SUNDAY OFERING ARNPRIOR: Arp 9<sup>th</sup> \$5,911.00 EASTER OFFERING \$2,825.75 – GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING \$4,551.00 ATTENDANCE: Apr 8<sup>th</sup> 136 Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 356 BRAESIDE OFFERING: Apr 9<sup>th</sup> \$2,929.45 EASTER OFFERING \$1,679.81 – GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING \$4,929.80 ATTENDANCE: Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 188

**CHANGE FOR CHANGE:** The CWL will be collecting all loose change deposited to the collection baskets on the weekend of April 29 -30 and donating it to the Renfrew County CPAN (Community Poverty Action Network). "CPAN is involved with a number of activities related to the elimination of child poverty and minimizing the effect that poverty has on children in need who live in Renfrew County. These activities fall under three categories: practical assistance, advocacy and education. Your donation will help children living in poverty in Renfrew County. (https://renfrewcountycpan.ca) practical assistance, advocacy and education." (https://renfrewcountycpan.ca). Your donation will help children living in poverty in Renfrew County.

**BUS TRIP!** The CWL has arranged a bus to take interested parishioners from Arnprior and Braeside to the Mass celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Diocese of Pembroke at St Columbkille Cathedral in Pembroke on Thursday May 4. There will be a reception and light lunch following the Mass. The bus will be departing from the St John Chrysostom Parish hall at 7:00am and from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Braeside at 7:30am, departing Braeside at 8:00am to arrive in Pembroke at 9:30am. Bus will leave Pembroke at 12:30 and return to Braeside then Arnprior by 2pm. Due to the limited parking in Arnprior, please consider parking at Braeside if possible. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. Please sign up on the form at the entrance of the church or by email to cwlarnpriorpresident@gmail.com. Seating is limited to 47 people.

**CWL ARNPRIOR AND BRAESIDE:** Thank you to all the members of the CWL for your continued volunteer efforts. The theme for Volunteer Appreciation Week April 16 - 22, 2023 is 'Volunteering Weaves Us Together.' Let's join together for coffee, tea and friendly chit chat during our next milk bag mat weaving workshop on Thursday April 20 at 1pm in the Arnprior parish hall and weave together friendships as we make mats for people who desperately need them. Everyone is welcome.

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**: In preparation for our church diner, we are in need of people to help clean out the garage, also kitchen helpers and people to help set up the tents the day of the dinner. If you wish to assist call Beth at 296-3469.

**THE BRAESIDE CWL** is hosting coffee and donuts after mass this Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome

## THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ARNPRIOR & BRAESIDE



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### Liturgical Appointments: APRIL 22/23

Next Weekend	4:30 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Reader	Debbie	Sharon	Ellie Hrkach
Ministers of Communion	Nancy/Joan	Christine	Bernice Fitzmaurice
Greeter/Usher	Linda, Denis, Clare +1	Cheryl, Carol Golda, Savio	Paul Avon
Music	Stephanie	Anda	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 Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion. From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen. Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.



**TODAY, IS THE SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY.** This is a new and relatively recent enrichment of the liturgy, an adornment added to the ancient splendours of Paschaltide by the express will of Saint John Paul II. Saint John Paul II's encyclical on Divine Mercy in 1980 resonated in the hearts of many as an invitation to return to the Father and to believe boldly in His tenderness for the most fragile and wounded among us. Saint John Paul II, personally touched to the quick by the

message of his humble compatriot, Saint Faustina, was compelled to share her message with the whole Church and, indeed, with the world. This he did, not only by his teaching, but also by integrating Saint Faustina's message into the liturgy itself.

# Jesus, I Trust In You !

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 19 - 23, 2023

Wednesday	9:00 a.m Braeside	Frank Gable by James & Ellie Hrkach
Thursday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior	Earl Larocque by Therese Larocque
Friday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior	Pat Lee by Mike & Sharron Doherty
Saturday	4:30 p.m. Arnprior	Lou & Hazel Martin by Suzanne & Paul Etheridge
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Arnprior	Missa Pro Populo
	10:30 a.m. Braeside	Rev Brady McNamara & Deceased Family Members
		By The Estate

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** all those who are alone this Easter Season, for our faithful departed, Alma McNulty mother of Catherine McNulty of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Larry Pouliot from St. John Chrysostom.

**CHURCH EXTERIOR RESTORATION COLLECTION:** The amount of \$8,794.55 for the months of February and March was recently sent to the Chancery Office in Pembroke. Thank you for your generousity.

**VOCATIONS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Holy Hours to Pray for Vocations: On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 8-9 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Parish, Chapeau – "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 visit <u>Pembroke Vocations</u>.

**NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST**: Do you desire a deeper experience of the Holy Spirit and a vital rediscovery of the Sacraments in your life? Do you long for a personal relationship with Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit? Do you seek a greater outpouring of God's healing and love? Do you yearn for a greater openness to prayer and Scripture? The Spirit of the Living God Prayer Group invites you to a "Life in the Spirit" Seminar. St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish Hall, Barry's Bay. **Seven Thursdays, April 13<sup>th</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:15 p.m.** Contact: Greg or Mary Doyle at 613 756-6643.