

SUNDAY OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE: The Sunday offerings and the attendance for the weekends of February 18/19 and February 25/26 will be reported in the March 12th bulletin

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: Have you ever longed for a sister? The Catholic Women's League will bring many women into your life. Some will journey with you through thick and thin, some will come and go. Always, these women will carry and support you with their prayers and sisterly love. Come meet new sisters.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: On March 5th the children's liturgy program will resume. Volunteers are needed to facilitate this program. If you are interested please contact the office at 623-2282.

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.

CHURCH EXTERIOR RESTORATION COLLECTION: The amount of \$1,812.00 from the month of January was recently sent to the Chancery Office in Pembroke. Thank you for your continued support!



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

LENT REFLECTION QUESTIONS: How do you live out in your own life the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? What have you learned about yourself, your faith, and God through your own Lenten practices? Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance? Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart."

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ARNPRIOR & BRAESIDE



St. John Chrysostom Parish Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

*✠ FIRST AND SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ✠
FEBRUARY 26 & MARCH 5, 2023*

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

REFLECTION ON FEBRUARY 26TH GOSPEL: In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil. Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture. The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted. Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness. As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1 - 5

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Braeside Special Intentions (FR) *by Jill & Chuck Sheffield*
 Thursday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior Bryan, Francis & Teresa Burke
by John & Christine Tammade
 First Friday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior For The Memorial Fund & Those Named in
 Memoriam and The Starflowers Prayer Initiative
 Saturday 4:30 p.m. Arnprior Missa Pro Populo
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior Anne Borthwick *by Tom & Lyla Trudeau*
 10:30 a.m. Braeside Lorne McMahon *by Peter & Marie Klatt*

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – MARCH 4/5

4:30 p.m. – Arnprior – Music James – **Reader** Gerry
Ushers – Linda, Denis, Clare +1 **Ministers of Holy Communion** Clare/Joan A.
10:00 a.m. Arnprior – Music Knights of Columbus **Reader** Roxanne Barr
Ushers – Lynn, Golda, Savio, Marc **Ministers of Holy Communion** Christine
10:00 a.m. Braeside Music James Hrkach **Reader** Gerry/Jane Whalen
Ushers – Chris Skarica **Ministers of Holy Communion** Gary Fisher

REFLECTION ON MARCH 5TH GOSPEL For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection. On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word. The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8 - 12

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Braeside Deceased McKay & Daly Families
by Anne & Stewart Daly
 Thursday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior Intentions of Therese Laroque
by Lilliane & Ray Kirky
 Friday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior Ted Larose *by Bob & Sandy Lee*
 Saturday 4:30 p.m. Arnprior Karen Smith *by Rich & Cheryl Peters*
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior Missa Pro Populo
 10:30 a.m. Braeside Hazel Savard *by The Family*

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES – MARCH 11/12

4:30 p.m. – Arnprior – Music N/A - **Reader** Rich
Ushers – Linda, Denis, Clare +1 **Ministers of Holy Communion** Cheryl
10:00 a.m. Arnprior – Music Anda **Reader** Heidi
Ushers – Lynn, Carol, Therese, Gilles **Ministers of Holy Communion** Janet
10:00 a.m. Braeside Music James Hrkach **Reader** Gerry/Jane Whalen
Ushers – Chris Skarica **Ministers of Holy Communion** Gary Fisher

*But what did Jesus give up for our souls?
 Surely we can follow His path with a sacrifice for 40 days.*