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Mon to Thurs
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Saturday 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM to 10:15 AM
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Or by appointment. Call Fr. Brennan Ext 1

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Contact the parish office to arrange for this Ministry

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Clair Scully, brother of Sharon Flynn and Sheila Mask and for Alex Suba and Emily Harper.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Deacon Don Smith who celebrated the 16th 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 will be left in the mail box just outside the office door. Payment for these 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.



Sunday Offering May 17 & 24:
\$5,045.00

Easter: \$5,372.00 (to date)
Lenten Mission & Development:
\$4,962.00 to Date (to date)

Care Fund: \$330.00 + \$100 in Gift Cards
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Parish Supper: \$960.00 (to date)

Information Update – May 13, 2020:

A number of people have been asking when the churches will reopen, and under what circumstances. While the Ontario and Quebec governments have not yet provided information as to how long the restrictions of public gatherings will continue, our diocese has already begun a process of consulting and establishing a protocol for an eventual and gradual reopening of our churches and the restoration of the public celebration of the Mass and the Sacraments when such is again permitted. The Bishop, in concert with the Bishops of Ontario and Quebec, will issue directives once these have been vetted by health authorities.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: to all couples of the Parish who celebrate a Wedding Anniversary during May. We remember you and your intentions at the 10:30 a.m. Mass this weekend. **May God Bless You All.** Among those who celebrate are:

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| * Greg & Joanne Toner | (59) | * Gordon & Sharon Harper | (42) |
| * Georges & Jeannette Blanchette | (53) | * Garry & Susan O’Neil | (33) |
| * Bob & Bev Ingram | (53) | * Scott & Kristy Campbell | (25) |
| * Hugh & Charlotte Nolan | (53) | * Steven & Kristine O’Connor | (24) |
| * Ernest & Linda Cartier | (51) | * Cory & Amanda Cameron | (7) |
| * Dave & Bev O’Connor | (48) | * Jacob & Mary Fulton | (7) |

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

- MON. Jun. 1 Intentions of Michael Hill
- Steve & Theresa Dregas
- TUES. Jun. 2 Wil Hermans - Phil & Dorothy Lesage
- WED. Jun. 3 Gertie Windle - Ron & Marilyn Leclair
- THURS. Jun. 4 Lucy Buzzell - Irma Kobus
- FRI. Jun. 5 Marie & Dick L’Abbe - The Family
- SAT. Jun. 6 Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan
- SUN. Jun. 7 Parnell Shalla - Stella & Family

SUNDAY BULLETIN: the next bi-weekly bulletin will be printed on Sunday, June 14. Important updates may be viewed on the parish Facebook page which may be accessed at <https://m.facebook.com/sfxrenfrew>. Please like our Facebook page and share so that as many people as possible are aware of it.

If you know of someone who does not have access to a computer and would like the bulletin mailed to them please contact the parish.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Twice in this Pentecost's Sunday's gospel Jesus wishes peace on the gathered disciples. It seems as though Jesus was (and is) well aware of the turmoil of our lives and our need for peace. His gift to us is the Holy Spirit. That Spirit is the spirit of peace.

One of the fruits of the Holy spirit is peace. This peace is not a passive state of tranquility, but an empowering force that allays our fears, urges us forth to take up Jesus' mission, and instills in us forgiving hearts. This peace transforms how we see ourselves, how we pursue discipleship, and how we relate to the world and one another. Certainly, this peace is life encompassing and enduring. How much more so is Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit unleashes a twofold energy within us: the Spirit draws us *into* Christ and sends us *out* to proclaim Christ to the world. Jesus *breathes* on the disciples and ushers in a new creation, enabling the disciples to take up Jesus' work. Clearly, the gift of the Spirit is for the sake of Jesus' mission: "so I send you...Receive the Holy Spirit." Moreover, Pentecost is not simply a onetime event that takes place on Easter evening (in John's gospel). Pentecost - the coming of the Spirit - happens each time we do the works of God and manifest the Spirit for the benefit of all. Through the indwelling of the Spirit we are able to carry on Jesus' saving mission, for the Spirit re-creates us in Jesus' image and empowers us to live the Gospel faithfully.

The re-creation of the Spirit, however, is more than a share in Jesus' risen Life and the bestowal of gifts. When Jesus appeared to the disciples on "that first day of the week....he showed them his hand and his side." By those wounds the disciples knew it was, indeed, their crucified Lord who is now glorified. Thus showing the disciples his wounds is also a reminder that if we are to take up Jesus' mission through the power of the Spirit, we, too, will be wounded. Even Pentecost reminds us that the only way to share in Jesus' risen glorified Life is through death.

Sometimes the Presence of the Spirit is expected only terms in terms of extraordinary manifestations, for example, "driving wind," "tongues of fire," "different tongues" (first reading). The Spirit is also manifested in simple daily experiences, for example, "forms of service" (second reading) and "peace" and "forgiveness" (gospel). The Spirit is also manifested in our courage to embrace dying to self.

The risen Jesus appeared to the disciples and "showed them his hands and his side." Jesus' showing his hands and side reveals to his disciples more than his identity as the crucified and risen One. In fact, it is because of his wounds we have peace; because of his wounds we have forgiveness; because of his wounds we have been given the Spirit. Wounds are the

only way to peace and the only way faithfully to take up Jesus' saving mission. In our everyday self-giving for the good of others, we are showing our own wounds for the sake of new Life.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Jun. 8	Emerilda Dagenais - Anne Fillator
TUES. Jun. 9	Lila Prince - Lisa Yutronkie
WED. Jun. 10	Dominic Pierunek - Monica Pierunek-Lafont
THURS. Jun. 11	Dec'd Members of the Mask Family - Agnes Mask
FRI. Jun. 12	Aileen Power - Dawna Cuddy
SAT. Jun. 13	Joseph St. Aubin - Phyllis & Darlene Shields & Leonard Ken Culhane - Wife, Leona
SUN. Jun. 14	Intentions of the Parishioners - Fr. Brennan



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