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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

Cancelled until further notice

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In the Quiet Room
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
or Fr. Coyne Ext 4

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

St. Joseph's Catholic High School
835 First Street 613-432-5846
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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Margaret Thompson, Bernadette Haaima and Michael "Mickey" Hebert.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Darlene Shields, Annlea O'Rourke, Gail Caillier, Doris Long, Johanna Mathieu, Margarita Kurth, Mary McCann, Betty Sammon, Sylvie Lafontaine, Stella Shalla and Georges and Jeannette Blanchette.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. May 24

8:00 am Rose & Lorne Hebert
- Marlene & Andrew Shulist

9:00 am Special Intention - Lawrence Mahusky

TUES. May 25

8:00 am Those Who Need Our Prayers
- Gloria Carr

9:00 am Al & Margaret McHugh - Lore Coyne

WED. May 26

8:00 am Special Intention - A Parishioner
9:00 am Intentions of Kay McDonell
- Art & Marilyn Campbell

THURS. May 27

8:00 am Angela Legary - Mary Legary Graham & Angelo Graham
9:00 am Ray Wojcik
- Pauline Fleury & Michel Charette

FRI. May 28

8:00 am Deceased Family - Judith Anderson
9:00 am Gaetan Derouin - Sheila Letts

SAT. May 29

4:30 pm Souls in Purgatory - P. & J. Spilchen
5:30 pm Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan

SUN. May 30

9:30 am Richard Cobus - Elaine Turner
10:30 am Pat Yantha - Wife, Debbie



PENTECOST *I will pour out my spirit on my servants.*
Joel 2.28-32

SUNDAY BULLETIN: the next bulletin will be printed on Sunday, May 30. Important updates may be viewed on the parish Facebook page.

Sunday Offering May 16th: \$2,009.00

Envelopes: \$1,759.00

Weekly EFT: \$240.00; Loose: \$10.00

Care Fund: \$50.00;

Lenten Mission & Dev.: \$7,636.00 to date

Easter: \$5,895.00 to date

Pope's Pastoral Works: \$810.00 to date

Parish Supper Donations: \$1,650.00 to date

CONGRATULATIONS: To **Deacon Don Smith** who celebrated the 17th anniversary of his ordination to the permanent diaconate on May 22nd. The parish has been so blessed with your faithful, dedicated service.

WORD AMONG US: June editions of the will be left in the mail box just outside the office door. Payment for these may be placed in the secure mailbox. We will do our best to replenish the supply available in the mailbox.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER C.W.L. is celebrating 100 years, 1921-2021, with a 100th Anniversary Cookbook. To purchase, for \$20.00, please contact Shirley-Ann Holley by email at shirleyannholley@gmail.com or by phone at 613-432-4332.

SFX CWL HIGH SCHOOL BURSARY: SFX CWL awards 2 bursaries of \$500 each to graduates of our local high schools who are pursuing a post secondary education. Applicants are asked to outline their faith lives, involvement in the parish and the community. Applications are available online through the two local high school sites. Submission deadline is May 28, 2021.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BURSARY

The annual recipient of the SFX Parish Bursary of \$500 will be chosen by the Parish Pastoral Council

- applications are available online through the two local high school sites.
- applications will be reviewed by the Pastoral Council;
- students from *either* Renfrew High School who are seeking higher education may apply.

The criteria for recognition of an appropriate recipient will be based on:

- the involvement of the applicant in our parish community;
- their witness to our Faith in their school and/or the Renfrew community;

Deadline for submission is Friday, May 28th. We wish God's Blessings on all of the graduating students at this challenging time in their lives.

ON CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME....continued

The CWL thanks you for the comments received on REDUCING and REUSING single use plastics:

“I remember how my mother always used a plate to cover a bowl in the fridge instead of using plastic wrap ... I need to get back to that.”

“When I forget my reusable shopping bags at the store, I buy new ones, rather than use plastic bags.”

“I recently invested in some reusable storage containers to reduce my use of ziplocks.”

“I buy larger containers of food instead of convenient individual portion packets. Then I reuse the container for storage.”

“I sign every petition I can to urge politicians to address this problem at a systems level. Politicians need to hear from us.

Message from CWL: KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK! Each single act is important.

Next week's topic: Water

FROM THE DIOCESE

Hello from the new Director of Pastoral Work

Dear friends! Having been very recently hired by the diocese as director of pastoral work I'd like to introduce myself. **My name is Pierre-Alain Giffard**, I am the father of two young teenage girls and the spouse of my wife Marie. Practically all my life has been devoted to theology and evangelization. I have also worked with people with disabilities, both physical and mental. What could I say that could be of interest to you? I am a specialist in the Church mission, having studied and practiced extensively in the field. I hold a doctorate in practical theology and my research focuses on missional congregations. Why are some parishes growing while others are declining? This was one of the central questions of my dissertation. For the past 15 years I have worked at the diocesan level in Quebec and Manitoba, and I have also been a professor at Saint Paul University. I am enthusiastic about the renewal project of Bishop Guy Desrochers. He has asked me, among other things, to ensure the leadership of the diocesan evangelization team. I hope that we will have the opportunity to meet and to communicate with me, you can write to me at pag@pembrokediocese.com. I look forward to hearing from you. *Pierre-Alain Giffard*

SHARE LENT, SHARE LOVE. Dear Supporters: Our *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign invited you to open your hearts to loving our most excluded and vulnerable sisters and brothers. And you responded with immense generosity and kindness. Despite facing your own pandemic-related isolation and challenges, you kept a special place in your heart for those in even greater need. We are humbled by your commitment to peace and justice.

Over the last year, we have been working to build bridges with our bishops across Canada. This process has included changes to our governance structures and a revision of our partnership policy. You may have seen media reports on these processes, which unfortunately cast Development and Peace in a dim light.

Allow me to reiterate that we remain deeply committed to our mission of serving the poorest of the world. Development and Peace plays a critical role in putting the social teachings of the Church into action. Our Lenten campaign was directly inspired by the rich teaching of Pope Francis in his encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, that move us beyond ourselves and urge us to value “the worth of every human person.”

This path, however, requires dialogue, patience and, most importantly, hope. May we carry the Paschal spirit of renewal through the moments of change within Development and Peace and in our troubled world thirsting for peace and justice.

Thank you for being a community with us, for standing by our side and for giving hope to the 15.6 million people we work with.

Yours in solidarity,
Serge Langlois
Executive Director

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