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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

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died especially Terry McIntyre and Raymond Dedo.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Betty Briscoe, Catherine Kuehl, Luke Holmes, Ron Bennett, Ronald Larmond, Betty Tracey, Georgina Mahusky, Sylvie Lafontaine, Gwen Deslaurier, Leona & Ken Barr, Ed Sulpher, Rose Nighbor, Audrey Tibbles, Ted Kapuschinski, Audrey Hawley, John Nadobny and Joan Prince.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: Your Parish Pastoral Council has designated the 2nd Sunday of every month as **Food Bank Sunday**. As winter draws near and the need for support becomes greater we ask that you think of donating items of food for those that are less fortunate, here, in our community. The baskets at the doors of the church will be available for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

The following are items that are particularly needed as requested by the Food Bank: peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce, pure fruit juices, canned tomatoes, rice, unsweetened cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, tinned tuna, salmon, ham, chicken and turkey. N.B.: the Food Bank cannot use items past their expiry date.

2015 SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: Are ready and may be picked up from the main fover. *Please note that due to a mix up by our suppliers those with a number from 181 to 240 will not have envelopes for a few weeks. If you do not see your box you may check with the office to see if you are on the waiting list. Also, please call the office if you do not have envelopes and would like some. You may also consider the Automatic Debit Service. Forms on table in main foyer.

2014/1015 SUNDAY MISSALS & YOUTH MISSALS: are at the church entrances. Regular Missal: \$4; Youth Missal: \$6. Please write your name on the inside cover so that if left in the church it is easier for us to return it to you.

FREE COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN: Wed.. Nov. 26^{th @} 12 noon at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP C.W.L. ANNUAL BAKE SALE & SHOPPING SPREE: Sat., Nov. 29th from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

It is our great pleasure to well Excellency, the Most Reverend Michael Mulhall to the parish next Sunday, November 30th to confer the Sacrament

of Confirmation on 19 of our young parishioners.

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT: Beginning Saturday, December 6th, confessions will be heard on Saturdays from 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. and on Sundays from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

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

- ROSARIES FOR PEACE: A directive received from CWL Provincial Council has assigned Thursdays as the day members and all who desire are asked to Pray the Rosary for World Peace. Copies of the format to be used may be found at the entrances.
- ◆Reminder: November is Membership Renewal & Recruitment Month. Women of the Parish, 16 years and older are invited to join our SFX CWL Team and experience an increase in faith, fun and fulfillment. Come aboard and help us achieve a new level of commitment and dedication under the 2015-2016 CWL theme: One Heart, Once Voice, One Mission. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. We request that the \$20 fee be paid by cheque if possible, to avoid cash handling. Please make cheque payable to St. Francis Xavier CWL. Direct Deposit also gratefully accepted. For more info contact Membership Chair Debbie MacDonald at 613-432-5768 or debbiemacdonald12@gmail.com. Watch for our CWL Renewal/Recruitment tables at the church entrances before the Saturday and Sunday masses the next two weekends in November.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: will be selling religious "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards at the church entrances December 7th/8th You may also contact Don Coyne at 613-433-9298 or Don Letts at 613-433-9172 to order cards. See flyers on bulletin boards.

SUNDAY OFFERING: November 16th - \$3,336.40

Thank you to all who support the parish.

AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL CONTRIBUTORS!: Current Automatic Withdrawal Contributors are asked to pick up the 2015 forms for Pre-Authorized Offering Program from the table in the main foyer. Please complete the form and place it in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office at your earliest convenience. Forms are also available on the table for anyone who would like to consider this system as an alternative means of financial support of your parish.

THE WORD AMONG US: You will find at the church doors "The Word Among Us". It contains daily spiritual reflections for the month of December plus the daily Mass Readings. These are free. If there is enough interest expressed we may continue to get this publication.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON Nov. 24 Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.

TUE Nov. 25

9:00 a.m. Margaret Burns - Jan & Roy Leitch

WED Nov. 26

8:00 a.m. Debra McCarty - Leona & Ken Barr

THUR Nov. 27

8:00 a.m. Terry McIntyre - Andy & Ruby Prince & Family 10:30 a.m. MANOR: E.L. Jolicouer - Theresa Godin

(of Griffith)

FRI Nov. 28

8:00 a.m. Deceased Relatives - P. & J. Spilchen

SAT Nov. 29

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

SUN Nov. 30

10:30 a.m. Pat Yantha - Bob & Heather Mahusky

Lois & Audrey - Margaret Lisinski

LITURGICAL ROLES

1st Sunday of Advent - November 30th, 2014

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - T.B.A.; N. Saumure MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - L. & G. Curry;

T. Brazeau; B. Kusluski

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - A. Burchat; G. Harper

D. Dillon; D. Mantil; G. Curry

SERVERS - E. Saumure

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - D. Fleury; J. Valliquette MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - V. & A. Dumoulin;

D. & S. Letts

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - A. Burchat; A. M. Millar;
D. Lennox; N. Adam; D. Letts

SERVERS - A. Lennox; E. Freamo; A. Freamo; L. Brown

CANTOR - J. Belanger

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CEMETERY:

is now officially closed for the season. Further burials will be delayed until Spring 2015

BONNECHERE MANOR AUXILIARY BAKE, CRAFT & WHITE ELEPHANT SALE: on Fri., Nov. 28th from 9:00 a.m. to

WE'VE GOT MAIL: the following letter was received from Father Kevin Rand. ~

Hi Fr. Kerry

I hope you and your parishioners are keeping well. Please greet all who may know me.

As Christmas approaches, Jesus himself is making out his shopping list. On his list this year is a young man. His name is Joshua. He is a 24 year old suffering from an old person's degenerative bone disease. Two years ago Joshua was on top of the world; he had graduated from a Polytechnic school and had acquired a job with an NGO. A month ago he got down from his small motorbike and collapsed to the ground unable to get up. After a few days he was able to stand as one who is bent over to pick up something from the ground. Like Lydia Mandindin, whom we helped last year, Joshua is in constant pain. Two weeks ago he was sent to Ghana's 'Teaching Hospital' in Accra and was diagnoses with 'Lumbar Cana Re-Stenosis'. I'm not sure what that means but it has to do with the bones of the spine. To correct his condition he will need to find Ghana Cedis 9,200.00 (3,173.00 U.S. dollars) such a big amount is far beyond the means of his family to procure. The amount will cover the pre-operative care, the operation itself, and the post operative care. The operation is scheduled for the 29th of January 2015. At the moment I have U.S. \$1,724.00 (Ghana Cedis 5,000) to put towards it.

I know that you and your congregation gave generously last year to help Lydia and I do not want to abuse of your charity, but if there are members of your Church who would like to donate something towards Joshua's being given a brighter future I would be most grateful. May this Christmas be a feast of light for all the little ones of our world. May God bless you and the good people of your parish of St Francis Xavier. I am sending this appeal out to the extended members of my family as well as to you and your congregation. If I receive more than I need I will use the extra to help a few others who need help.

May God keep you all in good health. Have a very joy-filled Advent and a blessed Christmas season.

Friendship. Fr. Kevin

UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.

* Mon., Nov. 24 Bereavement Group Rectory Mtg. Rm. #1 7:30 p.m.

*Wed., Nov. 26 Prayer Shawl Meeting Rectory Mtg. Rm. #1 10:00 a.m.

*Wed., Nov. 26 Finance & Property Committee Rectory Mtg. Rm. #2 7:00 p.m.

Seniors Day 1st Wednesday of each month

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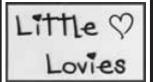
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