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

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# † Second Sunday of Easter †

## *Sunday of the Divine Mercy*

Today, the Second Sunday of the Pasch of the Lord, is also the festival of Divine Mercy. This is a new and relatively recent enrichment of the liturgy, an adornment added to the ancient splendours of Paschaltide by the express will of Saint John Paul II. Saint John Paul II's encyclical on Divine Mercy in 1980 resonated in the hearts of many as an invitation to return to the Father and to believe boldly in His tenderness for the most fragile and wounded among us. Saint John Paul II, personally touched to the quick by the message of his humble compatriot, Saint Faustina, was compelled to share her message with the whole Church and, indeed, with the world. This he did, not only by his teaching, but also by integrating Saint Faustina's message into the liturgy itself.



Today, at St. John Chrysostom, again this year we will have devotions beginning at 1:30 p.m. in Our Lady's Chapel with a video presentation by Dr. Scott Hahn entitled: *The Father of Mercies*, followed by a Holy Hour from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. with the singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Solemn Benediction. Reception to follow. *Come and pray that Our Risen Lord, may abundantly pour out His Divine Mercy upon our families and the whole world.*

Office Hours: The office will be closed the week of April 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>.

\* In our prayers: for parishioners who are sick; and those who have died, especially: *June Murphy* and *Jerry Mullins*.

\* I extend my appreciation and gratitude to everyone and anyone who worked hard and gave of their time, talent and personal gifts in making our parish celebrations of the Paschal Triduum a fitting and beautiful expression of worship and faith in our Risen Lord.

I especially thank: those who donated offerings to beautify the Church; those who contributed time and energy, and assisted us in our Easter liturgies: Choirs, Organists, Leaders of Song, Offertory Families, Communion Ministers, Readers/Commentators, Greeters/Ushers, Altar Servers, Decorators of the Church, Bulletin Folders, the Money Counters and all who helped co-ordinate the different services over Easter.

Of course, our many efforts were accompanied by many prayers so that they would be made with patience and love! Thank you and may the Lord Jesus bless you for your generosity.



All Parishioners are invited to Celebrate the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ  
and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to Holy Orders of  
**Father John N. Burchat**  
with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

A Reception will immediately follow in the parish hall.



*In order to provide the caterer with numbers, please sign up at the entrance of the church,  
or contact the parish office  
by phone (613-623-2282 ext. 0) or email (parish@saintjohnchrysostom.org)*

~ Second Week of Easter~

*April 9 - 13*

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. +Harriet Nicholas *by Family*

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*  
6:45 p.m. *Confessions*  
8:00 p.m. +Marc Clouthier *by Judy Holmes*

Thursday 8:00 a.m. +Matwyj Petryk *by Family*  
(Villa) 11:00 a.m. +Francis Pecoskie by Patrick & Mark Rea

Friday 8:30 a.m. +Rose Hass by Tom & Sharon Sewter

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*April 15, 2018*

Saturday 4:00 p.m. *Confessions*  
4:30 p.m. Intentions of the People (*Missa pro populo*)

Sunday 9:30 a.m. +Kathy Wagner *by Paul & Lisa Rouleau*  
+Larry Herbert *by The Knights of Columbus*

Liturgical Appointments

Next Sunday	4:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m.
Commentator	Chris Barrett	Grace Lee
Reader	Christine Pierce	Noah Lee
Eucharistic Ministers	Joan Avon, Margaret Dupuis	Paul Perreault, Chris Barret
Greeter/Ushers	Linda Chandler, Henry Egan Darryl & Girlane Lacroix	Gilles & Therese Rieux, Jackie Crout, Kristie Stewart
Servers	Please always check in 15 minutes before Mass begins. Everyone is expected to be on the sanctuary.	
Offertory		The Freeman Family
Hospitality: Second Sunday when scheduled		Children's Liturgy: Golda D'Souza

Meetings and Gatherings

Monday *Al-Anon Meeting* - Are you affected by someone's drinking - 7:30 p.m. meeting room #1  
(613- 860-3431)  
*Christian Meditation* - 2:00 p.m. in meeting room #1

Tuesday *Christian Meditation* - 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Sue McCarthy (613-622-7783)

Wednesday *L'Arche* - 4:00 p.m. Chapel, *A.A. Meeting* — 8:00 p.m. choir room


Thursday *Scripture Study*- 1:00 p.m. meeting room #1


Saturday *Edge* - 5:30 p.m. meeting room #1, *A.A. Meeting* - 8:00 p.m. choir room

Stewardship: *Thank you for your generosity!*

Church Bell Tower Campaign: May the Lord bless you for your generosity which has already helped us to raise \$124,732.74 (since July 2016) towards our goal of \$400,000 over 4 years.

