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OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Thurs
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Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 10:30 AM

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Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. Mass
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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

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.

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Please contact Fr. Brennan regarding upcoming preparation

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CORPUS CHRISTI

My Dear People:

It is with joy that the public celebration of mass will resume in our church this coming weekend June 13th-14th of June, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. After this lengthy deprivation from the sacraments, we give thanks to God that public worship will start again on the feast of Corpus Christi. What a beautiful feast to have as we return to Mass giving thanks to God that public worship will begin after this 13th week period of no public Masses.

From the outset it should be stated that persons with health vulnerabilities are encouraged not to attend public Mass at this time. Persons who are sick or feel sick must not attend public Mass. It is important for every member of the community to be aware that the logistical steps taken during this initial phase will initially seem awkward and out of the ordinary. Each of us will be required to exercise patience, understanding and charity so that our parishes can reduce risks associated with the pandemic. Adapting familiar routines can be a challenge. Instead of thinking of these variances in our practices as the 'new normal', let's try to see them as the **now normal**.

Adaptions to the Renfrew Calabogie Schedule

According to the norms of the Province of Ontario churches are able to have 30% of their capacity to the present in the building. With the new norms in place we can accommodate approximately 112 people at each Mass in St. Francis Xavier and approximately 45 in Calabogie. Fr. Holly is going to have a temporary Sunday morning Mass at 7 a.m. as well as his 9 a.m. Mass. Some may consider going to this 7 a.m. Mass especially during the summer to help stagger the numbers in both churches. The Mass times in St. Francis Xavier and Calabogie will remain the same for the time being.

The Province of Ontario will still only allow 10 persons to be present in a church for a funeral. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will temporarily be available in the Rectory in the hallway outside the offices before Mass on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment at other times.

Before you leave home

Parishioners are encouraged to take their own temperatures before leaving home to attend Mass and not attend if the temperature is 38 degrees Celsius (100.4) degrees Fahrenheit) or above. Those exercising a function (i.e. priest usher) must do so and record the temperature before leaving home. Those attending Mass are strongly encouraged to bring their own masks.

Arriving at church

Parishioners are asked to use the hand sanitizer available at the entrances of the church. Pews have been blocked off to create physical distance. Households may sit together in the same pew.

You may sit in pews not blocked off at the spots where you see a piece of vertical masking tape.

All hymn books and missalettes have been removed from the pews.

You may bring your own missalettes with you to church but please take them home with you.

We will not be singing during this first phase of return.

The washroom in the church should only be used in case of emergency.

All persons are asked to strictly refrain from approaching other persons in their pews to visit before or after Mass.

During Mass

The collection will not be taken up in the usual manner. Parishioners are asked to drop their envelopes in the baskets near the doors of the church **as they depart the church**

At the time of Holy Communion instructions will be given. Basically you are asked to come to communion one row at a time.

When forming a single line for Holy Communion please observe physical distancing between persons as marked by the yellow indicators on the floor.

Communicants are strongly encouraged to receive Communion in the hand as a temporary measure during the pandemic as an act of charity.

At the conclusion of Mass

After the final blessing when the priest has returned to the sacristy the congregation is requested to kneel or sit to offer prayers of Thanksgiving. This will also allow each pew to leave the church separately. Please wait until the row in front of you has gotten to the vestibule near the doors of the church before starting to exit. **You will receive more instruction on this at Mass**

At present the bulletin will only be published on our website and not handed out as usual. One of the most difficult tasks will be refraining from our usual visiting outside after Mass. The measures of precaution that we exercise in the church will be of no values if we do not abide by the same principles outside of the doors of the church and in the parking lot.

We need your help

Various parts of the church building especially the pews, will be sanitized after each Mass. We are looking for volunteers in teams of two to sanitize the pews especially. If you are willing to be placed on a schedule to assist please email martha.sfx@on.aibn.com

I am sure we are grateful for the opportunity to resume public worship. We need to practice safe-distancing to mitigate risks in our public gatherings. I encourage you to cooperate with all the rules we have for our health and well-being as well as our families and friends.

Wishing you God's Blessing,
Fr. Kerry Brennan

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Patricia MacNeil sister of Bev Chapman and Reginald McEachen, brother-in-law of Ruth McEachen.

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.



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WELCOME: This weekend we are not only celebrating the fact that we are back to public Mass but we are also welcoming Deacon Michael Coyne who is back with us as he awaits a date for his Ordination to the Priesthood. Welcome Deacon Michael!!!

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Jun. 15 NO LITURGY
TUES. Jun. 16
8:00 a.m. Emily Harper - Judy Kunopaski & Siblings
WED. Jun. 17
8:00 a.m. Irene Fremont - Luella Sheridan
THURS. Jun. 18
8:00 a.m. Terry Neville - Pat & Family
FRI. Jun. 19
8:00 a.m. Anthony Lorbetskie - Kevin Pierunek
SAT. Jun. 20
4:30 p.m. Don & Chris Goulet - The Family
Lawrence & Rita Mahusky
- Son, Lawrence Mahusky Jr.
SUN. Jun. 21
10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

SUNDAY BULLETIN: We will resume **weekly printing of the bulletin** to allow the parish to keep parishioners abreast of new developments and instructions with regard to the situation. Important updates will continue to be posted on the parish Facebook page (<https://m.facebook.com/sfxrenfrew>).

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