

SUNDAY OFERING FEBRUARY 12TH - Arnprior: Sunday offering - \$4,379.20
Braeside: Sunday offering - \$1,234.00
ATTENDANCE FEB 5TH - Arnprior: Sat - 113 Sun - 128 - **Braeside:** Sun – 88

TEMPORARY HOURS: For the week of February 20th to the 24th and the week of Feb 27th to the 3rd of March the office will only be open between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Sorry for any inconvenience.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: The strength of belonging to a sisterhood of thousands of women is powerful and our impact makes a difference in our parishes, communities, country and beyond. The Catholic Women's League is the largest women's organization in Canada. Imagine the many gifts and talents shared for the good of others. There is strength in numbers. Come join us!

CWL ARNPRIOR: The next general meeting will be on March 1 at 7pm in the parish hall. All women in the parish are welcome to attend to learn more about who we are and what we do.

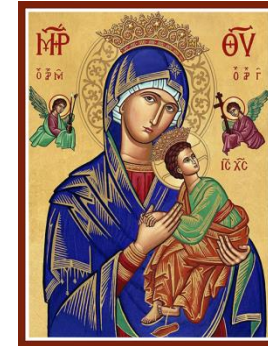
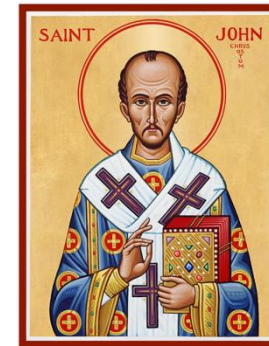
CWL BRAESIDE: All CWL members are welcome to attend our next meeting on Tuesday February 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

CUSTODIAN: Our Lady of Perpetual Help is seeking a part-time custodian. It would consist of approximately 15 – 20 hours a week. If you are interested in applying please contact the office at 613-623-2282 or send your info to catholicarnprior@gmail.com.

LEGION/KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EUCHRE CHALLENGE: All games are at the parish hall. Next date February 10, 24 and March 10 with the banquet on the 31st of March. Grab a partner and join us. Cost is \$5.00 a person.

IMAGE OF GOD MONTHLY WOMEN'S SESSIONS: Next session – Wednesday, March 15 from 7-8 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Renfrew. Topic: **A Powerful Culture – Your family is unique – it is time to own that.** Join us for IMAGE OF GOD monthly evening sessions for women. This event is being hosted by the Family Life and Youth Ministry Office, with guest speaker Patrick Sullivan, Lay Evangelist, and is open to all. Each evening has a different topic and will include time for discussion. The purpose is to grow in your spiritual health, your spousal relationship and parenting skills. No matter what age you are, you will surely find this very helpful. 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

✠ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

February 19, 2023

Pastoral Staff
 Fr. Dan Kelly, Administrator
 Deacon Christopher Barrett

Office & Property
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 Custodian: Mr. Rob Hicke

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Office Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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Liturgical Appointments: FEB 25/26

Next Weekend	4:30 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Reader	Carol	St. Joseph's School	Cindy Colotelo
Ministers of Communion	Linda/Nancy	Joan Wilson	Kathie McMahon
Greeter/Usher	Linda, Denis, Clare +1	St. Joseph's School	Jacob Perreault
Music	CWL/Maxine	St. Joseph's School	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: The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s kingdom here on earth. The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God’s love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible? The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as “complete.” We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

FEARLESS - Lent 2023, don't walk the journey alone. The Arnprior CWL will host this weekly Lenten video series by Chris Stefaniuk beginning Monday February 27 at 7pm at St. John Chrysostom parish hall, to help make this the most impactful and spiritually fruitful Lent of your life. Time and again, the people of God are called to be courageous and ‘be not afraid.’ Yet, we live in a time where fear seems to guide our very existence. Don’t miss this exciting series. Each week Chris will speak with a special guest as we follow Jesus into the wilderness. Watch the trailer for this series: [\(29\) Fearless — Coming Ash Wednesday 2023 - YouTube](#) . All are welcome.

FAITH SHARING EVENING DURING LENT: Father Dan is leading a faith sharing evening during the six weeks of Lent. For those interested in deepening their faith as well as renewing their personal relationship with God please contact the office at 613-623-2282. This will be starting Wednesday March 1st, at 6:30p.m. in the church basement.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Chrysostom Parish we will be praying the stations of the cross.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK, FEB 22 - 26, 2023

Ash	9:00 a.m.	Arnprior	Deceased Schnob & Bertrand Families <i>by the Estate</i>
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Braeside	James Lynn <i>by Pierrette Burke</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Arnprior	Steve Blais <i>by Dave & Kathy Miller</i>
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Arnprior	Intentions of Marc Arsenault <i>by Monique Perry</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Arnprior	Shawn of Grenier Jan & Theresa Stokman
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Arnprior	Bill Holmes <i>by Arlene Holmes</i>
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Arnprior	Missa Pro Populo
	10:30 a.m.	Braeside	Rev Brady McNamara & Family <i>by the Estate</i>

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: 20 minutes before weekend Masses and also upon request. **There will be reconciliation starting at 6:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday.**

CHURCH EXTERIOR RESTORATION COLLECTION: The amount of \$1,812.00 from the month of January was recently sent to the Chancery Office in Pembroke.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: that these forty days of spiritual renewal may help us turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel, for the young children of our parish who are preparing for their upcoming sacraments, for the temporal welfare of our parish and the reduction of our Church Exterior Restoration Debt.

DEFIBRILLATOR – NALOXONE – FIRST AID

Our parishes have three defibrillators that now have been equipped with a Naloxone drug overdose kit inside with instructions on use. Dave Sherk (K of C) is organizing a First Aid/CPR training session. If anyone is interested in taking an 8 hour first aid/CPR or a shortened CPR only course please contact Dave Sherk at 613-623-7675 or sherk7675@sympatico.ca to be put on an interested list. A date will be setup with a Renfrew County Paramedic to facilitate the instruction. 613 585-0579.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION: His Excellency Most Reverend Guy Desrochers will be leading us in our Lenten Day of Reflection on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at the Parish Hall in Arnprior. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. for coffee and muffins. Retreat starts at 10:00 a.m. There is no fee for the day but registration is required by calling the parish office at 613-623-2282 or John Wagner at 613-623-3722 or email jwagner@bell.net since a lunch will be provided. Last date to register will be Sunday February 19, 2023. Sponsored by Arnprior Knights of Columbus Council 2082.