Leaving Your Legacy for St. John Chrysostom Parish: Estate planning is good stewardship of your life's work. Planning ahead provides the opportunity to ensure that you will be remembered for what you lived. Having provided for your loved ones, you can then make arrangements for the things that you are most passionate about. Making a bequest in your Will to St. John Chrysostom Parish, is a simple way to leave your legacy for the temporal needs of your parish but always consult a qualified income tax accountant and/or estate lawyer before planning your gift.

	Catholic Women's League	Nancy Black, <i>Madame President</i>
	-Remember that the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month is Foodbank Sunday. -Next meeting will be May 1 <sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.	
	- Our annual Change for Change collection for CPAN's "Tools for School" program will be April 21/22. We invite parishioners to be generous in giving additional loose change for this cause.	

	Knights of Columbus www.kofc2082.org	Blaine Mullins, <i>Grand Knight</i>	Council 2082 285 Albert St. Arnprior, ON 613-623-2519
	Business Meeting - <i>Monday May 7<sup>th</sup></i> Executive Meeting - <i>Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup></i>		
	KofC Bingo – Every Thursday at 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. <i>Dabber format-jackpot \$1,000 progressive with 100 in attendance.</i> Doors open at 6:15 p.m. sharp. All over 18 welcome. Team: John Wagner		

## 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, undergoing a major operation or suffering from any serious illness (i.e., heart conditions, cancer).

**Pastoral Care of the Dying:** The Church desires that her faithful know spiritual strengthening and healing from sin 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.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Confessions are heard on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 4:00 p.m., in the Sacrament of Reconciliation Room at the church entrance, and anytime by request or appointment.

**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 takes into consideration each person's journey of faith and can take place in many ways, "privately" or publicly.

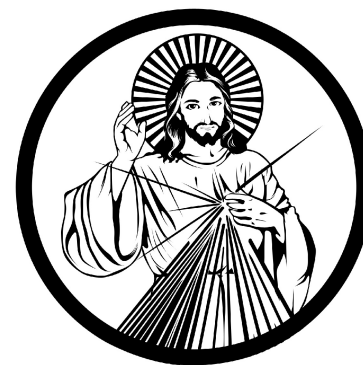
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**Sacrament of Baptism:** To arrange for the Baptism of your child please first meet with Fr. Burchat after either Sunday Mass at which you are in attendance. Catechetical instruction normally takes place the Sunday before baptisms. The next date for baptisms: April 15<sup>th</sup>, May 27<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.

**Catholic Funerals:** Funeral Liturgies for the faithful departed should be celebrated in a Catholic Church. However, as you consider funeral costs and family needs know that there are various ways that the rituals of the Church can be adapted in consultation with your Pastor. Funeral arrangements are made concurrently by the Funeral Home and the parish priest with the direct involvement of the family. *The Catholic Funeral is always a celebration of life, remembering that our loved ones are created in the image and likeness of God and redeemed by the life, passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## What Is Divine Mercy?



1. **Pope John Paul II: The Great Mercy Pope:** Both in his teaching and personal life, St. John Paul II strove to live and teach the message of Divine Mercy. As the great Mercy Pope, he wrote an encyclical on Divine Mercy: "*The Message of Divine Mercy has always been near and dear to me... which I took with me to the See of Peter and which it in a sense forms the image of this Pontificate.*" In his writings and homilies, he has described Divine Mercy as the answer to the world's problems and the message of the third millennium. He beatified and canonized Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the nun associated with the message, and he did it in Rome and not in Poland to underscore that Divine Mercy is for the whole world.

2. **Establishing Divine Mercy Sunday for the Entire Church:** When Pope John Paul canonized Sr. Faustina (making her St. Faustina), he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday (the feast day associated with the message) as a feast day for the entire Church. The feast day falls on the Second Sunday of the Easter season. On that day, Pope John Paul II declared, "This is the happiest day of my life."

