

SUNDAY OFFERINGS – Starting this January we have decided to start reporting all offerings on a monthly basis.

A CHRISTMASTIDE THANK YOU: I am humbled and grateful for the outpouring of support I received over the Christmas season. I want to thank all you from Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. John Chrysostom for your kind words of encouragement and support. Your cards and gifts were greatly appreciated! My words alone do not capture the depths of my appreciation, so I pray my dedication in serving these two vibrant parishes will.
Agape! Fr. Dan Kelly!

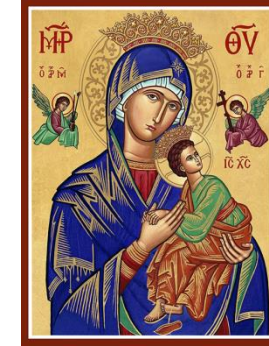
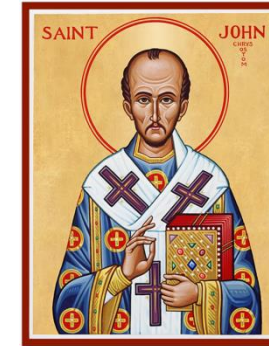
DEATH OF POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI – 1927-2022

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Dear faithful of the Diocese of Pembroke, it is with both sadness and gratitude that we join all Christians and non-Christians around the world in marking the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI this Saturday, December 31, 2022, at 9:34 a.m. (Rome local time) in the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery at the Vatican. Joseph Ratzinger was born on April 16, 1927, in Marktl Inn, Germany. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1951 for the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising. For many years, he served as a professor of theology at Tübingen and Regensburg, and distinguished himself as a scholarly author. He was a peritus (appointed expert) at the Second Vatican Council. Ordained to the Episcopate on May 28, 1977, having been appointed archbishop of his home diocese, he was created Cardinal on June 27 of that same year. From 1982 to 2005, he served alongside St. John Paul II as Prefect of the then-Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. He was elected Pope on April 19, 2005, and served for almost eight years, becoming the first pope in almost 600 years to renounce the office, which he did on February 28, 2013. May he rest in the peace of the Lord, awaiting a share in Christ's Resurrection. Your devoted servant in Jesus the Redeemer, Most Reverend Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.

IMAGE OF GOD MONTHLY MEN'S AND WOMENS SESSIONS:

Next session – Wednesday, January 11th at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew. Join us for IMAGE OF GOD monthly evening sessions for Men and Women from 7-9 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier parish. (Men 7-8 pm, Women 8-9 pm). This is a new initiative from the Office of Family Life, Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Renfrew deanery, but open to all, to reach adults who wish to grow in their faith. Hosted by Patrick Sullivan, Lay Evangelist and Yvette Bourque, each evening has a different topic and will include time for questions. Topic for January – Do you really know them? Here is what can dramatically improve the relationships in your life and family. Please enter through the small Parish Hall doors. For more information contact Yvette Bourque at yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ARNPRIOR & BRAESIDE



St. John Chrysostom Parish Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
✠ Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord ✠
January 8, 2023

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Liturgical Appointments: January 14/15

Next Weekend	4:30 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Reader	Carol	Sabrina	Beth Johnson
Ministers of Communion	Nancy	Golda/Savio	Delia Burns
Greeter/Usher	Linda, Denis, Clare +1	Lynn, Luc Rich, Cheryl	Andy Prince Garry Fisher
Music	Stephanie	KofC	James

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REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL: The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF A HOME: The tradition of blessing the home each year on Epiphany dates from the Middle Ages. As a place where the Lord is revealed in our relationships, the home is blessed in the following manner: a priest or parent uses blessed chalk to mark the inside of the front door with the initials "CMB", an abbreviation for the Latin blessing: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means, "May Christ bless this house." Throughout the year, those who come and go through the front door of your house will enjoy the blessing of Christ. These initials also represent the Magi named by tradition as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The initials are preceded by the first two digits of the year and followed by the last two digits, with a small cross between the letters and the numbers: **20+C+M+B+23**.



CHURCH EXTERIOR RESTORATION COLLECTION: The amount of \$5,613.25 from the month of November was recently sent to the Chancery Office in Pembroke. This monthly appeal uses a special envelope and collection dedicated to the Church Exterior Restoration Debt. With the oversight of the Parish Finance Committee and Mr. John Tammadge as its delegated officer. Thank you for your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK, JAN 11 - 15, 2023

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Braeside	Intentions of Father Ryan <i>by Sharon Sample</i>
Thursday		St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, virgin	
	9:00 a.m.	Arnprior	Rose Boyle <i>by Rosaleen Howden</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Arnprior	Hanna Brenke <i>by Howard & Regina</i>
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Arnprior	Clare Poirier <i>by Frances Smith</i>
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Arnprior	<i>.Missa Pro Populo</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Braeside	Rev. Brady McNamar & Family <i>by the Estate</i>

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: 20 minutes before weekend Masses and also upon request.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: for the young children of our parish community who have been recently baptized, for their parents and godparents: Paige Lily Keir, daughter of Duncan & Dominique; Gwen Alice Dianne Chadwick, daughter of Kyle & Megan; Valerie Anne Labonte, daughter of Simon & Jessica; Luke Jeffrey Lawson, son of Ian & Michelle; Jameson Richard Lafontaine, son of Colby & Ava; Isla Ann Gray, daughter of George & Jessica; James David Degault, son of Brian & Julie; Jackson Joseph Gerald Day, son of Joshua & Amy, Owen Gordon MacPherson, son of Eric & Brittany; Rachel Leona Illingworth, daughter of Robert & Lindsay; Colson Glen Thurlow, son of Kevin & Emma; Chloe Ray McNulty, daughter of Adam & Chelsea; Hope Alice Marie Munro, daughter of Craig & Stephanie; Benedict Edmund Vice, son of Alec & Lindsay; Norah Grace Vaughan, daughter of Kevin & Abigail; Maisie Yvonne Rusheleau, daughter of Tim & Kelly; for the repose of the soul of Mr. John Gruszka, grandfather of Father Scott Murray. Mr. Gruszka passed away in Oshawa on December 27th. Please pray for Mr. Gruszka and the consolation of Father Scott and his family at this time. for the sick of the parish and for all those who have died.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY:

The Lift Jesus Higher Rally (LJHR) is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration. Tracks for adults (\$25) and youth (\$15) on **Saturday March 24th, 2023**, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto. For more information and registration go to: www.LJHR.ca.

POPE'S PRAYER FOR JANUARY: For educators, we pray that educators may be credible witnesses, to teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.