

SUNDAY OFFERING ARNPRIOR: Mar 19th \$3,561.25

ATTENDANCE: MAR 18th, 146 MAR 19th 114

BRAESIDE OFFERING: Mar 19th \$2,089.25

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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.

CWL ARNPRIOR next meeting will be on Wed. April 5th at 7p.m. in the parish hall.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: In preparation for our church diner, we are in great need of people to help clean out the garage. We also require kitchen helpers and people to help set up the tents the day of the dinner. There is a meeting on Monday March 27th at 1:00pm in the Braeside church hall for all interested in making the dinner as successful as always. Any questions call Beth at 296-3469

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. Key-note 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.

VOCATIONS: 1st Thursday Holy Hours to Pray for Vocations: On April 7th, 8-9 p.m. at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Pembroke - "Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:37-38). The Holy Hour will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Music, a reflection by Fr. Murray, a Rosary for vocations, and time for silent prayer. April's Holy Hour will be at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Pembroke. These Holy Hours are open to everyone, not just those considering a priestly vocation. For more information and details please email vocations@pembrokediocese.com diocese.com or visit www.pembrokevocations.com/events.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ARNPRIOR & BRAESIDE



St. John Chrysostom Parish Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

✠ Fifth Sunday of Lent ✠

March 26, 2023

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Liturgical Appointments: APRIL 1/2

Next Weekend	4:30 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Reader	Carol	Betty	Ellie Hrkach
Ministers of Communion	Joan A./Clare	Golda/Savio	Bernice Fitzmaurice
Greeter/Usher	Linda, Denis, Clare +1	Lynn, Luc Marc, Carol	Paul Avon
Music	James	KofC	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: Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life. The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy. Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus. The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death. Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb. With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 29 - 31, APRIL 1 - 2, 2023

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Braeside Rose Marie Raffin
by Mike & Donna Chateauvert

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior Betty Margaret Barrett by Shirley Valiquette

Friday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior For the Intentions of Angela Riva by Mary Lou

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Arnprior Donna Pierce by Her Siblings

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior Missa Pro Populo

10:30 a.m. Braeside Bob Daze by Mary & Family

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, Larry Pouliot, Bryan Carroll, Donna Pierce; sister of Corrine Thomson and Janice Bonnar of the parish.

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.

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.**



WINE & CHEESE: St. John Chrysostom will be hosting a wine & cheese after the Easter Vigil, Saturday April 8th. Immediately after mass we will be meeting downstairs in the basement of the church. If you plan on attending please register on the signup sheet that is provided at the entrance of the church or call the office at 623-2282. Everyone is welcome.