



The Kid's Bulletin and a weekly coloring handout, depicting a theme from our liturgical season or the gospel reading, is available on the bulletin table in both churches! Our kids and their parents are encouraged each week to help themselves!

SUNDAY OFFERING - Arnprior: March 13: \$4,410.00

SUNDAY OFFERING - Braeside: March 13: \$2,669.70

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.**

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM: The Spring Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program is coming up on Saturday, March 26th and Saturday, April 9th via Zoom. Deadline to register is March 11th. Registration is available online at Marriage & Family – Diocese of Pembroke (pembrokediocese.com), or a form can be obtained from any parish and mailed in. Inquiries can be directed to Ellen Hrkach at 613 297-1496 or ellengablehrkach.com.

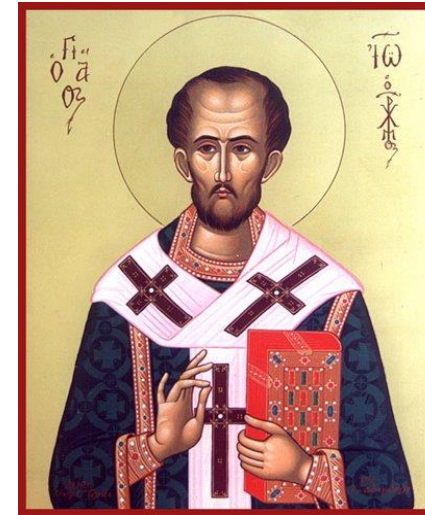
EASTER FLOWERS: for the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones can be made with the envelopes provided at the end of each pew and the entrance of the church. **Donations must be submitted at the Parish Office by Tuesday, April 12, in order to have loved ones listed in the Easter bulletin memorial page.**

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.

WEEKDAY MASS: as indicated previously, weekday Mass will be celebrated, in both parishes, at 9:00 a.m. after Easter. With thanks to God, we will enjoy brighter days, warm sunshine, green grass and opportunities to head out a little earlier, to enjoy the day!

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH: For a Christian response to bioethical challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ARNPRIOR & BRAESIDE



St. John Chrysostom Parish



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

✠ **The Third Sunday of Lent** ✠
March 20, 2022

*St. John Chrysostom Parish is the
Home of the Arnprior & District Food Bank 613-668-4462, Al-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, in order to vest. The sacrament is celebrated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. in the sacristy. 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.

UNDERSTANDING GRACE MORE DEEPLY: FR. RON ROLHEISER, O.M.I.: The mark of genuine contrition is not a sense of guilt, but a sense of sorrow, of regret for having taken a wrong turn; just as the mark of living in grace is not a sense of our own worth but a sense of being accepted and loved despite our unworthiness. We are spiritually healthy when our lives are marked by honest confession and honest praise. Author Piet Fransen, in his book "The New Life of Grace" submits that neither the self-confident believer (who still secretly envies the pleasures of the amoral that he's missing out on) nor the wayward person who converts but still feels grateful for his fling, has yet understood grace.

We understand grace only when we grasp existentially what's inside the Father's words to his older son in the parable of the prodigal son: *My son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.* The older brother would not be bitter if he understood that everything his father owns is already his, just as he would not be envious of the pleasures his wayward brother tasted if he understood that, in real life, his brother had been dead. But it takes a deeper grasp of what grace is to intuit that, namely, to grasp that life inside God's house dwarfs all other pleasures. The same is true for the convert who has given up his wayward life but still secretly rejoices in the experience and sophistication it brought him and nurses a condescending pity for the less experienced. He too has not yet really understood grace. Only when we understand what the father of the prodigal son means when he says to the older brother: "Everything I have is yours", will we offer both a confession of praise and a confession of sin.

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.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER: Parishioners who are sick; and those who have died, especially: *Phyllis Russett*, sister of Merle Lavoie and *Orville Wilson*, father-in-law of Joan Wilson

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING: Executive Meeting – March 28th @ 7:00 p.m. in chambers
Business Meeting – April 4th @ 6:00 p.m. in chambers

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE MEETING: April 6th @ 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday	March 22	10:00 a.m.	George Ward Junior <i>by Dwayne & Donna Freeman</i>
Wednesday*	March 23	10:00 a.m.	Wayne Senior <i>by Regina Rolph</i>
Thursday	March 24	10:00 a.m.	Dominic & Emily Kelly <i>by Bob & Sandy Lee</i>
Friday	March 25	10:00 a.m.	Agnes Lee <i>by The Knights of Columbus</i>
		7:00 p.m.	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 26 & 27, 2022

Saturday	March 26	3:45 p.m.	<i>Confessions (Reconciliation Room)</i>
		4:30 p.m.	Roland & Frank Schnob <i>by Helene Schnob</i>
Sunday	March 27	8:30 a.m.	<i>Confessions (Reconciliation Room)</i>
		9:00 a.m.	Intentions of the People (<i>Missa pro populo</i>)
	(* Braeside)		*10:00 a.m. <i>Confessions (Sacristy)</i>
			*10:30 a.m. Henri & Aulier Sauve <i>by Ben & Mona Sauve</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 26 / 27

Next Sunday	4:30 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Reader	Christine Pierce	Regina Rolph	Cindy Colotelo
Ministers of Communion	Priest Clare, Cheryl	Priest Christine, Margaret	Priest Delia Burns
Greeter / Usher	Linda, Denise, Clare +1	Lynn, Golda, Gilles, Therese	Andy Prince
Music	CWL	Anda	James Hrkach