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The Pastor's Notes

St. John Chrysostom Parish (est. 1867)

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† Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time †

July 23, 2017

Catholic Vacation Bible School (July 25th - 29th):

Please pray for the spiritual fruitfulness of our VBS which runs every morning this week. This year the theme is "Summertime Blast." 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! There are 65 children participating, 35 youth volunteers and 12 adult supervisors.

Volunteers: Kick off meeting for all adult and youth volunteers is on Sunday July 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Children: Arrival Monday, July 25th around 8:50 a.m.



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. May the Lord bless you for your generosity which has already helped us to raise \$76,929.14 towards our 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!

In your prayers, please remember: those who have died, especially: *Ryan Smith*, son of Mike & Cathy Schnob; *Annie Yantha*; *Hugh Lunney* and *Father Michael Costello*, a priest of the Diocese of Pembroke (and priestly vocation from our parish and ordained here in 1962) and brother of Dom Costello.

* Announcement of Marriage: Christina Brown & Robert McGrath (August 4th)

* We welcome Fr. Michael Lund as he celebrates his "First Masses" for us this weekend. Bishop Michael Mulhall has appointed Fr. Lund Parochial Vicar of St. John Chrysostom Parish, Arnprior for the summer months and, in September, will return to the Seminary in Rome to complete his theological studies.

* A Parochial Vicar is a priest assigned to a parish in addition to, and in collaboration with, the pastor of the parish. He exercises his ministry as an agent of the parish's pastor, who is termed *parochus* in Latin. The Code of Canon Law canon 545 uses the term "Parochial Vicar" and not "Associate Pastor." While using the term "Parochial Vicar" is more in line with the terminology of the Code of Canon Law, it is still interchangeable with the terms "Associate Pastor" and "Assistant Pastor" that were used before the promulgation of the new code in 1983.

* New Ministry Schedules: For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Commentators/Readers are ready for pick-up in the Sacristy. Offertory ministers and Greeter/Ushers may pick theirs up at the entrance of the Church.

* Are you new to our parish community or been with us for some time and have never registered in St. John Chrysostom Parish? We invite you to register. It is important that everyone register in the parish. Please fill a registration form which can be found in the pamphlet racks at the entrance of the church, and place it in the collection basket or leave it at the parish office.

☺ And Now for Some Humour:

A Priest asked a little girl if she said her prayers every night.

"Yes Father," the girl replied.

"And do you always say them in the morning, too?" the pastor asked.

"No Father," the little girl replied. "I'm not scared in the daytime."

☼ Welcome to all our summer visitors! ☼

Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

July 24 - 29

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| Monday | 8:00 a.m. Linda Lee <i>by Mr. & Mrs. E. Zervos</i> |
| Tuesday | St. James, Apostle 8:00 a.m. Ambrose Holmes <i>by Brenda & Allan Tessaro</i> |
| Wednesday | St. Anne & St. Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 a.m. Erne Dupuis <i>by Margaret & Family</i> |
| Thursday | 8:00 a.m. John Czekis <i>by His Daughter and Family</i> |
| Friday | 8:00 a.m. Patricia McCaffery <i>by Katrina & Kristine</i> |

† Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time †

July 30

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| Saturday | 4:00 p.m. <i>Confessions</i> |
| (vigil) | 4:30 p.m. Intentions of the People |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. <i>Confessions</i> |
| | 9:30 a.m. Bryan & Frances Burke <i>by John & Christine Tammadge</i> |

Liturgical Appointments

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| Next Sunday | 4:30 P.M. | 9:30 A.M. |
| Commentator | Regina Rolph | Helen Dedo |
| Reader | Gerry Whalen | Peter Gogolek |
| Extra/Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers | Wayne Pickering, Clare Kavanagh | Helen McGregor, Nancy Black |
| Greeter/Ushers | Linda Chandler, Henry Egan Daryl & 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 | | Paulette McOuatt |
| Hospitality: Second Sunday when scheduled | | Children's Liturgy: Resumes in September |

Meetings and Gatherings This Week

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| Monday | <i>Al-Anon Meeting (613-860-3431) - 7:30 p.m. in church meeting room #1</i> |
| Tuesday | <i>Christian Meditation - 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Sue McCarthy (613-622-7783)</i> |
| Wednesday | <i>A.A. Meeting - 8:00 p.m. in choir room</i> |
| Saturday | <i>Meeting - 8:00 p.m. in church choir room</i> |

Stewardship:

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

What is Stewardship? It is an act of generosity, whether in time, talent or treasure, and integral to the act of faith. Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. We can take credit for nothing. Everything we have and everything we do is a result of some gift that God has placed into our hands.

