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## The Pastor's Notes

### St. John Chrysostom Parish (est. 1867)

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[www.pembroke-diocese.com](http://www.pembroke-diocese.com)

## † Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord †

*May 28, 2017*

This Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord, perhaps one of the most misunderstood elements within the Christian narrative. The Ascension does not mean Jesus goes "up, up, and away" as if his presence leaves earth, but rather that he assumes the throne of heaven so as to direct matters here on earth. Jesus was the meeting of heaven and earth. His Ascension returned him to God in order to reign as the world's new king, and his orders to the disciples to build his church were to be done with his leadership and assistance. And this is our mission - much like that of the disciples - finding what it is that Christ wants us to do to continue to build his church. ~ *Bishop Robert Barron*

Trinity Sunday Affirmation of the Sacrament of Marriage: At all Masses the weekend of June 10/11, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, married couples will have an opportunity to make a simple affirmation of their vows and receive a special blessing. *Everyone will be standing, and wherever they are in the church, married couples will be asked to hold hands and respond together with a simple "I do".* This event is inspired by the Knights of Columbus who are encouraging Knights and all Catholic men to affirm their commitment to marriage and family.

St. John Chrysostom Parish Garage Sale: Saturday, June 17

-We are looking for volunteers to sort and price. Please call Anne Cruikshank at 623-3085 or the parish office at 623-2282.

-We will be *accepting items between June 1<sup>st</sup> until June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will not be accepting: baby furniture of any kind, large furniture/couches/chairs, large appliances, old electronics/televisions or any type of clothing. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office for clarification.*

\* In your prayers, please remember: for the Annual CWL Diocesan Convention being held here this weekend; for *Deacons Justin Bertrand, Anthony Burchat, Stephen Helferty and Michael Lund*, who will be ordained to the Order of Priesthood on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columbkille Cathedral in Pembroke; for those who have died, especially: *Glenda Benoit*, sister of Karen Smith.

\* We pray for the youth of our parish who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation today and for the children of our parish who are preparing to receive their first Holy Communion next Sunday.

\* We welcome the Shepherd of our Diocese this weekend, Bishop Michael Mulhall, who is present as Spiritual Advisor for the Catholic Women's League of the Pembroke Diocese who are holding their Annual CWL Diocesan Convention in Arnprior. The convention is being hosted by the CWL of St. John Chrysostom Parish and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Braeside. Bishop Mulhall is also administering the Sacrament of Confirmation.

\* Second Sunday Socials return in June for a season closer on June 11<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. This is a time for refreshments and socializing, especially for new members of the parish community.

\* The next meeting of Parish Pastoral Council is this Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in meeting room #1. The following is a list of Parish Pastoral Council members. If you have any pastoral recommendations regarding our parish life, you may address any one of the following members in person, or the Parish Pastoral Council in writing:

Fr. Burchat, President 623-2282

Deacon Doherty 623-6590

Roxanne Barr 623-2172

Helen Schefter 623-4431

John Tammadge 623-0736

Carmelle Pilon, Chairperson 623-0144

Anda Sprudz 622-5464

Cheryl Sparling 623- 4845

Kristine Dewar 623-9262

Nancy Black 623- 7211

\* The Walking Pilgrimage from Our Lady of Fatima, Renfrew to St. Ann's, Cormac will begin on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. The pilgrimage concludes with the Bishop's 'Pilgrim Mass' at St. Ann's on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. More information is available at [www.walktheopeongoline.com](http://www.walktheopeongoline.com)

\* We are once again beginning the distribution and sales of the Harvest Festival Raffle Ticket which provides 29% of the net profit for the Festival. Thank you to all our donors, the CWL and K of C. Only 3000 tickets are printed at \$5 each. Last year, they once again sold out! *I am again asking every household to take at least one bundle of 10 tickets to sell to family, relatives and friends over the summer season. Tickets are always available at the parish office.*

## Seventh Week of Easter

*May 29 - June 3*

- Tuesday** 8:00 a.m. Jacques & Jeannette Samson *by Family*
- Wednesday** Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
*6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*  
*6:45 p.m. Confessions*  
 7:30 p.m. Mieczstaw & Rozalia Sydor *by Emilia Srodulski & Edward*
- Thursday** St. Justin, martyr  
 8:00 a.m. Dorothy & Ray McCabe & Family by The Family  
 (Grove) 11:15 a.m. Wes & Veronica Savard & David & June Robertson *by The Estate*
- First Friday** 8:30 a.m. Benefactors & Loved Ones *by the Parish Memorial Fund*  
*9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*
- Saturday** 3:45 p.m. *Confessions*

## T Solemnity of Pentecost T

*June 4*

- Saturday** 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the People
- Sunday** 8:30 a.m. Simon & Margaret McGrath *by The Neumann Family*  
 10:00 a.m. Grace Glofcheskie *by Amanda, Pier, Jaclyn & Blair Falolica*

