# Saint Francis Xavier Parish

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## **PASTOR**

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### PARISH SECRETARY

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# PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR

**DEACON** 

Don Smith

Mon to Thurs

Friday - Closed

**OFFICE HOURS** 

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Nancy Connors

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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.

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 Elsie Kane and Donna (Rousselle) O'Reilly.

# PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially 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 146<sup>th</sup> 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. Our Lady of the Cape, pray for us. Good Saint Anne, pray for us.

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## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

I shall pass through this world but once.

If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do,

let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

--De Grellet

# **LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

MON. July 6 NO PARISH LITURGY

TUES. July 7

8:00 a.m. Ray Coulas - Steve & Theresa Dregas

WED. July 8

8:00 a.m. Emily Harper

- Gord & Sharon Harper

THURS. July 9

8:00 a.m. Don Coyne - The Family

FRI. July 10

8:00 a.m.

Barbara Hyde - Barb Patrick & Family

SAT. July 11

4:30 p.m.

Darcy Castonguay - Elaine Turner

Irene Fremont

- Daughter, Leona Barr

SUN. July 12

10:30 a.m.

Intentions of the Parishioners

- Fr. Brennan

# **LITURGICAL ROLES**

For the foreseeable future ministers will be contacted on a week to week basis regarding assistance with hospitality ministry and cleaning assistance for weekend Masses.



# WELCOME BISHOP GUY DESROCHERS

It is said that good things come to those who wait. Pembroke Diocese indeed encountered a long period of waiting without a bishop. Many months passed wondering who would be our next bishop. The culmination of that anticipation was joyfully celebrated on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> as **Bishop Guy Desrochers** was installed as the ninth bishop of Pembroke Diocese. The parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Parish extend a warm welcome to Bishop Desrochers and wish him God's blessings and strength and he leads the faithful of our diocese.

### BILL GATES VIEWS ON THE CVIRUS.....

What is the Corona/Covid-19 Really Teaching Us? (con't from June 28)

I'm a strong believer that there is a spiritual purpose behind everything that happens, whether that is what we perceive as being good or being bad.

As I meditate upon this, I want to share with you what I feel the Corona/Covid-19 virus is really doing to us.

- It is reminding us to keep our egos in check. It is reminding us that no matter how great we think we are or how great others think we are, a virus can bring our world to a standstill.
- It is reminding us that the power of freewill is in our hands. We can choose to cooperate and help each other, to share, to give, to help and to support each other or we can choose to be selfish, to hoard, to look after only our self. Indeed, it is difficulties that bring out our true colours.
- It is reminding us that we can be patient, or we can panic. We can either understand that this type of situation has happened many times before in history and will pass, or we can panic and see it as the end of the world and, consequently, cause ourselves more harm than good.
- It is reminding us that this can either be an end or a new beginning. This can be a time of reflection and understanding, where we learn from our mistakes, or it can be the start of a cycle which will continue until we finally learn the lesson we are meant to.
- It is reminding us that this Earth is sick. It is reminding us that we need to look at the rate of deforestation just as urgently as we look at the speed at which toilet rolls are disappearing off of the shelves. We are sick because our home is sick.
- It is reminding us that after every difficulty, there is always ease. Life is cyclical, and this is just a phase in this great cycle. We do not need to panic; this too shall pass.

Whereas many see the Corona/Covid-19 as a great disaster, I prefer to see it as a great corrector. It is sent to remind us of the important lessons that we seem to have forgotten and it is up to us if we will learn them or not.



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:

~ STELLA CATHERINE FULTON, daughter of Jacob & Mary ~

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