

ATTENDANCE ARNPRIOR: January 6th – 141, 7th - 131
SUNDAY OFFERING ARNPRIOR: January 7th, \$3,026.80
ATTENDANCE BRAESIDE: January 7th - 90
SUNDAY OFFERING BRAESIDE: January 7th 1,395.00

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Business Meeting Monday February 5 @ 6:00 p.m.
Executive Meeting Monday January 29 @ 7:00 p.m.

BRAESIDE EUCHRE: Every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the parish hall in Braeside. Come and enjoy fun and fellowship.



THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:
The traditional date for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-25. The octave (eight days) has been celebrated continuously since 1894, but was a dream of many Christian leaders since the early years of the 19th century. It has been celebrated every year by Christians of all Churches and ecclesial communities in order to invoke the extraordinary gift for which the Lord Jesus himself prayed at the Last Supper, before his Passion: "that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21)

In 2012, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said: *Of course, the fundamental truths of the faith unite us far more than they divide us. Yet the divisions remain, and also concern various practical and ethical issues, giving rise to confusion and diffidence, undermining our ability to transmit the saving word of Christ. This presents an important challenge to the New Evangelization, which will be all the more fruitful when all Christians proclaim together the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and give a common response to the spiritual thirst of our time.*
Pope Francis stressed the nature of ecumenism as a journey that requires perseverance: Christ, dear friends, cannot be divided! This conviction must sustain and encourage us to persevere with humility and trust on the way to the restoration of full visible unity among all believers in Christ.

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2024: **For the gift of diversity in the Church** – We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ARNPRIOR & BRAESIDE



St. John Chrysostom Parish Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
✠*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*✠
January 14, 2024

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Liturgical Appointments for January 20/21			
September	4:30 P.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Reader	Rich	St. John XXIII	Beth Johnson
Ministers of Communion	Cheryl/Clare	Betty/Janet	Delia Burns
Greeter/Usher	Linda, Denis Clare +1	Lynn, Luc Golda/Savio	Andy Prince
Music	CWL	St. John XXIII	James

**St. John Chrysostom Parish is the Home
of the Arnprior & District Food Bank 613-668-4462, Al-Anon & A.A**

WITH A GRATEFUL HEART: My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, peace and blessings to you at the beginning of this new year. As I look back at 2023 I am reminded how we have shared our journey of faith together and how far we have come! I am aware of, within myself, a profound gratitude that is difficult to put into words. The source of this gratitude is you, the good people of the Ottawa Valley! To be back home, and to have the privileged opportunity to live with and serve the good people of the diocese of Pembroke is nothing less than a gift from God Himself! I have ministered in different parts of the country, but no place as dear to my heart as here at OLPH and St. John's! So, I feel the need to thank you for your love and support! I also want to thank those of you who have been particularly kind and generous to me this past Christmas! I am simply humbled by thoughtfulness! I thank you! I thank God for this opportunity to serve you in His name! And may Almighty God bless all of you and those whom you hold most dear! Agape!!!! Fr. Dan



CLEANING BEE: Call out to all parishioners. As you can only imagine it takes many hours here at St. John Chrysostom to keep our beautiful church clean. We are looking for volunteers to assist with this on Saturday February 11th from 10:30a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Once cleanup is done we will relax in meeting room #1 where we will enjoy pizza and refreshments. If you are willing to volunteer these two hours please contact me in the office at 623-2282.

Thanking you in advance for helping keep our beautiful place of worship clean and tidy.

LEGION/KNIGHTS EUCHRE CHALLENGE: St. John Chrysostom Parish Hall. Open to everyone. Cost: \$5 per person. Bring a partner. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the games start at 7:00 p.m. Dates: January 12th & 26th, February 9th & 23rd, March 8th with banquet on the 22nd. You must play at least 3 nights to get the banquet free.



LADIES NIGHT 2024: Roast Beef or Chicken Dinner. Tuesday February 13th. Widows and spouses of Knights of Columbus members are free. Knights of Columbus and any guests are \$10 regardless of the meal they choose. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. For tickets please contact Bob Lee at 613-809-3225 – bjlee1prior@gmail.com
Dan Nicholas 613-302-5964 – dan.nicholas@sympatico.ca
Parish Office 613-623-2282 – catholicarnprior@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17-21

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. St. Anthony, Abbot
Braeside Ron Bean *by The Family*
Thursday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior Rita Clouthier *by The Farrell Cousins*
Friday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior Thomas Canon *by Grace McGonigal*
Saturday 4:30 p.m. Arnprior Brian Gelineau *by The Knights of Columbus*
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Arnprior Missa Pro Populo
10:30 a.m. Braeside Ben Sauve *by Jeff & Christine Blimkie*

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: that the Lord will anoint with the gift of the Holy Spirit the process of calling forth a new bishop to shepherd our diocese; parishioners who are sick; and those who have died, especially Lee DuBois, Rita Ryan and Brian Gelineau

PRAYER FOR THE FUTURE BISHOP OF OUR DIOCESE: Heavenly Father, we ask in the name of your Son, that you bless our future bishop. Provide him with the gifts he will need to carry on the ministry of Jesus in our diocese. Grant him the heart of your Son, the heart of the Good Shepherd. Bestow upon him the zeal of St. Paul in preaching the Good News; the humility of St. John Vianney in ministering the sacraments; the compassion of St. Vincent-de-Paul in serving those most in need; the wisdom of St. Augustine in teaching the doctrine of our Church; and the missionary fervour of St. Columbkille, our patron. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE EVANGELIZATION: A prayer for those whom we wish to encounter Christ and walk the path of discipleship – By Pierre-Alain Giffard, Director of Pastoral Work: Heavenly Father, I come before you in Jesus' name and covered with his precious blood lifting up ... (*name those you pray for*).

I ask that you touch them with your Holy Spirit. May they come to know your grace, your love, and your saving power. Open their heart and mind to the truth of your Word. Remove any doubts or uncertainties that may hinder their journey towards you. Lord, I ask for your divine intervention so that they encounter you through the Holy Spirit in ways that are undeniable and life changing.

Surround them with believers who can share their testimonies and walk alongside their journey. Grant them to find the truth and embrace your Son, Jesus Christ, as their Lord and Saviour. I place them into your merciful hands, trusting in your perfect timing and your unfailing love. Amen