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The Pastor's Notes

St. John Chrysostom Parish (est. 1867)

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† Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time †

August 13, 2017

Registration for Sacramental Preparation 2017-2018: For children beginning at least grade 2 (*First Communion*) or grade 7 (*Confirmation*), registration will be before and after the Masses on September 9th and 10th. Parents/guardians will need a copy of your child's baptismal certificate and \$25 to cover some of the costs of the materials for the program.

Our Church Bell Tower Campaign: began last year at this time with the goal to raise \$400,000 for the necessary repairs and restoration of the bell tower. We mailed out forms and pledge sheets to all parishioners who have benefitted from the pastoral presence of our church over the years and invited them to contribute according to their means.

Whether you pledged formally or informally to help pay down our debt, please take the time to review your participation to date in this campaign. Please take the time to consider your donations with a view of helping to raise \$100,000/year. May the Lord bless you for your generosity which has already helped us to raise \$77,035.64 towards this year's goal.

Our parish website now also has a Donate tab that facilitates donations using paypal or credit card. We have already been receiving numerous donations to the Memorial Fund and the Bell Tower Campaign from family and friends who were once members of our parish. Together, we can do it!



✧ Welcome to all our summer visitors! ✧

* In your prayers, please remember: parishioners who are sick; Christians in the Middle East; legal protection of the unborn; and those who have died, especially: *Francis Pecoskie*, nephew of Fr. John Burchat; *Larry Herbert*, brother of Francis Herbert; and *Harriet Nicholas*.

* I would like to thank everyone for expressing condolences and promises of prayer on the occasion of the death of my nephew, Francis Pecoskie. Francis was only 24 years old. He was a very compassionate young man, becoming a Registered Nurse and live out his desire to care for others. Francis also struggled with depression and with drug addiction for the past several years. He was waiting to enter another stage of drug rehabilitation which he was hoping to begin this month. Despite his desire to deal with these problems, he was overcome by the darkness of his mental illness and the urge of addiction. Last weekend, he suffered death as the consequence of a deadly use of fentanyl, an opioid whose abuse has become part of an addiction epidemic.

Our Lord's death and descent into hell was a descent into the horrible reality of every kind of human separation from God brought about by sin and death. Now, there is no place whatsoever outside the sphere of Jesus' presence and influence. Everything has changed. There is Life in the midst of death, because Love dwells in it.

* The Roman Catholic Bishop Edward Malesic of Greensburg says that when he visits parishes in his diocese, he repeatedly hears laments from priests who have buried victims of drug overdoses, from parents of adult children in drug rehabilitation, from grandparents raising grandchildren after their own adult children died of opioid abuse. Here is a redaction of the some of the things he said in a recent pastoral letter on the drug abuse crisis called From Death and Despair to Life and Hope:

As Christians, we need to show every person with an addiction that there is help and there is hope, and that we will not judge them, that we will not condemn them and that, above all, we care for them. And family members, friends and co-workers of those dealing with addictions need to know that they are not alone. To those who are mourning victims of overdoses we encourage them to maintain hope in the promise of the resurrection.

We choose hope and to never simply give up and let this evil win when we have the God-given ability to fight it, thanks to the scientific and medical tools we have for understanding and fighting addiction. The church should not seek to duplicate what others are already doing in providing drug treatment and related services, but the church should support them while offering hope to those in despair over the ravages of addiction. As a church, we have our own tools, including prayer, which he said helps people find meaning in God rather than seeking it in drugs. We have the capacity for large-scale education and we can help by offering drug prevention programs and information about addictions.

Our spiritual war against the evil of opioid addiction — or any addiction — will not be won quickly. But we must never give up the fight.

Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

August 13 - 19

- Tuesday Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. Shirley Hrkach *by Arlene Holmes*
- Wednesday 8:00 a.m. Wes & Veronica Savard - David & June Robertson *by The Estate*
- Thursday 8:00 a.m. Helen Catherine Brown *by Theodore & Martyn Brown*
- Friday 8:00 a.m. Joseph Richard Martin *by Mary Anne Cunningham*

† Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time †

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- Saturday 4:00 p.m. *Confessions*
(vigil) 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of the People
- Sunday 9:00 a.m. *Confessions*
9:30 a.m. Kathy Wagner *by Judy & Ambrose Holmes*

Liturgical Appointments

Next Sunday	4:30 P.M.	9:30 A.M.
Commentator	Gerry Whalen	Cathy McGrath
Reader	Regina Rolph	Joan Kelly
Extra/Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Doreen Nicholas, Corrine Thomson	Paul Perreault, Nancy Black
Greeter/Ushers	Linda Chandler, Kim Guthrie Michael Szombathy, Irene Smith	Leo Lawlor, Dave Schefter, Omer & Clare Poirier
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 *Christian Meditation* - 2:00 p.m. church meeting room #2
Al-Anon Meeting (613-860-3431) - 7:30 p.m. in church meeting room #1
- Tuesday *Christian Meditation* - 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Sue McCarthy (613-622-7783)
- Wednesday *A.A. Meeting* - 8:00 p.m. in church choir room
- Saturday *A.A. Meeting* - 8:00 p.m. in church choir room

Stewardship:

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

Labour Day Weekend Fish Fry:

Saturday, September 2 - 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
At St. John Chrysostom Parish Hall (AC/Licensed).
All you can eat @ \$15/person.
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 2082.



A parishioner was in church saying the Rosary.

When she heard someone call her name she looked around, but the church was empty.

Soon, she heard her name being called again.

She looked around. Not a soul in view. She kept praying the Rosary.

Again, she heard her name. So, she called out, "Who are you?"

The voice answered, "It's me, Jesus."

The parishioner said, "Be quiet. Can't you see I'm talking to your mother?"



Catholic Women's League

Nancy Black, *Madame President*

Monthly meetings will resume on Tuesday, September 5th.

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



Knights of Columbus

Blaine Mullins, *Grand Knight*

Council 2082
285 Albert St.
Aurpior, ON
613-623-2519

www.kofc2082.org

Executive Meeting - Monday, August 28

Business Meeting - Monday, August 7

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

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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.

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Sacrament of Penance: Confessions can be heard after every weekday Mass (*Our Lady’s Chapel Confessional*), Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (*Sacrament of 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 September 3rd.



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.

Take heart, it is I; have no fear

Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; August 7, 2011

In this Sunday’s Gospel we find Jesus who, after withdrawing to the mountain, prays throughout the night. The Lord, having distanced himself from the people and the disciples, manifests his communion with the Father and the need to pray in solitude, far from the commotion of the world. This distancing, however, must not be seen as a lack of interest in individuals or trust in the Apostles. On the contrary, Matthew recounts, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat, “*and go before him to the other side*” (Mt 14:22), where he would see them again. In the meantime the boat “*was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them*” (v24). And so in the fourth watch of the night [Jesus] came to them, walking on the sea” (v25); the disciples were terrified, mistaking him for a ghost and “*cried out for fear*” (v26). They did not recognize him, they did not realize that it was the Lord.

Nonetheless Jesus reassured them: “*Take heart, it is I; have no fear*” (v27). This is an episode from which the Fathers of the Church drew a great wealth of meaning. The sea symbolizes this life and the instability of the visible world; the storm points to every kind of trial or difficulty that oppresses human beings. The boat, instead, represents the Church, built by Christ and steered by the Apostles. Jesus wanted to teach the disciples to bear life’s adversities courageously, trusting in God, in the One who revealed himself to the Prophet Elijah on Mount Horeb “in a still small voice” [the whispering of a gentle breeze] (1 Kings 19:12). The passage then continues with the action of the Apostle Peter, who, moved by an impulse of love for the Teacher, asks him to bid him to come to him, walking on the water. “*But when he saw the wind [was strong], [Peter] was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’*” (Mt 14:30). St Augustine, imagining that he was addressing the Apostle, commented: the Lord “*leaned down and took you by the hand. With your strength alone you cannot rise. Hold tight to the hand of the One who reaches down to you*” (*En. in Ps. 95, 7: PL 36, 1233*), and he did not say this to Peter alone but also to us. Peter walks on the water, not by his own effort but rather through divine grace in which he believes. And when he was smitten by doubt, when he no longer fixed his gaze on Jesus but was frightened by the gale, when he failed to put full trust in the Teacher’s words, it means that he was interiorly distancing himself from the Teacher and so risked sinking in the sea of life.

