

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

O LORD our God, You heard Moses, when he stretched forth his hand unto You; so today, Lord, hear us praying to You. Strengthen the pious people of Ukraine by Your power, bless their deeds, increase their glory by victory over the enemy, strengthen their nation with Your almighty right hand, save the defenders of this nation, send Your angels to strengthen those protecting the peaceful people, give them everything needed for salvation; reconcile enmity and establish peace. Stretch forth, O Lord, Your invisible right hand, which intercedes for Your servants in all things. To those whom You choose to lay down their lives in this war defending their nation, forgive their iniquities, and on the day of Your righteous judgement, grant them the crown of immortality. For Yours is the power, the Kingdom, and the power, from You we all receive help, in You we place our trust and send glory to You, Father, and Son, and the Holy Spirit, now, and forever, and ever. Amen.

SUNDAY OFFERING - Arnprior: March 6 - \$4,841.75

SUNDAY OFFERING - Braeside: March 6 - \$1,551.10

ADULT FAITH LENTEN RETREAT: The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation and Leadership Development is sponsoring an Adult Faith Lenten Retreat on **Saturday, March 26, 2022** at St. James the Less Parish, Eganville Ontario from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with registration at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15.00 per person (lunch and refreshments provided). This retreat is open to all the faithful. The theme of the retreat is the “A Walk through the Mass.” Our guest speaker will be Fr. Michael Smith, Vicar General of the Diocese of Pembroke. Please join us for this very special day. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at (613) 732-7933 ext. 206 **Registration deadline is Thursday, March 24, 2022.**

MINISTRIES ARNPRIOR: Now that we are able to return to having volunteers for our ministries, we are in need of the following:

Greeter/Ushers: To take up collection and the gifts for both the 4:30 p.m. and the 9:00 a.m. masses

Collection Counters: Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the parish office

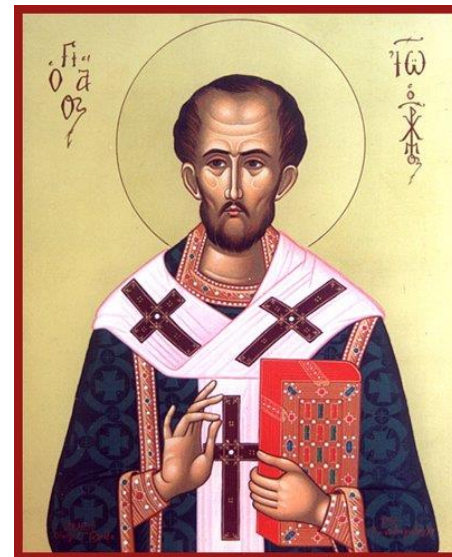
Eucharistic Ministers: For both the 4:30 p.m. and the 9:00 a.m. masses. This individual must be nominated by another parishioner. Please drop nominations in collection basket or at the office.

MINISTRIES BRAESIDE: If you are interested in ushering at the 10:30 a.m. mass on Sundays please contact Andy Prince at 613-623-7246.

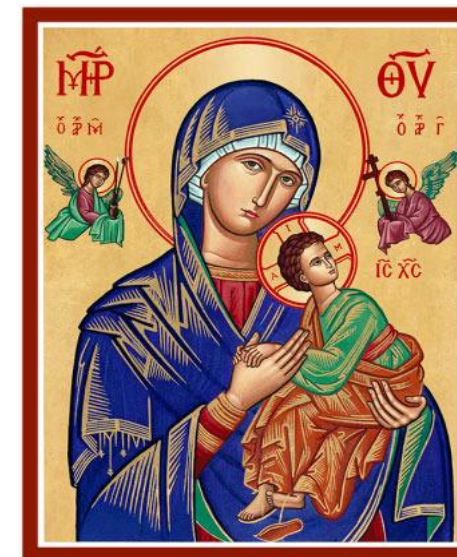
PASTORAL CARE OF OUR PARISHIONERS: with the ongoing improvement in Covid cases, we are monitoring the regulations associated with our retirement residences and care homes so that we can begin to offer pastoral services to our parishioners. Experiences of prayer and the reception of Holy Communion will resume as directives allow. We are pleased to be of service!

FINANCE & PROPERTY NEWS: all parish churches, rectories and halls in the Diocese of Pembroke were inspected last summer to identify needed repairs and improvements in our buildings and on our grounds. In the last four weeks, all parishes received the completed reports. After Easter, the Finance & Property Committees of each parish will begin to itemize and prioritize projects in need of immediate attention. Some of these are related to plumbing, carpentry, masonry etc. While our parishes have been blessed with excellent leadership, there is always something in need of replacement or repair. Anyone who has been involved in the management of buildings and property will recognize this challenge.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ARNPRIOR & BRAESIDE



St. John Chrysostom Parish



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

✠ The Second Sunday of Lent ✠
March 13, 2022

*St. John Chrysostom Parish is the
Home of the Arnprior & District Food Bank 613-668-4462, Ala-Anon & A.A.*