### Liturgical Appointments

Next Sunday	4:30 P.M.	8:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
Commentator	Bridget Perreault	Roxanne Barr	Noreen Lamorie
Reader	Christine Pierce	Arlene Holmes	Norm Babineau
Extra/Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Wayne Pickering, Clare Kavanagh	Hal Murray, Patricia Gurevitch	Paul Perreault +1
Greeter/Ushers	Linda Chandler, Volunteer Volunteer, Volunteer	Teresa & Chris Coady Robert Julien, Marc Shank	Darryl & Girlane Lacroix Mary Coreau, Volunteer
Servers	Please always check in 15 minutes before Mass begins. Everyone is expected to be on the sanctuary.		
Offertory		The Coady Family	Darryl & Girlane Lacroix
Hospitality: Second Sunday when scheduled		Children's Liturgy: Resumes in September	

### Meetings and Gatherings This Week

- Monday** *Meditation Group* - 2:00 p.m. meeting room #2  
*Al-Anon Meeting (613-860-3431)* - 7:30 p.m. in church meeting room #1
- Tuesday** *Ministerial Meeting* - 2 p.m. meeting room #2; *Parish Council Meeting* - 6:00 p.m. meeting room #1  
*Christian Meditation* — 7 p.m. at the home of Mary Sue McCarthy (613-622-7783)
- Wednesday** *Fountain Volunteer Day* - 8:30 a.m. meeting room #1 - tour of the Church
- Saturday** *A.A. Meeting* — 8 p.m. in church choir room

#### Stewardship:

*Thank you for your financial commitment, generosity and sacrificial giving.*

#### Church Bell Tower Campaign:

*Please remember your pledge, formal or informal, to help pay down our debt.*

*Please consider your parish in your estate.*

We are blessed with a beautiful church that our forebears sacrificed to put in place. Many of them worked long and hard to give to us what we have today – a place to pray, to celebrate important moments in our lives (baptism, communions, confirmations, weddings and finally funerals.) Our parish church is where we come for strength in the ups and downs of life.

Almost everything that gets done in a parish, and all that enables it to get done (heating, electricity, etc.) is paid for by parishioners. Most of that financial support comes in the form of the Sunday Offering Envelopes in which parishioners place cash or a cheque every Sunday of the year, and when special collections are taken up as well. Consistent financial support can also take place in the form of an automatic debit. *We can still issue you envelopes that you can use on Sundays as a token of your giving. Just be sure to write "Direct Deposit" on the outside of it.*



Catholic Women's League

Nancy Black, *Madame President*

- Annual potluck supper @ 6:00 p.m. in parish hall on June 6<sup>th</sup>



Knights of Columbus

Blaine Mullins, *Grand Knight*

Council 2082  
285 Albert St.  
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*Executive Meeting - Monday, May 29*

*Business Meeting - Monday, June 5*

*K of C Bingo -- Every Thursday at 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. (dabber format-jackpot \$1,000 progressive with 100 in attendance) Doors open at 6:15 p.m. sharp. All over 18 welcome. Team: Dave Sherk*

# G The Sacraments at St. John Chrysostom Parish g

**Pastoral Visits To The Hospital:** Because of the Privacy Act, to be sure you receive a visit from Fr. Burchat and the Pastoral Care Team, *please notify the parish office. We do not know if you or a loved one is at the hospital unless we are informed.*

**Pastoral Care of the Sick & Homebound:** Please notify the parish office for a pastoral visit and monthly reception of Holy Communion on First Fridays when you are no longer able to attend Sunday Mass.

**The Sacrament of the Sick:** This sacrament is normally administered when someone is in danger of death because of serious illness. It can also be requested when undergoing a serious operation or when serious illness is first evident or continuing.

**Pastoral Care of the Dying:** The Church desires that her faithful know consolation, comfort, and healing through the Sacraments when they are dying. Be sure to ask your family to honour your desires when it is time to call a priest in order to prepare for a Christian death.

**Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic?**

*\* Do you want to be baptized a Christian in the Catholic Church?*

*\* Are you a baptized Christian but not Catholic and desire to begin receiving Holy Communion in the Catholic Church?*

If you know of anyone who has been hesitant, encourage and accompany them in coming to speak to any member of the pastoral staff at any time. The process of Christian initiation can take place in many ways, “privately” or publicly.

**Sacrament of Penance:** Confessions can be heard after every weekday Mass (Our Lady’s Chapel), Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. and every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. (Reconciliation Room at the church entrance), and anytime by request or appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** To arrange for the Baptism of your child please first meet with Fr. Burchat after any Sunday Mass. Catechetical instruction normally takes place the Sunday before baptisms. The next date for baptisms is Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**The Sacrament of Marriage:** Christian Marriage requires preparation and those scheduling their marriage are asked to personally speak to Fr. Burchat after any Sunday Mass and generally at least six months before a proposed celebration.

Catholics living in “irregular” situations should consult with a priest so as to discern how they can begin to return to full communion in the Church.

# I Am With You Always

*From a Homily by Pope Benedict XVI; May 7, 2005*

So what does the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord mean for us? It does not mean that the Lord has departed to some place far from people and from the world. Christ’s Ascension is not a journey into space toward the most remote stars; for basically, the planets, like the earth, are also made of physical elements.

