

SUNDAY OFFERING ARNPRIOR: Feb 19th \$5,115.85, Feb 26th \$4,493.80, Mar 5th 4,744.20 – **ATTENDANCE:** Feb 18th 118, Feb 19th 148, Feb 25th 134, Feb 26th 162, Mar 4th 131, Mar 5th 138
BRAESIDE: Feb 19th \$1,734.73, Feb 26th \$2,244.00, Mar 5th \$2,339.50
ATTENDANCE: FEB 19th 83, Feb 26th 67, Mar 5th 79

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!

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 for the job please contact the office at 613-623-2282 or send your information to catholicarnprior@gmail.com.

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pembroke on Thursday, March 16th from 11 am to 1 pm. Take a break from your busy schedule to think about your life, your relationship with God and gain a fresh outlook. Includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, guided prayer, examination of conscience, confession, benediction and a talk. Bring your lunch for a get together afterward. This spiritual activity, inspired by the writings of St. Josemaria Escriva, is entrusted to Opus Dei, a Personal Prelature of the Roman Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Nadia at nadia.bagshaw@sympatico.ca or (613) 584-9388.

FAITH FORMATION: The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation and Leadership Development is sponsoring an Adult Faith Lenten Retreat on Saturday, April 01, 2023 at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall, 331 Plaunt Street South, Renfrew, Ontario from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with registration at 09:30 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Mass at 10:00 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 “The Eucharist.” Our guest speaker will be Emeritus Archbishop Terrence Prendergast SJ Ottawa Cornwall. 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 or email him at dcadriendchaput@pembrokediocese.com. Registration deadline is Thurs., March 30

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: for the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones can be made with the envelopes provided in the pews and at the entrance of the church. The Masses will be offered for your intentions. **Donations must be submitted at the Parish Office by April 5th, 2023.**

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ARNPRIOR & BRAESIDE



St. John Chrysostom Parish Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

✠ Third Sunday of Lent ✠

March 12, 2023

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Liturgical Appointments: MARCH 18/19

Next Weekend	4:30 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Reader	Christine	Regina	Gerry/Jane Whalen
Ministers of Communion	Margaret/Linda	Luc/Sharon	Gary Fisher
Greeter/Usher	Linda, Denis, Clare +1	Theresa McLeod & Family	Chris Skarica
Music	Stephanie		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: In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law. The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands." Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come. The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship. After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him. The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 15 – 19, 2023

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Braeside Ted Larose *by Bob & Sandy Lee*
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior Intentions of Fr. Steve Ballard *by Family*
Friday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior Paul Fedy *by Carmelle Miller*
Saturday 4:30 p.m. Arnprior Missa Pro Populo
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior Jack Potvin *by Stephen Potvin*
10:30 a.m. Braeside Jack & Helene McGlade *by The Estate*

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

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 our faithful departed, Bryan Carroll, Donna Pierce; sister of Corrine Thomson and Janice Bonnar of the parish.

FEARLESS - Lent 2023, don't walk the journey alone. The CWL continues to host this weekly Lenten video series by Chris Stefaniuk on Monday evenings at 7pm in the Arnprior parish hall, to help you 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. All parishioners are welcome.

SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD OF PRIESTS: An invitation to any Catholic woman interested in becoming a Spiritual Mother of Priests. Formation Weekend and Induction/Renewal Promises Mass – June 2, 3 & 4th 2023 at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 153 Woodroffe Ave., Ottawa. Details at www.spiritualmotherhoodofpriests.ca. Please register by email to spiritualmotherhoodottawa@gmail.com by Wed. May 24th. For more information please call 613-254-7220.



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.