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## The Pastor's Notes

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

295 Albert St., Arnprior, ON K7S 2M7

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www.saintjohnchrysostom.org

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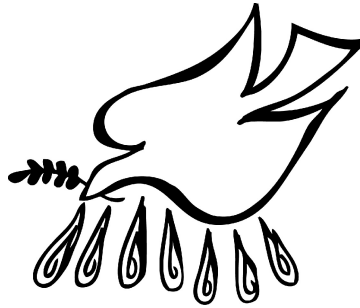
## † Solemnity of Pentecost †

*May 20, 2018*

Pentecost & The Sacrament of Confirmation: The effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "*Abba! Father!*";
- it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
- it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross.

[CCC 1302-1303]



The Harvest Festival Raffle Ticket: *Are now available on this Victoria Day weekend so that they can be sold to relatives and friends as we begin the season of summer.* These raffle ticket sales provide 29% of the net profit of the Festival. We will again have three \$1000 prizes. The CWL and KofC each donate \$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. Only 3000 tickets are printed at \$5 each. They once again sold out last year.

In your prayers, please remember: the youth of our parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend and the children of our parish who are preparing to receive their first Holy Communion (June 3); parishioners who are sick; that the peoples of our country, legislators and healthcare practitioners would choose life and not death regarding euthanasia, assisted suicide and abortion; those who have died, especially: *Donald Coyne*, father of Michael Coyne and *Doris Smith*.

\* I wish to thank everyone who recently celebrated with me the Priesthood of our Lord Jesus Christ and his gift to me of being able to share in it for these past 25 years. I thank everyone who in any way contributed to such a beautiful day. I thank everyone for their prayers and support during these past 25 years. Thank you for your generosity and personal gifts to me. ~ *Fr. John*

\* Be sure to save the date, Saturday, July 7, when Mr. Christopher Barrett will be ordained by Bishop Mulhall to the Permanent Diaconate at St. Columbkille Cathedral in Pembroke. More information to follow. All parishioners will be invited to attend.

\* The first condition for receiving the Holy Spirit is not merit or virtue, but desire, need and thirst. But the problem lies here: are we thirsty for the Holy Spirit or do we have an unacknowledged fear of him? For deep down, we sense that if the Holy Spirit comes, he cannot leave everything as he finds it. He prompts conversion. He could even make us do "strange" things that we are not ready to accept. This is why the willingness to repent is also a condition for receiving the Life-Changer. Whoever the Holy Spirit touches, the Holy Spirit changes! Our prayer for having the Spirit sometimes resembles the prayer of Saint Augustine before his conversion: "Grant me chastity and self-control, but please not yet." We are tempted to say, "Come, Holy Spirit, come... but not right now, especially no strangeness! Isn't God order, decorum, composure, and equilibrium?" But let us ask the Holy Spirit to take away our fear of him. Let us say, "Come, Holy Spirit! Come now, come as you wish." ~ *Fr. Francis Martin*

*It is not what you are or what you have been  
that God sees with His all-merciful eyes*

*but what you want to be.*

*~ Cloud of Unknowing ~*

*We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures,  
we are the sum of the Father's love for us  
and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus.*

*~ St. John Paul II ~*

## Seventh Week of Ordinary Time

*May 21 - 25*

Wednesday *7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*  
*7:20 p.m. Confessions*  
 8:00 p.m. Mass of Thanksgiving *by a Parishioner*

Thursday 8:00 a.m. +Donald Coyne *by Shirley, Frances & Elaine*

Friday 8:30 a.m. +Francis Pecoskie *by the Vice Principal Association*

## ⌞ Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity ⌞

*May 27, 2018*

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

Sunday 9:30 a.m. +Jack Dorzek *by Lucien Cloutier*  
 +Richard & Edna Donohue *by Kathy & Dennis Turpin*

### Liturgical Appointments

Next Sunday	4:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m.
Commentator	Carol Marcellus	Helen Dedo
Reader	Chris Barrett	Peter Gogolek
Eucharistic Ministers	Wayne Pickering, Clare Kavanagh	Hal Murray, Joan Hanniman
Greeter/Ushers	Linda Chandler, Henry Egan +2	Theresa & Chris Coady Marc Shank, Tracey Jeror
Servers	Please always check in 15 minutes before Mass begins. Everyone is expected to be on the sanctuary.	
Offertory		The Coady Family
Hospitality: Second Sunday when scheduled		Children's Liturgy: Roxanne Barr

### Meetings and Gatherings

Monday *Al-Anon Meeting - 7:30 p.m. meeting room #1; Affected by someone's drinking? (613-860-3431)*  
 Tuesday *Christian Meditation - 7:00 p.m. at the home of Mary Sue McCarthy (613-622-7783)*  
 Wednesday *L'Arche - Chapel at 4:00 p.m.; 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. in meeting room #1; A.A. Meeting - 8:00 p.m. choir room*


### Stewardship:

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

Church Bell Tower Campaign: May the Lord bless you for your generosity which has already helped us to raise \$125,408.58 (since July 2016) towards our goal of \$400,000 over 4 years.

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*

-Please remember that the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month is Foodbank Sunday.  
 -Next meeting is June 5<sup>th</sup> at the parish hall. This is a potluck and starts at 6:00 p.m.  
 - Parent Lending Library at St. Joseph Catholic School: We now have a number of resources available for parents on various topics relating to supporting children. Please stop in for a visit and sign out a book.