3. **Entrusting the World to Divine Mercy:** In 2002, the Pope entrusted the whole world to Divine Mercy when he consecrated the International Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki, a suburb of Krakow in Poland. This is where St. Faustina's mortal remains are entombed. The saint lived in a convent nearby. The Pope himself remembers as a young man working in the Solvay Quarry, just a few meters from the present-day Shrine. He also says that he had been thinking about Sr. Faustina for a long time when he wrote his encyclical on Divine Mercy. Further, the Holy Father has frequently quoted from the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska and has prayed The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy at the saint's tomb.

4. **Beyond the Life of John Paul II:** Given all these connections to Divine Mercy and St. Faustina, is it any wonder that Pope John Paul II died on the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday (the evening before the feast day), which fell that year on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is also no surprise that the Great Mercy Pope left us a message for Divine Mercy Sunday, which was read on the feast day by a Vatican official to the faithful in St. Peter's after a Mass that had been celebrated for the repose of the soul of the Pope.

Repeatedly Pope John Paul II has written and spoken about the need for us to turn to the mercy of God as the answer to the specific problems of our times. He has placed a strong and significant focus on the Divine Mercy message and devotion throughout his pontificate that will carry the Church long after his death.

## Anda's Corner for Catechetics, Liturgy and Faith Journey

### Reconciliation / First Communion:

The next First Communion class is Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. (Please note the date is not the one in your original schedule). Near the end of the 9:30 a.m. Mass, Fr. John will call the children forward to be dismissed for their 7<sup>th</sup> class. Since the end of February, have you helped your children memorize the phrase "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof..."? Since March 25<sup>th</sup> have you added "but only say the word and my soul shall be healed"?



### Confirmation:

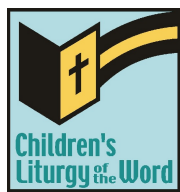
TODAY Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> is the next class for Confirmation candidates.

Near the end of the 9:30 a.m. Mass, Fr. John will call the youth forward to be dismissed for their 7<sup>th</sup> class.



Thanks and sincere appreciation for all who took part in Masses from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday as commentators, readers, members of the music ministry, ushers, Eucharistic minister, assistants for Confirmation candidate, and the Confirmation candidates themselves, and the parents who brought them, and stayed for the Masses.

EDGE Youth Ministry @ St. John Chrysostom: If you are in grade 5, 6, 7 or 8 and you have questions about God, life and faith, and are looking to have some fun (activities and sports) with other youth on a Saturday night, then come out to our bi-monthly youth nights (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays) at St. John Chrysostom Parish. Mass and then food, faith and fun until 7:30 p.m. The next Edge Youth Night is April 14<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 4:30 p.m.



Children's Liturgy of the Word: All children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 5 are welcome to attend their own Liturgy of Word during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. The Gospel is proclaimed and explained in a way appropriate to the age of the children. In such a way, they are given the opportunity to understand the teachings of Jesus and participate more fully in the church's Liturgy and Christian living. The priest will normally send forth with a blessing after the Collect (*Opening Prayer*).

Eucharistic Adoration: on Wednesday evenings and First Fridays. *Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of his grace, his love, his peace.*



St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe Fraternity: The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 in meeting room #2. The meeting will begin with recitation of the Holy Rosary at 9:30 a.m., followed by the meeting which commences at 10:00 a.m. following the "Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order." Enquirers are welcome to attend.

The Harvest Festival Raffle Ticket: provides 29% of the net profit of the Festival. We will again have three \$1000 prizes. The CWL and KofC each donation \$1000 to cover two prizes. *Once again, we are inviting cash donations from parishioners to help cover the 1<sup>st</sup> \$1000 prize.* Thank you to all past coordinators and donors/benefactors. This year we plan to have the tickets available for the Victoria Day weekend. Only 3000 tickets are printed at \$5 each. They once again sold out last year.



### ∞ United in Song ∞

The Stairwell Carollers & Glebe Collegiate's choirs join for an evening of choral works with guest soloist Gabriel Lewis-O'Connor, a former member of the world-renowned Chanticleer. Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at St. John Chrysostom Church @ 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets are available at [stairwellcarollers.com](http://stairwellcarollers.com) or the parish office.

Profits are being shared 50/50 with St. John Chrysostom Parish and will be directed towards the Belltower Campaign.

Celebrating Marriage Dinner Banquet: will be held on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. Come celebrate another anniversary milestone with couples from across the diocese. Guest speaker is Fr. Denis Lemieux from Madonna House. Tickets are now on sale – \$50 per couple. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Yvette Bourque at 613-732-7933 x 208 or [yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com).

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 \$400.

