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Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 10:30 AM

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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

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Contact the parish office to arrange for this Ministry

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Please contact Father Brennan at least six months before the proposed celebration as a preparation program is required.

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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 Gertrude Freemark, Hector Vincent, Wil Hermans, Harry Hanniman, Herman Veenendall, uncle of Johanna Mathieu and Ken Visneskie, brother of Lyda Manwell and Jullianna Morris.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL RENFREW COUNCIL 1916: The General meeting will be held on Monday, January 8th at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus 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 info call the membership chair - Debbie Macdonald at 613-432-5768 or email at debbiemacdonald12@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019 - January 22 – 29 Panama City, Panama (Central America)

The Diocese of Pembroke is seeking anyone, between the ages of 18 and 35 by Jan. 2019, who is interested in attending this worldwide event. Our diocese will form a group with other dioceses. Please contact Yvette Bourque 613-723-7933 x 208 or yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com

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 everyday 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.

CARE FUND DONATIONS: Two donations were received the weekend of December 10/11. One for \$25 and one for \$100. No names or info were on the envelopes. If you think one of these might be yours please make the office aware of it so that your account may be properly credited.

SUNDAY OFFERING - Dec. 24th - \$4,520.55 \$4,045.00 - Envelopes \$141.55 - Loose \$334.00 - Weekly EFT \$50.00 - SFX Care Fund

SUNDAY OFFERING - Dec. 31st - \$3,787.00 \$3,263.00 - Envelopes \$190.00 - Loose \$334.00 - Weekly EFT

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

~ ELLIE KIMBERLY ANN PRINCE, daughter of Ken & Hallie ~

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Jan. 8 NO PARISH LITURGY

TUES. Jan 9

9:00 a.m. Special Intention - Art & Marilyn Campbell

WED. Jan. 10

8:00 a.m. Gertrude Freemark - Jim & Linda Freemark

THURS. Jan. 11

8:00 a.m. Michael Enright - Janet Corkett 10:30 a.m. MANOR: Kathleen Roach

- Teresa Manion

FRI. Jan. 12

8:00 a.m. Ancestors and Descendants

- Georges & Jeannette Blanchette

SAT. Jan. 13

4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

SUN. Jan. 14

10:30 a.m. Felix Weiss Jr. - The Family

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. Monetary donations to 115 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Renfrew, ON, K7V 2R5.

5 DAY CATHOLIC PARENTING CHALENGE -Evango has released its free, video, online resource designed to engage and challenge parishioners to become stronger, more confident Catholic parents. When a participant signs up, they are sent the short, daily videos, as well as pdf resources designed to make the challenge more effective. Pastors are encouraged to send their parishioners to https://evango.net/ catholic-parenting-challenge/ to sign up. If you have any questions about the Challenge or would like to know how you can better use the resource to evangelize your parish, please call Maria at 613 294-2625 or email media@evango.net

CONGRATULATIONS: to Duncan Lennox, winner of the Altar Server draw for December.

BLESSINGS TO ALL IN THE NEW YEAR!

LITURGICAL ROLES

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 14th 2018

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - E. Saumure; N. Saumure MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - D. & C. Sulpher;

T. Brazeau; B. Kusluski

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C. Sulpher; G. Blanchette

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SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - H. Curry; R. Russell MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - D. & C. Varrin;

A. Agnew; B. Taylor

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – D. Yemen; T. Fiebig; M.L. Rowat; D. Varrin

SERVERS - N. & S. Lesk

CANTOR - T.B.A.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - D. Cosier; C. Manwell

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, 2017 will be credited to your 2018 income tax receipt. Income tax receipts for the year 2017 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.

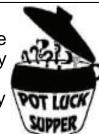
11th ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT Jan 19-21, 2018

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. Skating rink (pick-up hockey) and outdoor walks/snow-shoeing on property. For questions, sleeping arrangement, requests, or financial concerns call David Douthwright at 613 756-9815 or email at daviddouthwright@hotmail.com.

POTLUCK SUPPER: Saturday January 20th

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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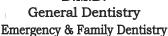
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