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## The Pastor's Notes

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

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## † Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ †

*(Corpus Christi)*

*June 18, 2017*

From the Last Supper onward, Christians knew that the Lord Jesus is not speaking metaphorically about eating his flesh and drinking his blood, that he makes his own Body and Blood real food and drink. This revelation was and continues to be a stumbling block for many, but the faithful accept the mystery of the gift of Christ's Real Presence that is given to the Church in the Blessed Sacrament.

Clearly, if the Real Presence is false, Catholics are worshipping a piece of bread. But if it is true - if Jesus really meant what he said - then that little "piece of bread" is really the body, blood, soul and divinity of the omnipotent God of the universe. We are compelled to make a decision. The Eucharist, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.

Jesus is present in various ways: in his people, in his word, in the poor and needy and suffering, and in many other ways. But he is fully present in the Eucharist. It is the difference between saying "The spirit of God pervades the universe" and saying "Jesus Christ just walked into the room."

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REMEMBER: Beginning on Sunday, July 2, 2017,  
there will be one Sunday morning Mass at 9:30 a.m.

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└ *May the Living God bless fathers everywhere this day.* ┘

\* In your prayers, please remember: for *Deacons Justin Bertrand, Anthony Burchat, Stephen Helferty and Michael Lund*, who will be ordained to the Order of Priesthood next Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columbkille Cathedral in Pembroke; for those who have died, especially: *Sloan Watters, Eleanor Hodges, Shirley Hrkach, Lucien "Lou" Rochon, Rose Hass*, mother of Helen Havelin.

\* The Parish Finance Committee met recently to review all revenues and expenditures since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The following are its members:

Fr. Burchat, President 623-2282  
John Tammadge 623-0736  
Bob Coyne 623-5049

Jim Mulvihill, Chairperson 623-3079  
Nancy Black 623-7211

Our two church furnaces have been at the end of their life span for several years now and flagged by the Property Committee for eventual replacement. The Finance Committee recommended that we include their replacement in our budget this year as necessary and costly repairs will only become more frequent.

\* The idea of one Mass time on Sunday morning has been discussed for several years now by the Parish Pastoral Council. As your parish priest, the decision is mine. It is supported by the Council. There is always the possibility of returning to two Sunday morning Masses in the future if various circumstances for making the decision change. The reasons for my pastoral decision are as follows:

- It is a well observed fact that attendance at Christian Sunday worship in Western culture is experiencing a "demographic collapse" for reasons that are many and complex and which cannot be simply prevented from playing out in this time of history.

- Our ministries and congregations are becoming "thin" for three Masses in a very large church leading to pastoral frustration and congregational dismay. The experiment of celebrating only one Mass on Palm Sunday and Easter mornings was heartening for all when we experienced a full church and adequate support from the various ministries.

- In recent years, it has been my pastoral desire to creatively move from a parish model of maintenance/convenience to a model of mission/new evangelization. Our future and priority is very much with the parents and children approaching the Church for sacraments. As a parish community we need to more fully engage them on Sunday mornings.

- Most parishes in the diocese have already experienced this kind of reduction in Mass times even if the pastoral opportunity hasn't always been fully seized. Over the past several years, we have been scheduling parent and student faith formation for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation on specific Sundays each month and tying them together with our a ministries of hospitality (i.e., Second Sunday Social, Parish Breakfasts).

*We will be calling all the Sunday Mass ministries as soon as possible to ask which weekend (Saturday 4:30 p.m. / Sunday 9:30 a.m) Mass you would be willing to transfer to.*

## Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

*June 19 - 24*

- Tuesday** 1:00 p.m. *Funeral Mass* Shirley Hrkach
- Wednesday** 9:00 a.m. *Mass on the Occasion of the Completion of the School Year*  
*St. Joseph's Catholic School*
- Thursday** 8:00 a.m. Eldon Robillard *by Omer & Clare Poirier*
- Friday** Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
8:00 a.m. Linda Powell *by Bob & Carol Clouthier*
- Saturday** Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist  
10:30 a.m. *Ordinations to the Priesthood at St. Columbkille Cathedral, Pembroke*  
4:45 p.m. *Confessions*

## G Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time g

*June 25*

- Saturday** 4:30 p.m. Ambrose Holmes *by Ambrose Dwyer*
- Sunday** 8:30 a.m. Intentions of the People  
10:00 a.m. Kathy Wagner *by Her Family*

### Liturgical Appointments

Next Sunday	4:30 P.M.	8:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
Commentator	Christine Pierce	Nancy Coyne	Norm Babineau
Reader	Bridget Perreault	Joan Kelly	Paulette McQuatt
Extra/Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Doreen Nicholas, Corrine Thomson	Marg Dupuis +1	Sondra Keatley, Helen McGregor
Greeter/Ushers	Michael Szombathy, Henry Egan, Linda Chandler, Volunteer	Leo Lawlor, Irene Smith, Mike Schnob, Volunteer	Jackie Crout, Jennifer Armstrong, Gilles & Therese Rieux
Servers	Please always check in 15 minutes before Mass begins. Everyone is expected to be on the sanctuary.		
Offertory			The Waclawik Family
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** *Christian Meditation* - 7 p.m. at the home of Mary Sue McCarthy (613-622-7783)
- Wednesday** *A.A. Meeting* - 8:00 p.m. in choir room
- Saturday** *A.A. Meeting* - 8 p.m. in church choir room

**Stewardship: (June 11) Sunday Offering \$5,637.51**

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

**Church Bell Tower Campaign: \$71,822.39 (updated monthly) Goal: \$400,000.00 by July 2020**

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

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*

Monthly meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember that Food Bank Sundays are the first Sunday of each month.