**Knights of Columbus**

Blaine Mullins, *Grand Knight*

[www.kofc2082.org](http://www.kofc2082.org)

Business Meeting - *Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>*  
 Executive Meeting - *Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>*

KofC 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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## 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: July 22

**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.*

## Receiving the Grace of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Pray – *Come, Holy Spirit* – for a greater release of the power of the Holy Spirit in your life. God desires to have you experience the full power of His love for you, with all the gifts that flow from His Spirit of love.

If fears or doubts tempt you to run away from a deeper life in the Spirit, know that such temptations are normal. Do not give in to them, but with the help of Jesus, continue surrendering every area of your life into His hands. If there are past memories that keep you from advancing in the love of God, ask for prayers for inner healing. God desires to give you a new life in His Spirit.

We have to desire a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our hearts, to be renewed, to be regenerated in our Christian faith. We have to desire it with all our being. We cannot earn God's gifts. They are given freely. Nor do we deserve God's favours, there is nothing we can do for God or anyone else that would make us deserving of them. Everything from God is a gift flowing from His love for us.

So that our hearts may be disposed to receiving a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we must make up our mind that we will turn away from sinful habits. The basic sin of mankind is impiety. It is walking past God as if He was not there in our presence. We make ourselves the potter and God becomes our clay. We create our own rules and we expect God to comply.

As you prepare to receive this gift, you need to resolve that you will turn away from sinful habits and patterns in your life, or anything that would block the action of the Holy Spirit. If there are any areas in your life that are not right with the Lord, ask forgiveness of Him. Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this week if possible. We should attempt to remove any obstacles that would keep that life from flowing into your whole being. We must renounce anything that is incompatible with living a Christian life such as long-standing anger, unforgiveness, jealousy and envy. These are all blocks to that life-giving grace of the Holy Spirit.

*Lord Jesus Christ, I surrender to you today with all my heart and soul,*

*From now on, I want to belong to you totally and completely.*

*I want to be freed in every way from the power and rule of Satan.*

*Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God,*

*that You died on the Cross to free me from my sins  
and that you rose again to bring me New Life.*

*I receive you as my Lord and Saviour.*

*I ask you to help me turn away from all wrongdoing  
and I ask your forgiveness for all the sins I have committed.*

*Lord, I give my life to You.*

*I open wide the doors of my heart and I ask you to fill me with Your presence.  
I ask you to baptize me in your Holy Spirit. Baptize me in the fire of your love. Amen.*

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

### Reconciliation / First Communion

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, Fr. John will call the children forward near the end of Mass to be dismissed for their 8<sup>th</sup> class. The children will be brought upstairs after their class for a short practice. There will be a meeting for the parents at 11:30 in the church on the upcoming sacraments. The Sacrament of First Communion will follow on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 9:30 Mass.



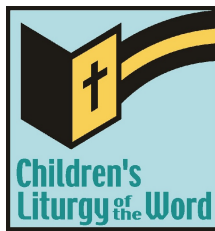
Eucharistic Adoration: on Wednesday evenings and First Fridays.

*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.*



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 May 26<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*).



St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe Fraternity: The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</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.

Madonna House Summer Program 2018: for Young Adults (age 19-35). *The Word Who is Life - This is Our Subject (1 John 1)* is the theme for this year's summer program. Come for one week or all five weeks. Enjoy daily Mass, working alongside community members, Seminars, lectures, witness talks, discussions, recreation and free time, spiritual guidance available, family-style meals and dormitory living. Week 1 - July 7-14 Peace; Week 2 - July 15-21 Work; Week 3 - July 21-28 Relationships; Week 4 - July 29-Aug 4 Beauty; Week 5 - Aug 5-11 Home. Contact: 613 756-3713 or see [www.madonnahouse.org](http://www.madonnahouse.org).

Catholic Summer Camp for Girls: Camp Camino is a camp for young women (ages 10 to 13 & 14 to 16) from August 4-10, 2018, Providence Point, Lanark, Ontario. The camp offers daily Mass, crafts, games, bonfires and a whole lot more. Camp Camino is run by a dedicated group of people deeply invested in the Catholic faith formation of young women. There are many opportunities for everyone to help the camp both spiritually and financially\*. For further information and to register go to [campcamino.ca](http://campcamino.ca).

Cana Colony (Summer 2018): Madonna House retreat & vacation camp for families, Combermere. Come and enjoy some real family time with other Catholic families in this rustic outdoor setting alongside a lake. This year, Cana starts on July 2 and runs for 6 weeks. The week includes daily Mass, confession is available, free time, talks for parents, evening rosary prayer, activities for children and teens. Applications for reservations are accepted beginning in January for the coming summer. There is no set fee; rather, that is worked out according to the means of each family. If you are interested in receiving an application, please phone: 613-756-3713. Email: [mhcanacolony@gmail.com](mailto:mhcanacolony@gmail.com) (Please remember to include your full name and complete postal mailing address). For more information about Cana Colony please visit [www.madonnahouse.org/programs](http://www.madonnahouse.org/programs).

Parish Suppers:

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Braeside)* - BBQ Chicken, Sunday, May 27 from 2 to 6 p.m.

*Saint Francis Xavier Parish (Renfrew)* - Roast Beef, Sunday June 10 from 2 to 6 p.m.

*St. John Chrysostom (Arnrior)* - Roast Beef, Sunday October 14 from 12 to 6 p.m.

St. John Chrysostom Parish Hall Rentals: We have the largest and brightest hall in Arnrior 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.

