

SUNDAY OFFERING ARNPRIOR: Mar 12th \$3,903.00
ATTENDANCE: MAR 11th 106, MAR 12th 119
BRAESIDE OFFERING: Mar 12th \$2,311.64
ATTENDANCE: MAR 12th 89

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ARNPRIOR: 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!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE BRAESIDE: Our next meeting will be held Tuesday March 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Braeside parish hall.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: We are looking for your help in putting our renowned barbeque chicken dinner back on this May. We are in need of someone to "man" the kitchen. If you are willing to help us fill that role, or in any other way, please contact Beth Delisle at 613-296-3469. Thank you!

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.**

MARRIAGE PREPERATION PROGRAM: The Spring Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program is coming up on Saturday, April 1st and Saturday, April 15th, 2023 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Pembroke. **Deadline to register is March 16th.** Registration is available online at www.pembrokediocese.com, or a form can be obtained from any parish and mailed in. Inquiries can be directed to Yvette Bourque at yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com or 613 585-6301.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ARNPRIOR & BRAESIDE



St. John Chrysostom Parish Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
✠ Fourth Sunday of Lent ✠
March 19, 2023

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Liturgical Appointments: MARCH 25/26

Next Weekend	4:30 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Reader	Debbie	St. John XXIII	Gerry/Jane Whalen
Ministers of Communion	Clare/Nancy	Betty	Gary Fisher
Greeter/Usher	Linda, Denis, Clare +1	St. John XXIII	Chris Skarica
Music	CWL/Maxine	St. John XXIII	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: As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man. The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment. The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind. As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

CCCB: THE CALL OF THE CATECHIST. Beginning Tuesday, March 28th from 1-2 p.m., the CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will offer a webinar series, *The Call of the Catechist*. This three-part series will explore the needs of the catechist today and will be of interest to those involved in evangelization and catechesis. Keynote speakers include Sherry Weddell (*Catherine of Siena Institute*), Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP (*Adrian Dominican Sisters*), and Anne Walsh, D.Min. (Redemptorist Lay Missionary).

Session 1 – **March 28th** – *Discerning Charisms* with Sherry Weddell

Session 2 – **April 11th** – *The Spirituality of the Catechist* with Dr. Janet Schaeffler,

Session 3 – **April 18th** – *Theological Reflection & the Catechist* with Anne Walsh

For more information, please contact Mrs Marg Shea-Lawrence at m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 20 - 26, 2023

Monday	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	9:00 a.m. Arnprior Rita Hogan <i>by The Family</i>
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Braeside Herbert James Clarke <i>by Jerry & Jane Whalen</i>
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior Arnold McLean <i>by Janet Taylor</i>
Friday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior Sister Mary Chrys Brennan <i>by Irene Pulcine</i>
Saturday	4:30 p.m. Arnprior Bryan Carroll <i>by Linda Chandler</i>
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior Missa Pro Populo
	10:30 a.m. Braeside For Prayers Answered <i>by Anette Raymond</i>

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 our faithful departed, Larry Pouliot, 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 Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr. Kanata K2L 2X1. 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.