Knights of Columbus

Blaine Mullins, *Grand Knight*

Council 2082  
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Executive Meeting - Monday, June 26

Business Meeting - Monday, July 3

*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: Ron Grenier*

# G The Sacraments at St. John Chrysostom Parish g

## Sacred Heart of Christ

**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.

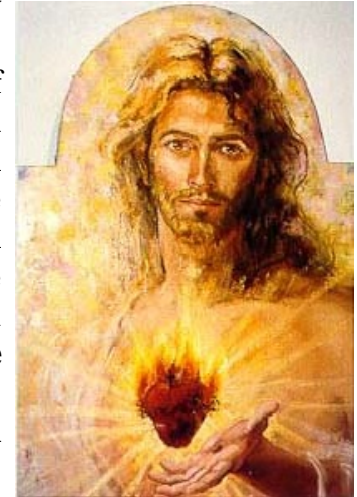
**Sacrament of Baptism:** To arrange for the Baptism of your child please first meet with Fr. Burchat after any Sunday Mass. Catechetical instruction normally takes place the Sunday before baptisms.



**The 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.

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Christ. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" signifies the entire mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Word Incarnate and Saviour. It further signifies his infinite divine-human love for the Father and for every human person. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a contemplative and prophetic gaze of all Christians on him who was pierced (cf. John 19, 37; Zac 12, 10), the gaze of all Christians on the side of Christ, transfixed by a lance, and from which flowed blood and water (cf. John 19, 34), symbols of the "*wondrous sacrament of the Church*" (St. Augustine).



Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church, even anticipating Divine Mercy Sunday and its devotions. As Saint John Paul II wrote in the Encyclical *Dives in Misericordia*: "*The Church seems in a particular way to profess the mercy of God and to venerate it when she directs herself to the Heart of Christ. In fact, it is precisely this drawing close to Christ in the mystery of his Heart which enables us to dwell on this point a point in a sense central and also most accessible on the human level of the revelation of the merciful love of the Father, a revelation which constituted the central content of the messianic mission of the Son of Man*" (13).

As we face the challenges of the New Evangelization, to look upon the Heart of Christ is to rediscover how his humanity reveals the genuine meaning and unique destiny of every human life. It is this good news that motivates, sustains and focuses our spirit of service as Christians. Our unity in service and holiness is part of an urgent need for the world to understand Christianity is the religion of love.



**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)

The Parish Pastoral Council: needs 2 new council members nominated from the parish at large. If you feel called by the Holy Spirit to serve on the PPC for what is normally a 3 to 4 year term, seek another parishioner to prayerfully nominate you and submit your nomination directly to Fr. Burchat. The PPC meets for about two hours, three times a year. Potential candidates need to possess the gifts of wisdom and prudence and be willing to commit their time, talent and wisdom in a consultative and collaborative manner.

#### Harvest Festival Raffle Tickets :

1. Tickets are always available at the parish office. Please try to take at least a bundle of 10 tickets to sell to others over the summer over and beyond what you yourself will eventually buy! Be an active promoter!
2. Tickets will be available at the entrance of the church twice a month throughout the summer.
3. Ticket stubs and monies can be returned by envelope via the parish collection, at the parish office during office hours, or via the mail slot in the parish office door after hours.
4. Thank you for your support and work as we begin this fundraiser.



#### Parish Suppers:

St. Lawrence O'Toole, (Barry's Bay) - Roast Beef/Pork - Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 2 p.m.  
St. Bernadette, (Bonfield) - Sea Pie - Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Flood Aid 2017: At the Nick Smith Centre on June 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. with dinner and silent auction/Live music and DJ. For more info email [arnpriorfloodaid2017@hotmail.com](mailto:arnpriorfloodaid2017@hotmail.com) or call Sonia Mullins-Forget at 613-851-8190.



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.

## Anda's Corner for Catechetics and Liturgy

### Registration for Sacramental Preparation 2017 - 2018

With this season's sacramental preparation wrapped up, for parents of children currently in grade 1 and/or 6, registration for next year will be before and after the Masses on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. You will be required to fill out a form with your child's birth, baptism and confirmation dates. You will also need a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate and \$25 to cover some of the costs.

### Faith Journeys - Looking Ahead:

Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> - There will be a diocesan retreat on Evangelization led by Father Kieran Kilcommens of Madonna House on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at St. Hedwig's in Barry's Bay from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> - The annual Diocesan Catechist Formation Day will take place on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. Everyone who works with children, not just sacramental preparation catechists, but also children's liturgy, those working with Baptism preparation, RCIA and youth groups and summer camps are catechist. All are eagerly awaited and welcome! In both cases, so that those responsible for the day retreats can prepare the required materials, and know how much food to prepare, registration will be necessary and will take place in the fall.



## 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: 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.

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