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OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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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

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School
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HIGH SCHOOL

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Xavier Kunopaskie.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Isadore Lorbetskie, Bob Flynn, Arnold Wren, Fr. Mike Costello, Fr. Moses Nwosu, Fr. John Affleck, Linda (Mahusky) Hull, Dorothy Kosowskie, Georges Blanchette, Robert Berube, Barbara Helferty, Betty Sammon, Luke Holmes, Catherine Kuehl, Leona Barr, Gwen Deslaurier, Rose Nighbor and Audrey Tibbles.

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

CWL General Meeting, Tuesday March 14, 7pm in the Large Hall. Reaffirmation of Executive. Guest Speaker: Bob Gervais. Topic: SFX Cemetery. All members welcome. Donations of non-perishable items for food bank gratefully accepted.

SFX CWL Rummage Sale Info

Dates: Friday, April 28th Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 29th 8:00 - 12 Noon

Donations Accepted:

Wed., Apr. 26th

Noon - 8:00 p.m. Large SFX Hall

Thurs., Apr. 27th

8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. Large SFX Hall

Fri., Apr. 28th

8:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m. Small SFX Hall

Sat., Apr. 29th

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Small SFX Hall

Pick Up: Contact Elaine 432 5535

For Safety Sake: No outdated cribs, car seats, or non working appliances.

Workers Needed: Before, During & After. All are welcome to volunteer: Members, Non-Members, (including High School Students), male & female. Contact Elaine Turner 432 5535 or enrightturner@sympatico.ca

Proceeds to Charitable Works within the Parish, Local Community & World Wide.

SUNDAY OFFERING: Mar. 5th - \$5,663.18

Envelopes - \$4,140.00 Loose - \$265.85

EFT Monthly - \$938.33

EFT Weekly - \$319.00

I have never taken holidays during the Season of Lent during my whole Priesthood. However, this year because of the deaths of Fr. Morris and Msgr. Pick so close together I feel the need for some R. and R. I will be away from March 11th to 17th inclusive. I thank Fr. Holly and Fr. Do for taking any emergency calls and Funerals during my absence. And thank you all for your sympathy and prayerful support during this difficult time.
Fr. Brennan

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RENFREW:

are serving a **FISH & CHIPS DINNER** every Friday during Lent (Mar. 3rd to Apr. 6th); from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. \$10.00 / person. Take out is also available. Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 313 Raglan St. S., Renfrew.

LENT

Except for this coming week, during Lent we will have Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays preceded by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays will be at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday to Friday at 8:00 a.m. Please make a special effort to come to Mass whenever you can during this Holy Season.

Reconciliation will be available before all weekend Masses and all Fridays before the morning Mass. There will be a Penitential Service held here April 6th at 7:00 p.m. with a number of priests to hear individual confessions.

7:00 a.m. WORKERS MASS DURING LENT

With the luxury of having a second priest in our parish, Father Holly will offer a 7:00 a.m. Mass for workers at Our Lady of Fatima Church during the weekdays of Lent. It is hoped that this will be a convenience for those who wish to begin their day with Mass on their way to work or school.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - General Meeting will be held on Monday, March 13th, @ 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

*"Let your love be upon us, Lord,
even as we hope in you."*

Ps. 33. 4-5, 18-19, 20+22 (R.22)

POTLUCK SUPPER: Saturday March 18th

You are invited to join us for our last potluck of the winter season after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.

Bring your friends and let's be optimistic and celebrate melting snow!

The kitchen will be open at 3:00. p.m.

Any queries please contact Nancy Connors @ 613-432-3207



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Mar. 13 NO PARISH LITURGY
 Mass at OLF 7 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.

TUES. Mar. 14 NO PARISH LITURGY
 Mass at OLF 7 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.

WED. Mar. 15 NO PARISH LITURGY
 Mass at OLF 7 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.

THUR. Mar. 16 NO PARISH LITURGY
 Mass at OLF 7 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.

FRI. Mar. 17 NO PARISH LITURGY
 Mass at OLF 7 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.

SAT. Mar. 18
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

SUN. Mar.19
 10:30 a.m. Urban Agnew - Anita & Family
 Dec'd Kluka & Shalla Family Members
 - Stella Shalla

LITURGICAL ROLES

3rd Sunday of Lent - March 19th 2017

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S. Mosco; C. A. Flannery
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - J. Skebo; J. Mahusky;
 B. & S. A. Holley
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - D. Dillon; S. Dregas;
 D. Mantil; G. Blanchette
 SERVERS - T.B.A.

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.
 MINISTERS OF THE WORD - T. Keller; S. Pallen
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY- B. Taylor; A. Agnew;
 L. & S. Hall
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – J. O’Gorman; D. Yemen;
 N.Adam; R.A. Dicker; S. O’Neil
 SERVERS - A. Coyne; S. Holmes
 CANTOR - H. Holley
 CHILDREN’S LITURGY - NO LITURGY

EWTN GLOBAL CATHOLIC NETWORK:
 invites you to a Family Celebration at the
 Centrepointe Theatre in Ottawa on **Saturday,**
April 1 for an inspiring day for your entire
 family! This year’s theme will be “The Life
 and Legacy of Mother Angelica”. Be renewed in
 your faith with inspirational talks by your
 favourite EWTN hosts, Johnnette Benkovic,
 Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Fr. Larry Richards.
 Admission is free, but seats are limited.
 Log onto ewtn.com/familycelebration for info.

**COLF (CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR
 LIFE AND FAMILY:** seminar on Life and
 Family on **March 30-31, 2017 in Gatineau.**
 The theme is “Sex, Gender and Ideology”.
 For further info contact COLF at 613-241-
 9461 ext. 161 or by email at colf@colf.ca.

25 GREAT THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR LENT

Besides giving up chocolate

Lent, is the 40 days of preparation for the Easter season when Christians are called to deepen their spiritual lives through the practice of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Challenge yourself this year, and go beyond the usual practice of “giving up” something. Now is a great time to take stock of your spiritual life and to grow in it. Not sure where to start? Check out some of these ideas.

1. Make a commitment to read the Sunday scripture *before* you go to Mass. In the same way that reading up on football players, opposing teams, and coaching strategies will help you experience a game more fully, familiarizing yourself with the readings ahead of time will help you experience them in a deeper way on Sunday.
2. Use Busted Halo’s Lenten-themed Daily Jolts and MicroChallenges to find new ways to practice the discipline of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Each day of Lent, we’ll offer an inspirational quote paired with a practical, challenging task that you can do that day to keep your spiritual life on point. You can find these challenges on our website <http://bustedhalo.com> or follow us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/bustedhalo> or Twitter <https://twitter.com/bustedhalo>.
3. Try a new spiritual practice. Sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration (<http://bustedhalo.com/blog/a-converts-guide-to-adoration>). Sign up for a silent retreat or spend at least one hour in silent meditation each weekend.
4. Think about what you usually spend your money on. Do you buy too many clothes? Spend too much on dinner out? Pick one type of expenditure that you’ll “fast” from during Lent, and then give the money you would usually spend to a local charity.
5. Take something on - 40 days of letter writing, 40 acts of kindness, 40 phone calls to the important people in your life.
6. When you sit down at your computer at work or at the very end of your work day, try a 10-minute guided prayer from Sacred Space (<http://www.sacredspace.ie/>) based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius.

The above ideas are only a sampling from the article “25 Great Things You Can Do for Lent” by Renée Lareau which may found on line at <http://bustedhalo./author/renee-lareau>.

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