

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS – LAST WEEKEND – Acknowledged with many thanks!**

Arnprior – November 20: \$4,506.00

Braeside – November 20 \$1,635.25

**CWL ARNPRIOR:** CWL Arnprior: Fundraising Bake Sale Saturday Dec.3rd at 10 am in the Parish hall. Drop off Friday evening, Dec. 2nd from 6 - 8 pm in the hall or Sat. morning after 8:30 am. The draw for the Raffle of Gift baskets will be on Sunday Dec. 4th following Mass. Tickets are \$2 each and available from CWL members and after each weekend mass. The members of the CWL thank everyone for their support of our fundraising activities.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION ENVELOPES:** for the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones can be made with the envelopes provided at the end of each pew. The Masses of Christmas will be offered for your intentions. The deadline to donate (at the parish office) for names to be listed in the Christmas bulletin will be Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.



**RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS:** The Knights of Columbus annual sale will be after mass this weekend in Braeside.



**THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:** As reminder of our duty to pray for the faithful departed, especially the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Church has dedicated November to the Holy Souls undergoing final purification. Next week, our Book of the Dead will be at the front of the Church under the statue of Our Risen Lord. You are invited to enter the names of deceased loved ones to be remembered in prayer at Mass during the month of November.

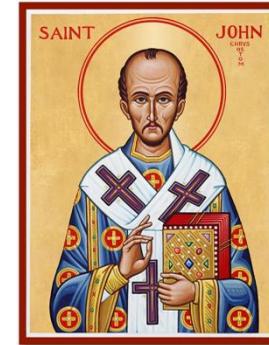
**REQUIESCAT IN PACE - REST IN PEACE**

As we **remember our faithful departed**, let us especially remember those whose funeral rites took place at Our Lady of Perpetual Help since **All Souls**, November 1, 2021

Martyn Lionel Brown	Pamela Mary Cybulski	John Francis Coady
Pansy McGonigal	Dennis Edmund Schnob	Lawrence McMahon
Francis Michael Finley	Mary Shirley McGonigal	Thomas Gordon McNulty
Nancy Loretta Wagner	Noreen Ann Newton	

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ARNPRIOR & BRAESIDE**



St. John Chrysostom Parish      Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

**✠ First Sunday of Advent ✠**

**November 27, 2022**

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**Liturgical Appointments: December 3/4**

Next Weekend	4:30 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Reader	Gerry	Josie	Ellie Hrkach
Ministers of Communion	Clare/Cheryl	Betty/Golda	Marilyn Robertson
Greeter/Usher	Linda, Denis, Clare +1	Lynn, Marc Golda, Savio	Charlie Dagg
Music	James	KofC	James

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

**REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL:** Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man. Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory. The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be. The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

**COUNTING PEOPLE AT MASS:** Starting this Sunday and continuing for one calendar year, all parishes in the Diocese of Pembroke will provide an accurate count of those who are attending Mass each weekend. This will be reported in the weekly parish bulletin and then collated at the end of 2023 to assist with conversations around diocesan pastoral planning and evangelization: how best to serve our parish communities, provide access to the Sacraments and build up the mission of the Church.



**2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please pick up your box at the church entrance. Please write your full address on the first few envelopes of the year so that tax receipts are mailed to the proper address. Your number may have changed from last year.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK, NOV. 23 - 27, 2022**

Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Braeside	Dennis Schnob <i>by Fred &amp; Ghislaine Perneel</i>
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior	Michael McGonigal <i>by Grace McGonigal</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior	Vivianne Gauthier <i>by Frances &amp; Shirley</i>
Saturday	4:30 p.m. Arnprior	Emmett Ryan <i>by Norma &amp; Joe Ryan</i>
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>
	10:30 a.m. Braeside	Blaire Sauve <i>by The Family</i>

**RECONCILIATION:** 20 minutes before weekend Masses and upon request.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:** Saturday, December 24 @ 4:30 p.m. - Arnprior  
 6:00 p.m. - Braeside  
 7:30 p.m. - Arnprior  
 Sunday, December 25 @ 10:00 a.m. - Arnprior  
 10:00 a.m. - Braeside

The Christmas mass schedule this year may not reflect last year's or next year's. Please be patient as we try to blend the two parishes and come up with a schedule that works best for the majority of our parishioners. Thanks for your understanding.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- for those who struggle with fear and anxiety;
- for those who have lost their jobs and are suffering economic hardship;
- for parishioners who are sick; and those who have died.

**CHURCH EXTERIOR RESTORATION COLLECTION:** The amount of \$9,513.45.00 from the months of August and September was recently sent to the Chancery Office in Pembroke. Thank you for your continued support!

**A PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** Father, let your hope arise in



our hearts! Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from. Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year. May we pause to remember that we have hope in you. You know the end of our stories, and we give thanks because you have promised that it will be a victorious ending. Give us the grace we need to wrap up this year joyfully. We invite your Spirit into this beautiful Advent season. Renew our sense of holy anticipation! Let us be those who

are waiting eagerly for Jesus to come again. More than anything, we ask that you be glorified in this season of expectation. Amen.