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OFFICE HOURS

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

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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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Dick Cobus, Sylvie Lafontaine, Barb Patrick, Stella Shalla and Georges Blanchette.

PARISH OFFICE: The office remains closed to the public. You may reach us by phone at 613-432-5825 or by email at sfx.parish@on.aibn.com or contact Father Brennan directly at sfxpastor@bellnet.ca.

PRIVATE PRAYER / HOLY HOUR

The church will be open for private prayer on Tuesdays to Fridays after the 8:00 a.m. (Mass) until 4:00 p.m. **Please leave the kneeler down in the pew that you use so that the area may be properly disinfected.**

There will be no Holy Hour during the summer months.

WORD AMONG US: July/August editions may be found in the mail box just outside the office door. Payment may be placed in the secure mailbox or when the church reopens. We will do our best to replenish the supply available in the mailbox.

Upcoming Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Cape and to the Shrine of Saint Anne: The 146th annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Cape and to the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupré will not happen on August 8-9, 2020. The pilgrimage has now been rescheduled for **September 12-13 or October 17-18, 2020.** Pilgrims who have already prepaid for their pilgrimage will be refunded if they cannot be present to either one of these projected dates. The projected dates will depend on the federal, provincial, territorial and public Health governments' decisions.

ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LOTTERY: The draw date for the Knights of Columbus Charities Lottery has been changed from May 29, 2020 to October 30, 2020. To purchase a ticket please contact Roy Leitch at 613-433-9258.

"Lord, your are good and forgiving"

Ps 86.5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (R.5)

SUNDAY OFFERING

July 12th : \$5,041.00

Envelopes: \$4,722.00 ; Weekly EFT: \$230.00

Loose: \$89.00

Care Fund: \$100.00

Education of Priests: \$1,177.00 (to date)

Parish Supper: \$7,110.00 (to date)

Please note: the next bulletin will be published on Sunday, August 2nd.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. July 20 NO PARISH LITURGY (OLF Mass 8:15 a.m.)

TUES. July 21

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Michael Spinks
- Steve & Theresa Dregas

WED. July 22

8:00 a.m. Eunice Meilleur - S.F.X. C.W.L.

THURS. July 23

8:00 a.m. Harry Ballard - Anne English

FRI. July 24

8:00 a.m. Viola Chaput
- Jason & Tina Dedo & Family

SAT. July 25

4:30 p.m. Greg Mantil - Dianna & Family

SUN. July 26

10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners
- Fr. Brennan

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. July 27 NO PARISH LITURGY (OLF Mass 8:15 a.m.)

TUES. July 28

8:00 a.m. Gladys & John Kenopic - Their Girls

WED. July 29

8:00 a.m. Gertie Windle
- Helen & Welland Caldwell

THURS. July 30

8:00 a.m. Special Intention - A Parishioner

FRI. July 31

8:00 a.m. Genny McCallum
- Art & Marilyn Campbell

SAT. Aug. 1

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

SUN. Aug. 2

10:30 a.m. Joseph Lee - The Family

FROM THE DIOCESE *Masks mandatory in Renfrew County beginning the week of July 13:* Non-surgical masks become mandatory in certain enclosed spaces (**including churches**) in Renfrew County the week of July 13. Exceptions include very young children and people with respiratory problems. Medical authorities are asking everyone to be kind to people who are not wearing a mask. They may have a valid reason for not wearing one. For more details and updates, please consult the website of the *Pembroke Observer and News*: <https://www.pembrokeobserver.com/category/news/local-news>.

BISHOP DESROCHERS issued the following statement concerning the wearing of masks in church:

“The territory of Pembroke Diocese spans at least eight counties and districts in Ontario and Quebec. The directives in the various jurisdictions vary in content and timelines.

“My position on the wearing of masks in church is that a parish community or a mission is to adhere to the directives of the civil jurisdiction in which the parish church or mission church is located.

“Parishes and missions are not exempt from civil bylaws and directives. Individuals are not exempt beyond the exceptions envisaged in the bylaws and directives themselves.”

+ Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.
Bishop of Pembroke



from the Pastors Pen

One interpretation of today's well known Gospel parable of the wheat and the weeds is that it is about inclusivity. The weed that was growing along with the wheat was called darnel and it looked a lot like wheat when it first started to grow. You could only tell it was a weed when the plants matured and the ears appear. When the owner's servants discover weeds in the wheat field, the question is not only where they could have come from, but also what should be done about them. To their surprise the owner tells them not to weed the field but to let the wheat and the weeds grow together. When both are mature at harvest time the sorting will be done. The wheat will be gathered up and stored and the weeds will be burned.

Jesus explains that the parable is about good and evil thriving alongside each other in the world. It is not always easy to tell weeds from the wheat and their roots are intertwined below ground. Judgment is left to God's angels. We see the inclusive nature of Jesus' vision. He explains that the power of the kingdom of God is like the growth potential of a tiny mustard seed, or the transforming qualities of yeast. The tiny seeds and yeast spores have a dynamic potential for change that is out of all proportion to their size. With the metaphors of the mustard seed and the yeast, Jesus asks us to trust our inner energies and the power of the Holy Spirit. We can all be agents of change in our world.

†† FIRST COMMUNION 2020 ††



This Sunday, July 19th, twelve of our young people will be receiving Holy Eucharist for the first time. They and their immediate families will gather for a special Mass at 4 p.m. As a parish family we share with them the joy of this most special event in their faith lives.

Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers.

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