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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

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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, especiálly Linda (Mahusky) Hull, Dorothy Kosowskie, Georges Blanchette, Robert Berube, Fr. Doug Morris, Anthony Mask, Barbara Helferty, Betty Sammon, Luke Holmes, Catherine Kuehl, Betty Tracey, Leona & Ken Barr, Gwen Deslaurier, Ed Sulpher, Rose Nighbor, Audrey Tibbles, Audrey Hawley, and Joan Prince.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY: earlier a paper entitled "52 + 2 Ways to Be Merciful During the Jubilee Year of Mercy" was inserted in the bulletin. As a gentle reminder to try and incorporate these practices in our daily life, each week we will try and publish a few of these suggestions.

- 1) Have masses said for the living: friends and family members, even strangers you read/hear about, who are having a hard time.
- 2) Be generous enough to allow someone to help you; people need to feel needed.
- 3) If you didn't mean to be a pain in the neck to someone, admit that you were and ask that person to forgive you.
- 4) Carry around \$5 Tim Horton's and McDonald's gift cards for the homeless.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
RENFREW: will be serving a
FISH FRY DINNER Fridays during Lent - March 11th & 18th



(not Good Friday). Location: 313 Raglan St. S. Meals served from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Price \$10.00. Take out is available. For more info call 613-432-5334 M.J. Blimkie.

DRIVE

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: Reminder that next weekend is the Parish Food Bank Sunday for March. Baskets at

the doors of the church will be available for your donations. Thank you for your generosity. The following are items are always needed: peanut butter, pasta & pasta sauce, pure fruit juices, canned tomatoes, rice, unsweetened cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, tinned tuna, salmon, ham, chicken and turkey.

THE WEEKDAY READER ROSTER: needs reinforcements. If you might be able to assist even once or twice a month it would help tremendously. If interested or you would just like more information please contact the parish office at 613-432-5825.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Hanna winner of the February Altar Server draw.

> **SUNDAY OFFERING:** February 28th - \$4,568.00

CONFESSION DURING LENT:

7:30 - 7:45 a.m. FRIDAY MORNINGS

3:45 - 4:15 p.m. SATURDAYS AFTERNOONS

9:45 - 10:15 a.m. SUNDAY MORNINGS

3:00 - 700 p.m. MONDAY, MARCH 21st - S.F.X. & O.L.F.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26th

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Monday during Lent the C.W.L. and Knights of Columbus members facilitate the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m., prior to Mass. We welcome all and will provide the booklets for your reflection on each of the fourteen stations.

CHRISM MASS: Bishop Mulhall extends a warm welcome to all members of the Diocese to join in the celebration of the Chrism Mass at St. Columbkille Cathedral on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 22nd, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. Following the Mass, the Blessing of the Oils of the Consecration of the Holy Chrism, there will be a gathering for everyone in the Cathedral Parish Hall. All of the faithful of the Diocese are welcome. Please note: there will be **no** parish liturgy at S.F.X. on Tuesday, March 22nd.

EASTER VIGIL: the Easter Vigil will be celebrated at both Saint Francis Xavier Parish and Our Lady of Fatima Parish on Saturday, March 26th at 7:30 p.m.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Mar. 7

6:30 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:00 p.m. Joe Steep - Tom Drohan

TUES. Mar. 8

9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving & Special Intention

- A Parishioner

WED. Mar. 9

8:00 a.m. Jock Jolicoeur - Marty & Judy Enright

THUR. Mar. 10

8:00 a.m. Theresa Kusluski - Bob & Tim 10:30 a.m. MANOR: Helen Stroud - Lillian Frost

FRI. Mar. 11

8:00 a.m.Intentions of Angela McAdam

- Marguerite Power

SAT. Mar. 12 4:30 p.m. SUN. Mar. 13

Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

10:30 a.m. Dec'd Members of Shalla & Kluke Families

- Stella Shalla

Fr. Charles Giroux & Glenn Carr

- Gloria & Family

LITURGICAL ROLES

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 13th, 2016

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - A.M. Slight; J. Freemark MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - J. Skebo; A. Wren; B. & S.A. Holley

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - R. & N. Connors; T. Lemenchick; D. Dillon

SERVERS -L. & S. Brown

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - T. Keller; J. Perry MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - T. & B. McIntyre;

A. Agnew, B. Taylor

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - S. O'Neil; N. Adam;

T. Fiebig; R.A. Dicker; D. Yemen

SERVERS - N. & S. Lesk; S. Holmes

CANTOR - H. Holley

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

MINISTRY SCHEDULES: hard copies of the schedule are ready for those who do not receive them via email.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion

Please join us as we celebrate *Divine Mercy Sunday* on April 3rd from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at St. Columbkille Cathedral, 188 Renfrew St., Pembroke. The guest speaker will be Father Denis Lemieux of Madonna House. This will be a time with Our Lord with adoration, singing of hymns and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Let us join together and pray for God's mercy upon the whole world.

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE THIS LENT! Do something life-changing!

Sign up for "Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever!" email program. Each day you will receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. Sign up today on the front page of the diocesan website www.pembrokediocese.com or go to DynamicCatholic.com/Lent and check out the other great resources.

COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN: Two FREE lunches every month offered by St. Paul's Anglican Church and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, in conjunction with St. Joseph's Catholic High School. Wednesday, March 9th at 11:30 a.m. at OLF Church and Wednesday, March 30th at St. Paul's Anglican Church. See posters.

AS WE FORGIVE

*"The Church should be the society of the forgiven and the forgiving."

(William G. Spencer)

*"There's no point burying the hatchet if you're going to put up a marker on the site."

(Sydney Harris)

*"Better by far that you should forgive and smile than you should remember and be sad."

(Christina Rossetti)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH

All parishioners are invited to participate in the World Day of Prayer Service at the Salvation Army Church, Renfrew on Friday, March 4th at 2:00 p.m.

This year's service was written by a women's committee from Cuba. Come be enriched by the Christian faith experiences of other countries and cultures, and share in the burdens of others through prayer."



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