Christ’s Ascension means that he no longer belongs to the world of corruption and death that conditions our life. It means that he belongs entirely to God. He, the Eternal Son, led our human existence into God’s presence, taking with him flesh and blood in a transfigured form.

The human being finds room in God; through Christ, the human being was introduced into the very life of God. And since God embraces and sustains the entire cosmos, the Ascension of the Lord means that Christ has not departed from us, but that he is now, thanks to his being with the Father, close to each one of us for ever. Each one of us can be on intimate terms with him; each can call upon him. The Lord is always within hearing. We can inwardly draw away from him. We can live turning our backs on him. But he always waits for us and is always close to us.

From the readings of today’s liturgy we also learn something more about the concrete way the Lord makes himself close to us. The Lord promises the disciples his Holy Spirit. The first reading that we heard tells us that the Holy Spirit will give “power” to the disciples; the Gospel adds that he will guide them to the whole truth. As the living Word of God, Jesus told his disciples everything, and God can give no more than himself. In Jesus, God gave us his whole self, that is, he gave us everything. As well as or together with this, there can be no other revelation which can communicate more or in some way complete the Revelation of Christ. In him, in the Son, all has been said to us, all has been given.

But our understanding is limited: thus, the Spirit’s mission is to introduce the Church, in an ever new way from generation to generation, into the greatness of Christ’s mystery. The Spirit places nothing different or new beside Christ; no pneumatic revelation comes with the revelation of Christ - as some say -, no second level of Revelation.

No: “He will have received from me...”, Christ says in the Gospel (Jn 16: 14). And as Christ says only what he hears and receives from the Father, thus the Holy Spirit is the interpreter of Christ. “He will have received from me”. He does not lead us to other places, far from Christ, but takes us further and further into Christ’s light. Consequently, Christian Revelation is both ever old and new. Thus, all things are and always have been given to us. At the same time, every generation, in the inexhaustible encounter with the Lord - an encounter mediated by the Holy Spirit - always learns something new. The Holy Spirit, therefore, is the power through which Christ causes us to experience his closeness.

The Pentecost Novena (*to be recited every day on the 9 days before Pentecost*) is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost.

*O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love.  
Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal,  
the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth,  
the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven,  
the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You  
and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,  
the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God  
and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints,  
the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable,  
and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God  
and may dread in any way to displease Him.  
Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples  
and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.*

Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference: July 28-30, 2017. Youth are invited to register for one of the 20 spaces available to attend with the Diocese of Pembroke. This is an incredible weekend for youth entering Grade 9-12 in Sept. 2017 or if you have just graduated grade 12. Cost of the weekend is \$275/per person (all inclusive). To register contact Yvette Bourque at (613) 732-7933 x208 or yvettebourque@pembrokedioocese.com. Deadline to register is June 20th, 2017. For more info on the event go to [www.steubenvilletoronto.com](http://www.steubenvilletoronto.com).

#### Parish Suppers:

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Braeside)* — BBQ Chicken, Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 6 p.m.

*Saint Francis Xavier Parish (Renfrew)* - Roast Beef , Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 6 p.m.

St. John Chrysostom Parish Hall Rentals: We have the largest and brightest hall in Arnprior at 285 Albert Street, the only hall with a full stage area and seating for up to 400, air conditioning, a large kitchen, a fully licensed bar and ample parking? It is available for wedding receptions, anniversaries, stag & does, wedding showers, birthdays, fundraisers, conventions, training sessions, etc. Local Event Planners who are familiar with the hall can courteously provide initial consultation and are available for full planning. For bookings call 613-623-2282. Only \$300 with the use of *Arnprior Columbus Club* bar.



Confirmation: Administered today by Bishop Michael Mulhall.

First Communion:



Today May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Last class before First Holy Communion on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Vacation Bible School - July 24-28:

This year's theme is Summertime Blast! During this week of fun-filled activities, including games, crafts, music and snacks, the children will discover how we are all part of one great family. Together we journey towards Jesus, who helps us in a special way through the Eucharist, and we build up His Clubhouse: the Church!



Registrations are taking place during the month of May. Forms have gone home through both schools in town and are also available at the entrance of the church. They can be returned to either the school or the parish office.

Adult Volunteer Meeting: Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. in meeting room #2. We are still in need of more help with crafts, games, stories, music and snacks. Please come and join us!

Youth Volunteer Meeting: Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. in meeting room #1. All youth grade 6 and up are invited to join us as either team leaders, decor designers or kitchen helpers. Please come and join us!

For more info contact: Ingrid Waclawik - 623-1850 or Carmelle Pilon - 623-0144.

St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order:



*Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. on the third Saturday* of the month and consist of an opening prayer, hymn, Gospel Reading; and readings from the book, *To Live as Francis Lived: A Guide for Secular Franciscans*. The spiritual assistant, Deacon Lee, presents a spiritual reflection. There is a short business meeting, closing Prayer, hymn and then refreshments. Everyone is welcome to attend, experience and inquire.

