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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

St. Joseph's Catholic High School
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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for our loved ones who have died, especially Cora Warren.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-IN

We pray for those who seek God's healing, especially Louise Gavin, Georges Blanchette, Robert Berube, Fr. Doug Morris, Anthony Mask, Barbara Helferty, Betty Sammon, Catherine Kuehl, Luke Holmes, Betty Tracey, Gwen Deslaurier, Leona & Ken Barr, Ed Sulpher, Rose Nighbor, Audrey Tibbles, Audrey Hawley, and Joan Prince.

CONFESSIONS: during Advent 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.

THE WORD AMONG US: copies of the Advent edition of this publication which contains the complete Catholic Mass readings as well as daily meditations may be found at the church entrances. There is no charge for these publications.

2015/2016 SUNDAY MISSALS: \$4. 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.

2015/2016 YOUTH MISSALS: suitable for children from approximately grade 4 and up. \$6.

2016 SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: Are ready and may be picked up from the main foyer. 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.

SUNDAY OFFERING: Nov. 22nd - \$3,473,00
Thank you for your generous and ongoing support!

PLEASE PICK UP: Pans, plates, etc. from the Tea & Talent sale donations may be found in the main foyer of the church.

ADVENT: KEEP AWAKE!

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God,
 as we wait the advent of Christ your Son,
 so that, when he comes and knocks,
 He may find us watchful in prayer
 and exultant in praise.

*Collect for Monday of the First Week of Advent,
 Roman Missal*

a Time to Prepare



We welcome to the Christian Community the child baptized at St. Francis Xavier recently. As the Parents and Sponsors made a commitment to share with this child our Catholic faith, we as a faith community offer our on-going support to:

*** MARKCUS GUEST son of Kenneth & Allison**

**Patronal Feast Day of Saint Francis Xavier
 December 3**

Francis Xavier was born in Spain in 1506. While studying the liberal arts in Paris, he became a follower of Ignatius of Loyola. In 1537 he was ordained at Rome and there devoted himself to works of charity. Francis went to the East in 1541 where for ten years he tirelessly proclaimed the Gospel in India and Japan, and through his preaching brought many to believe. He died in 1552 near the China coast on the island of Sancian.

St. Francis Xavier, pray for us!

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

◆ **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.

We are requesting that the \$20.00 membership fee be paid by cheque if possible, to avoid cash handling. Please make cheque payable to St. Francis Xavier CWL. Direct Deposit's also gratefully accepted. For more information contact Membership Chair Debbie Macdonald at 613-432-5768 or email at debbiemacdonald12@gmail.com.

◆ **Advent Evening of Reflection: Tuesday, Dec. 1st at Stillpoint House of Prayer at Springtown.** Dinner will be served at 5 p.m., followed by the program which will be facilitated by Sister Betty Berrigan. The theme will be "The Preciousness of the Family" and "God's Loving Mercy". Cost will be \$15 per person. A maximum of 15 may attend. The evening will conclude by 8:30 p.m. Interested individuals are asked to register by calling Carol Sulpher at 613-432-5060 or email her at csulpher@icloud.com.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

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

- Gary & Lois Murphy (59)
- Don & Lore Coyne (55)
- Terry & Gwen Latendresse (54)
- Gerry & Cecilia Kuslowski (54)
- Peter & Gail Hunt (52)
- Richard & Cindy Russell (39)
- Mark & Shauna Lemenchick (38)
- Tom & Pat Rousselle (38)

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

MON. Nov. 30 NO PARISH LITURGY (Mass at OLF - 8:15 a.m.)
 TUES. Dec. 1
9:30 a.m. Gertrude Lepine - Jan & Roy Leitch
 Intentions of Emily Wall - Staff & Students
 of SJCHS

WED. Dec. 2
 8:00 a.m. Tina Pilon - Don & Sheila Letts

THUR. Dec. 3
 8:00 a.m. Special Intention - The Mahoney Family

FRI. Dec. 4
 8:00 a.m. Lawrence Mathews - Don & LoreCoyne
 8:30 a.m. HOLY HOUR

SAT. Dec. 5
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners – Fr. Brennan

SUN. Dec. 6
 10:30 a.m. Alice Lee - The Family
 Pat Yantha - Bob & Heather Mahusky
 & Family

PLEASE NOTE: The time of this Tuesday's Liturgy is **9:30 a.m.** St. Joseph's High School students and staff will be present to help us celebrate. We encourage as many as possible to attend this special Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: are selling **religious** "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards at the church entrances **this weekend** You may also contact Don Coyne at 613-433-9298 or Don Letts at 613-433-9172 to order cards.

PUT CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS: The lighting of the Vern Yemen Memorial Nativity Scene will take place on Sunday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m. in Lowe Square. All are most welcome to attend.

The committee is also looking for **storage space** in which to store the nativity figurines during the year. An area of about 10' x 10' is required. If you have space available please contact Diane Wakely @ 613-433-3635.

FIRST RECONCILIATION
 Saturday, December 5th, ten of our young parishioners will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We pray that this beautiful encounter with our loving and forgiving Father will become a life long practice in the their lives. Please pray for these children and their families.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Second Sunday of Advent - December 6th, 2015

SATURDAY EVENING MASS - 4:30 p.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S. McCanna; K. Harris
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - L. & G. Curry;
 Wayne & Maureen Remus
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - G. Blanchette; G. Curry;
 L. Gallagher; D. Mooney
 SERVERS - S. & L. Brown

SUNDAY MORNING MASS - 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD - S.T.A.Student; N. Saumure;
 MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY - S.T.A. Students
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 D. Yantha, J. O'Connor; T. Fiebig
 SERVERS - H. & L. Curry
 CANTOR - T.B.A.
 CHILDREN'S LITURGY— L. Leech; K. Arbutnot

Knights of Columbus – "We're going to the movies!"
 Renfrew Council 1916 is hosting a movie night on Monday, November 30th, at 7 pm at the Renfrew Council headquarters. The Knights of Columbus recently produced an award-winning one hour Documentary on the Life and Times of the Founder of the Knights of Columbus, the Venerable Michael J. McGivney. Popcorn and pop will be served free of charge. This is an opportunity for existing members and their wives to see an accurate account of Fr. McGivney's life. It also serves as an opportunity for couples interested in joining the largest, fraternal organization in the world to learn more about the organization's Founder. Admission is FREE!

THE RENFREW CHILDREN'S/YOUTH CHORUS: Annual Christmas Concert: "A Season to Sing" on Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 p.m. Held at the St. Francis Xavier Church Parish Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 and available at the door.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: A priest was walking past a graveyard when he noticed a man kneeling by a grave in apparent uncontrolled grief. The man was beating the grave with his fists and sobbing, "Why di you have to die? Why did you have to die?"
 Being a compassionate person, the priest approached the distraught man who continued to cry out, "Why, oh why, did you have to die?"
 "This must have been somone who was very dear to you," said the man of God. "Was it a close friend or a family member?"
 "No," sighed the man. "It was my wife's first husband."

UPCOMING EVENTS AT S.F.X.

*Mon., November 30	Bereavement Group	Small Hall	7:30 p.m.
*Tues., December 1	F&P	Mtg. Rm #2	7:00 p.m.
*Wed., December 2	Reconciliation Show & Tell	Church	6:30 p.m.
*Sat., December 5	Celebration of 1 st Reconciliation	Church	11:00 a.m.

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