we celebrate three wonders: the Magi offer the Lord gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Lord comes to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. The Lord turns water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana.

Epiphany means "appearance" and "revelation" and "manifestation." In the gospel stories of Epiphany, we hear that God appears in creation. God is revealed in a star, in the waters of a river, in the shining skies, on the wings of a dove, in stone jars of every-day water.

In a sense, at Epiphany all of us are queens and kings. In baptism we were anointed to be God's royal people. Now the star shines over us, we who are baptized, we who bear the name of Christ.

We have come from the East to  
pay homage to the king.  
Matthew 2.1-12

### A GIFT FROM GOD

My life is a gift from God given, not in years, but a day at a time.

Today is the day the Lord has made for me, and he planned it to be the most important day of my life.

Yesterday is gone, never to return.

I must not worry about it, but leave it in the hands of God.

Tomorrow and all it holds is God's secret and its coming is not assured.

Only today is mine.

Each day, arranged by God with infinite wisdom and goodness is His gift,  
His act of love for me.

In thanksgiving I will offer Him every day the gift of myself - my prayers,  
works, joys and sufferings.

Dear Lord, receive them graciously.

Mary help me to remember today...

Hail Mary Full of Grace.....



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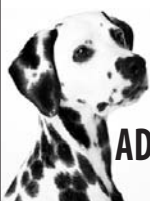
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
 RENFREW COUNCIL 1916**  
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MEETINGS: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM

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

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