So it is also for us: if we look only at ourselves we become dependent on the winds and can no longer pass through storms on the waters of life. The great thinker Romano Guardini wrote that the Lord “*is always close, being at the root of our being. Yet we must experience our relationship with God between the poles of distance and closeness. By closeness we are strengthened, by distance we are put to the test*” (*Accettare se stessi, Brescia 1992, 71*). Dear friends, the experience of the Prophet Elijah who heard God passing and the troubled faith of the Apostle Peter enable us to understand that even before we seek the Lord or invoke him, it is he himself who comes to meet us, who lowers Heaven to stretch out his hand to us and raise us to his heights; all he expects of us is that we trust totally in him, that we really take hold of his hand.

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! Please 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 for this fundraiser.



St. Joseph's High School Grades. 8 & 9 Orientation BBQ: Thursday, August 31st, 5:00 p.m. - Parents are always welcome. Students services will be open August 29th thru 31st for all new students intending to register or current students requiring guidance appointments.

Parish Suppers:

St. Thomas Aquin, Astorville - Sunday August 13th 1:30 - 6:00 p.m.

St. Andrew, Killaloe - Sunday August 13th 1:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Grace, Westmeath - Sunday August 20th 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Angels, Brudenell - Sunday August 27th 1:30 - 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary, Wilno - Sunday September 3rd starting at 1:00 p.m.

St. Ignatius, Maynooth - Sunday September 3rd 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Westmeath - Sunday September 10th 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist, Campbell's Bay - Sunday September 10th 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Mercy, Bancroft - Sunday September 10th 11:30 a.m. - 6:00 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*.



L Harvest Festival Captains 2017 I

The following is a list of captains that co-ordinate the various departments of the Harvest Festival. If you are new to the Parish and wish to help in any of these areas please feel free to contact them or myself at any time. If you have any suggestions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at home 623-4845. I thank you in advance for all your hard work and support. Without each and everyone of you this endeavour would not be possible.



~ Cheryl Sparling, *Harvest Festival Convener*

Food Servers	Verna Ryan	623-4380
Salad Room	Christine Tammadge	623-0736
Pie Room	Doreen Nicholas	623-4162
Meat Room	John Wagner	623-3722
Kitchen	Cheryl Sparling	623-4845
Craft Table	Lise Rebertz	623-2598
Raffle Tickets	Ray Martin	623-8250
	Norman Ruel	832-2267
Take Out Meals	Anne Cruickshank	623-3085



Announcement of Marriage: Brittany Vadneau & Eric MacPherson (*August 26*)

Parking for the Weekend Masses: is also available at the parish hall and on the lawn at the back end of the hall. Parking is also available around the rectory as long as the garage doors are not blocked.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation: In 2015, after the publication of his encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis established September 1st as an observance of prayer for the care of creation for the Catholic Church. Let us pray today and throughout the year for that intention.

Adult Faith Retreat: Sponsored by The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation and Leadership Development on Saturday, September 23rd at St. Hedwig Parish, Barry's Bay from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Registration at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 per person including lunch and refreshments. Open to all the faithful of Pembroke Diocese. Theme: *Evangelization* with guest speaker Fr. Kieran Kilcommons of Madonna House. To register or for info, contact Deacon Chaput at 613-732-7933 ext. 206 or dcadrienchaput@pembrokecatholicdiocese.com. Registration deadline is September 20th.