

SUNDAY OFFERING ARNPRIOR: Apr 16th \$5,538.65

ATTENDANCE: Apr 15th 128 Apr 16th 210

BRAESIDE OFFERING: Apr 16th \$1,739.40

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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 cwlnarpriorpresident@gmail.com. Seating is limited to 47 people.

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.

A RESOURCE TO EVANGELIZE – THE SYCAMORE COURSE: The Sycamore course is an excellent resource for anyone who is curious about Christianity or looking to deepen their understanding of the faith. It consists of a series of short films and accompanying discussion questions that cover topics such as God, Jesus, prayer, and the Bible. It is designed to be accessible to anyone who wants to explore the basic beliefs and practices of Christianity.

The course is flexible and can be used in various settings, including small groups, one-on-one conversations, and even online. It is intended to be a welcoming and non-threatening way for people to learn more about the Christian faith, regardless of their background or previous experiences. <https://www.sycamore.fm/>

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ARNPRIOR & BRAESIDE



St. John Chrysostom Parish Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
✠Third Sunday of Easter ✠
April 23, 2023

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Liturgical Appointments: APRIL 29/30

Next Weekend	4:30 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Reader	Cheryl	St. Joseph's School	Ellie Hrkach
Ministers of Communion	Nancy/Joan	Janet	Bernice Fitzmaurice
Greeter/Usher	Linda, Doreen Irene +1	St. Joseph's School	Paul Avon
Music	CWL/Maxine	St. Joseph's School	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: On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed. When we read today's Gospel, we may be surprised to learn that these friends of Jesus could walk and converse with him at some length yet not recognize him. Again we discover that the risen Jesus is not always easily recognized. Cleopas and the other disciple walk with a person whom they believe to be a stranger; only later do they discover that the stranger is Jesus. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them. Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God. In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

SCRIPTURE 101: Our study of Scripture continues **every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at St. Michael's Church in Douglas in the sacristy (enter by the side door). Each evening consists of a video presentation featuring Fr. Sebastian Carnazzo, a Melkite (Byzantine) priest, followed by a facilitated group discussion. In these lectures, Father Sebastian brings out the richness and the profound relevance of the story of our salvation history. Please join us, even if you have missed some of the classes already! The video lectures are available for free online if you want to catch up on missed weeks (<https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/courses/scripture-101>). Bring along a bible, a pencil, and a highlighter, and prepare for a new encounter with the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK APRIL 26 – 30, 2023

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Braeside Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel
by *The Catholic Women's League*

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior Helen Cote by *The Family*

Friday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior People of Ukraine by *Wayne & Denise Pickering*

Saturday 4:30 p.m. **St. Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor**
Arnprior Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel
by *The Catholic Women's League*

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior *Missa Pro Populo*
10:30 a.m. Braeside Theresa Miller by *Val & Enis Poirier*

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: our faithful departed, Marcel Joseph Ouellet, brother of Aline McCallum and Peter Ouellet of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Alma McNulty mother of Catherine McNulty of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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 generosity.

VOCATIONS: 1st Thursday Holy Hours to Pray for Vocations: On May 4th, 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 [Pembroke Vocations](#).

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 13th to May 25th, 7-8:15 p.m. Contact: Greg or Mary Doyle at 613 756-6643.