Stewardship is living a life of gratitude – taking the time every day to recognize the gifts that God has given and to be grateful for them.

Stewardship involves spending time with God. Recognizing that every day is a gift from God, we strive to spend some of each day with God, through prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, scripture reading, quiet, meditation and other spiritual activities.

Stewardship involves sharing talent. Recognizing that God has given each individual unique skills and talents so that together we can do the work of Our Lord, we strive to share our own talents and to encourage and welcome others to also use their talents to carry out the mission and ministry of the Church.



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*

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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: Dave Sherk

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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 Sunday, August 13.



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.

Weeds Among the Wheat

Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; July 17, 2011

The Gospel parables are brief accounts that Jesus uses to proclaim the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. Using imagery from situations of daily life, the Lord “*wants to show us the real ground of all things... He shows us.. the God who acts, who intervenes in our lives, and wants to take us by the hand*” (Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration, English edition, Doubleday, 2007, p. 192).

With this kind of discourse the divine Teacher invites us to recognize first of all the primacy of God the Father: Wherever he is absent, nothing can be good. He is a crucial priority for all things. Kingdom of Heaven means, in fact, lordship of God and this means that his will must be adopted as the guiding criterion of our existence.

The subject of this Sunday’s Gospel is, precisely, the Kingdom of Heaven. “Heaven” should not be understood only in the sense that it towers above us, because this infinite space also takes the form of human interiority. Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a field of wheat to enable us to understand that something small and hidden has been sown within us which, nevertheless, has an irrepressible vital force. In spite of all obstacles, the seed will develop and the fruit will ripen. This fruit will only be good if the terrain of life is cultivated in accordance with the divine will.

For this reason in the Parable of the Weeds [tares] among the good Wheat (Mt 13:24-30). Jesus warns us that, after the owner had scattered the seed, “*while men were sleeping, his enemy*” intervened and sowed weeds among the wheat. This means that we must be ready to preserve the grace received from the day of our Baptism, continuing to nourish faith in the Lord that prevents evil from taking root. St Augustine commenting on the parable noted “*many are at first tares but then become good grain*”, and he added: “*if these, when they are wicked, are not endured with patience they would not attain their praiseworthy transformation*” (Quaest. septend. in Ev. sec. Matth., 12, 4: PL 35, 1371).

Dear friends, the Book of Wisdom — from which today’s First Reading is taken — emphasizes this dimension of the divine Being and states: “*Neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all men.... For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all*” (Wis 12:13, 16). And Psalm 86 [85] confirms it: “*You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you*” (v. 5).

Hence if we are children of such a great and good Father, let us seek to be like him! This was the aim Jesus set himself with his preaching; indeed, he said to those who were listening to him: “You... must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt 5:48). Let us turn with trust to Mary, whom we invoked yesterday with the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel so that she may help us to follow Jesus faithfully, and so live as true children of God.

“soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.”

Pope Francis, *Laudate Si*, 84

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 as we begin this fundraiser.



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

Pilgrimage to St. Ann in Cormac: on Sunday, July 30th, with Bishop Christian Riesbeck CC and Bishop Michael Mulhall. For further info, please see the bulletin board or www.cormacpilgrimage.com

Parish Suppers:

St. Bernadette, (Bonfield) - Sea Pie - Sunday July 30th from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

St. Martin of Tours, Whitney, - Sunday August 6th starting at 1:00 p.m.

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. 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, Liturgy and Faith Journey

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 9th and 10th. 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 23rd - There will be a diocesan retreat on Evangelization led by Father Kieran Kilcommons of Madonna House on September 23rd, at St. Hedwig's in Barry's Bay from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday November 4th - The annual Diocesan Catechist Formation Day will take place on November 4th 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.

Canoe Pilgrimage ~ A Journey of Reconciliation: On Tuesday, August 8th, there will be a visit by a group of canoe pilgrims at Galilee Centre marking Canada's 150th year in a unique way. This intrepid group of 30 pilgrims made up of Jesuits, Indigenous and others who will be arriving at the shores of Galilee Centre at 1:00 p.m. where they will engage any visitors in an interactive presentation on the history of colonization, the need for reconciliation and in particular the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. See the bulletin board for more details.

Finding God in This Confusing World - August 11 - 13, 2017 - Facilitator: Fr. Jim Clarke
It all seems so hard to discover God in these changing times. Is God truly present to us or has God just left it all up to us? Where do we go from here? Good questions are not answered easily nor quickly. This retreat is meant for those willing to ask the difficult questions of life and to go deeper into the mystery of this reality.

For more info and to register: email info@galileecentre.com or call 623-4242

Private/Single - \$330 - Shared/Double - \$310 - Commuter - \$230 (Meals included)