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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs 9 a.m. - 4 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

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## HIGH SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic High School  
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## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Carrie Anne Maheux, niece of Richard Russell.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Arnold Wren, Mary Boudreau, Father Doug Morris, Fr. Moses Nwosu, Fr. John Affleck, Linda (Mahusky) Hull, Dorothy Kosowskie, Georges Blanchette, Robert Berube, Barbara Helferty, Betty Sammon, Luke Holmes, Catherine Kuehl, Betty Tracey, Leona Barr, Gwen Deslaurier, Rose Nighbor, Audrey Tibbles, Audrey Hawley, and Joan Prince.

### WORKBOOK FOR LECTORS: DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>.

Once again this year we have the Workbook for Lectors available in the sacristy for those who proclaim God's Word. It contains a commentary on the readings, a pronunciation guide for difficult words and suggestions on how to proclaim effectively. Come a little early and use this resource.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL RENFREW COUNCIL 1916:** The General meeting will be held on **Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

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**SUNDAY OFFERING: Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - \$3,418.45**

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - \$3,905.00**

**Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - \$4,961.33**

**CHRISTMAS - \$9,394.00 NEW YEAR'S - \$2,021.00**

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to all who made our Christmas Celebration so special this year: Devon Sheahan, Mike Newberry and Margaret Sheahan, and John Laviolette, who decorated the church; Sharon and Jessa Harper who decorated the house; singers, musicians Hospitality Ministers, Altar Servers & Eucharistic Ministers. Special thanks to all who remembered Deacon Don, Anthony Burchat, 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 will be credited to your 2017 income tax receipt. Income tax receipts for the year 2016 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.

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



We will welcome to the Christian Community the children baptized into our faith last weekend. As the Parents and Sponsors make a commitment to share with these children our Catholic faith, we as a faith community will offer our on-going support to:

\* **MADELEINE JUDITH LORRAINE STE-MARIE, daughter of Christian & Ashley**

\* **BYRON DOUGLAS LEECH, son of Brent & Lindsay**

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.

\* **Wed., January 11 R.C.I.A.**

**Small Hall**

**7:00 p.m.**

### **POTLUCK SUPPER: Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>**

The parishioners of both Renfrew parishes are cordially invited to join in a **Pot Luck Dinner on the Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday 8 January, 2017 starting at 4:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall.** This will be an opportunity for the parishioners of both parishes to come together to give thanks for the safe arrival of Baraa, Ammar, Wiaam and Elian, which we have prayed and worked for over the past year. Please bring a dish to share and a friend!



**LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. Jan. 9 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15a.m.)  
 TUES. Jan. 10  
 9:00 a.m. Dec'd Members of the Leppert Family  
 - Lore & Don Coyne  
 WED. Jan. 11  
 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Wendy Thompson  
 - P. & J. Spilchen  
 THUR. Jan 12  
 8:00 a.m. Betty Brisco - Nancy Bailey  
 10:30 a.m. MANOR: Dan Power - Marguerite Power  
 FRI. Jan. 13  
 8:00 a.m. Doris Belanger - S.F.X. C.W.L.  
 SAT. Jan. 14  
 4:30 p.m. Family Members - Tom Wojick  
 Walter & Agnes Narezny - Joan Sherlock  
 SUN. Jan. 15  
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - P. Dowdall; J. Dowdall  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - B. & S. A. Holley;  
 M. & B. Coulas  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Dillon; L. Armstrong  
 T. Lemechick; K. Coulas  
 SERVERS - K. Dowdall

**SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.**

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S. McNulty; J. Valliquette  
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - R. Holmes; L. Sammon  
 B. Taylor; A. Agnew  
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - J. O'Gorman; R.A. Dicker;  
 T. Fiebig; J. O'Connor; D. Yemen  
 SERVERS - H. & L. Curry  
 CANTOR - M. E. Lunney  
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY - D. Cosier; K. Arbuthnot

**ON OUR WAY WITH JESUS:**

**Part I: WE PREPARE FOR RECONCILIATION**

Congratulations to the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time here on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**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.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE 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.

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

The CWL Membership drive is over, but it's not too late for the ladies of the parish to join or renew. We continue to accept new or renewed membership payments by cheque payable to St. Francis Xavier CWL, or cash that can be dropped into the collection basket at the Saturday and Sunday masses. CWL application forms for new members 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](mailto:debbiemacdonald12@gmail.com). Come out and join our meetings that are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 7pm

**NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULES:** will be ready next week. Please refer carefully to the bulletin for next weekend's appointments.

**POTLUCK SUPPER: Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>**

The Parish Council would like to invite you to a potluck supper after the 4:30 p.m. 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 Connors @ 613-432-3207.



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