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: is celebrated at St. John Chrysostom on Saturday afternoon from 3:45 - 4:15 p.m. and Sunday morning from 8:15 - 8:45 a.m. It is important that the priest depart the Reconciliation Room at least ten minutes prior to the start of Mass to vest. The sacrament is celebrated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. It is important that Fr. Steve have a few minutes to vest for Mass and prepare at the back of the church for the processional.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Fr. Steve would like to constitute a parish Finance & Property Committee that will be fully operational after the celebration of Lent & Holy Week. It is important that parishioners, who financially support the parish, be represented, and assist the parish priest in discussing parish finance and matters of concern in our buildings and on our grounds. The role is not one of a 'supervisor' to critique every expenditure or to simply point out areas of concern, but to assist the parish priest in prioritizing repairs and renewals, and to identify reputable contractors who may assist us with same. We would like a minimum of four individuals, whose name you could bring to Father's attention. You are nominating a person for this committee role. In particular: we wish to identify individuals with experience in electrical / plumbing, building care and renovations, those with experience in property management, finance, roofing, heating, and cooling systems are those most desired. To submit the name of a committee member, please place a note in the collection or send an email to fr.stevenballard@gmail.com.

IMAGES FOR LENT: FR. RON ROLHEISER, O.M.I.: We have some great religious and anthropological images for Lent. Religiously, the richest image we have for Lent is the image of Jesus going into the desert, voluntarily, to fast and pray. Scripture tells us that Jesus went into the *desert* for forty days and, while there, he ate nothing. This doesn't necessarily mean that, literally, he took no food or water during that time, but that he deprived himself of all physical supports (including food, water, enjoyments, distractions) that protected him from feeling, full force, his vulnerability, dependence, and need to surrender in deeper trust to God. And in doing this, we are told, he found himself hungry and consequently vulnerable to temptations from the devil – but also, by that same token, more open to God. The desert, by taking away the securities and protections of ordinary life, strips us bare and leaves us naked, both before God and the devil. This brings us face-to-face with our own chaos. That's an image for Lent. We also have some wonderfully rich anthropological images for Lent. Here is one of them. In virtually every culture there is, somewhere, the concept of having "*to sit in the ashes for a time*" as a necessary preparation for some deep joy or fulfillment. We see this, for example, in the story of Cinderella. The name itself, Cinderella, holds the key: It is derived from two words: Cinders, meaning ashes; and Puella, the Latin word for young girl. Etymologically, Cinderella means the eternal girl who sits in the ashes, with the further idea being that, before she, or anyone else, gets to put on the royal clothes, go to the ball, and dance with the prince, she must first spend some time sitting in the ashes, tasting some emptiness, feeling some powerlessness, and trusting that this deprivation and humiliation is necessary to help bring about the maturity needed to do the royal dance. Both are powerful images

PRAYING THE ROSARY: members of the Franciscans will lead the praying of the rosary, following each weekday mass at St. John Chrysostom Church.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK, THE HOMEBOUND & THE DYING: is an important part of our pastoral care in each parish. Those who wish to be added to the monthly Communion list are asked to call the Parish Office. If you are calling on behalf of a senior, please be certain to provide their complete information including their name, address and telephone number. Fr. Steve is also most happy to attend to the sick and the terminally ill. While it may not be always possible to be present to take a call at every hour of every day, please do hesitate to call at anytime. As indicated previously, we are in a transition with Covid and we recognize that some may be initially hesitant to welcome visitors.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: for the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones can be made with the envelopes provided at the end of each pew and the entrance of the church. **Donations must be submitted at the Parish Office by Tuesday, April 12, in order to have loved ones listed in the Easter bulletin memorial page.**

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Monday	March 14	11:00 a.m.	Mass of Christian Burial – Sylvain Bernard
Tuesday	March 15	NO MASS	
Wednesday*	March 16	10:00 a.m.	June Murphy <i>by The Estate</i>
Thursday	March 17	10:00 a.m.	Blessed Mother Mary for Prayers Answered <i>by A Parishioner</i>
Friday	March 18	10:00 a.m.	Intentions of Edward Srodulski <i>by Emilia Srodulski</i>
		7:00 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
	(*Braeside)		

Second Sunday of Lent - March 19 & 20, 2022

Saturday	March 19	3:45 p.m.	<i>Confessions (Reconciliation Room)</i>
		4:30 p.m.	Jack Potvin <i>by His Son Stephen Potvin</i>
Sunday	March 20	8:30 a.m.	<i>Confessions (Reconciliation Room)</i>
		9:00 a.m.	Intentions of the People (<i>Missa pro populo</i>)
		*10:00 a.m.	<i>Confessions (Sacristy)</i>
		*10:30 a.m.	Special Intentions (FR) <i>by Grant & Carole Froot</i>

AN INVITATION TO RESERVE ! ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM CHURCH SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2022

2:00 P.M.

**SEVEN GUEST PRIESTS WILL BE PRESENT TO CELEBRATE THE
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

LENT = PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

Today is the day to plan for extra time of prayer in your day. A quiet visit to the church is in order? If our health allows it, eating less is a noble practice, reminding us of how we sometimes use food to "fill ourselves up." Almsgiving leads us to reflect on how blessed we are and the importance of sharing money with the poor and disadvantaged, particularly through the Development & Peace Collection.

Liturgical Appointments: March 19 / 20

Next Sunday	4:30 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Reader	Gerry Whalen	Joan Kelly	Cindy Colotelo
Ministers of Communion	Priest, Deacon Shirley	Priest Golda, Margaret	Priest Delia Burns
Greeter / Usher	Linda, Clare, Denis +1	Lynn, Marc, Savio, Carol	Andy Prince
Music	James Hrkach	Knights of Columbus	James Hrkach