

ATTENDANCE ARNPRIOR:

Good Friday - 301 Easter - 530

ATTENDANCE BRAESIDE:

Good Friday - 136 Easter - 223

OFFERINGS ARNPRIOR:

Good Friday - \$4,347.90 Easter - \$8,997.95

OFFERINGS BRAESIDE:

Good Friday - \$1,585.00 Easter - \$4,882.60

UPCOMING DATES:

~ **Divine Mercy Sunday** at Our Lady of Fatima, Renfrew, today at 3:00 p.m. in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, singing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and a reflection on the words of the Risen Christ that bring healing and hope. The service concludes with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Solemn Benediction. Everyone Welcome.

~ **Sacrament of Confirmation:** Bishop Brehl will be with us this Saturday, April 18 to celebrate the 4:30 p.m. Mass and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the young people who have been preparing since the fall. Let us keep these young people in our prayers as also their parents and sponsors.

~ **Reception into the Church & First Communions:** At the 10:30 a.m. Mass in Braeside, Sunday, April 26, with a Reception to follow in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome! This reception will take the place of our Third Sunday of the Month social gathering.

~ **First Communion & Parish Breakfast:** In Arnprior on Sunday, May 3. The children will receive their souvenir certificates in the Church and proceed to the Parish Hall following.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – BRAESIDE: The next meeting of our Catholic Women's League will take place on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

PARISH MEETINGS: On February 17, 2026, members of both our Parishes attended the Deanery Meeting in Renfrew presented by the Diocesan Planning Steering Committee regarding the future of both our Diocese and our Parishes. At this meeting information was presented to give us a sense of where things are currently at both pastorally and financially within the Diocese. These documents may be read on the Diocesan website - <http://pembrokedioocese.com/diocesan-pastoral-planning/> or the recording of the meeting can be viewed on the [Pembroke Diocese You Tube](#) channel.

Bishop Brehl has given us questions to examine and discuss given the information we have learned from the deanery meetings. The next step is for our parishes to each have their own meeting to reflect and discuss these questions:

St. John Chrysostom Parish – Tuesday, April 14 - 7:00 pm in Meeting Room 1

Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Wednesday, April 15 - 7:00 pm in Church Hall

It is important that if you did not attend the Renfrew Meeting, to review the material outlined above. This will give everyone a basic understanding of the statistics and information that is going to be part of our conversation in order to provide the Diocese with our own input that reflects our Parishes.



**THE PARISHES OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARNPRIOR
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP, BRAESIDE**

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) ✠

April 12, 2026

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SOCIAL – SEPTEMBER - JUNE

First Sunday of the Month in Arnprior

Third Sunday of the Month in Braeside

**St. John Chrysostom Church is home to the Arnprior & District Food Bank
613-622-2663**

PASTORAL VISITS: If someone is housebound and would like to have a Pastoral Visit and avail of the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick, they may call the Parish Office (613-623-2282) and ask for the same. If you have a family member or friend who would appreciate such a visit, with their permission you can also call on their behalf and this visit will be gladly arranged.

BAPTISMS: If you or anyone you know may be interested in having someone baptized, please reach out to our Director of Religious Education, Ginger Regan at gingerreagan.dre@gmail.com or call the office at 613-623-2282. Ginger will be happy to guide you through the preparation & celebration.

THURSDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION: Gathering together every Thursday after the 9:00 am Mass; we pray the Holy Rosary and then read and reflect on the Gospel for the following Sunday. All are most welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Registration is now open! Children in JK to Grade 5 are invited to join us for a “Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer” Vacation Bible School from 9am – 12pm, July 27th – 31st, 2026. The cost is \$10 / child or \$25.00 / family. Register by visiting the website at saintjohnchrysostom.org or you can pick up registration forms at the back of the church or at the office. Also, please consider volunteering at our VBS – if you are interested in helping our children learn their Catholic faith in a fun and exciting way, we’d love to hear from you! Please call the office at 613-623-2282 or email radicalride2026@gmail.com

ARNPRIOR (AND AREA) CATHOLIC MOMS’ PLAYGROUP: Starting on Tuesday, April 7, a weekly playgroup for moms and kids of all ages from 9:30-11:00am at Fairview Park (off Fairview Crescent and behind the Nick Smith Centre). This will run on Tuesdays through the spring and summer months. It is a great way to connect with other Catholic moms and families and spend some time outdoors. Please contact Tesa MacDonald at tesamacdonald@gmail.com.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE: Those who fulfill liturgical ministries in the celebration of Mass each weekend are asked to consult with their current schedule. We will no longer publish the list in the Bulletin. If there are necessary changes (such as on the occasion the young people of our schools assist), the Parish Office will contact you. We thank all who give so generously of their time in these important works of service.

RENEWED EXPRESSION OF THANKS: We extend heartfelt gratitude to our Catholic Women’s League and our Knights of Columbus who, together with our Office Manager, prepared the wonderful Reception following the Easter Vigil last Saturday night. A great spirit of joyful faith and fellowship was very much in evidence and was made possible through the hard work of those who prepared and tendered the reception.

MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 15-19

Wed	9:00 am	Braeside	Helen McGregor by Mona Sauvé & Lisa Lewis
Thurs	9:00 am	Arnprior	Helen & Robbie Côté by the Côté Family
Fri	9:00 am	Arnprior	Special Intention by Bob & Sandy Lee
Sat	4:30 pm	Arnprior	Carol, Marc & Rita Clouthier by Bob Clouthier
Sun	9:00 am	Arnprior	Stephen Szpak by Sharron Szpak
Sun	10:30 am	Braeside	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER:

◆ It is reassuring to see how the first disciples struggled to “come to believe” as St. John puts it. Faith comes from hearing the words of the Risen Jesus addressed personally to the Thomas in each of us. We who are commended by Jesus for our encounter with him by faith must now strive to experience his personal presence wherever we put our hand.

Almighty and eternal God, source of all faith, through the waters of baptism
you have raised us up in Jesus and given us life that endures.
Day by day refine our faith, that we who have not seen the Christ
may truly confess him as our Lord and God
and share the blessedness of those who believe.

◆ The Second Sunday of Easter is known by many titles: *Low Sunday*, *Sunday in White Albs*, even *Quasimodo Sunday*. The first may refer to the sense that the great culmination of the Liturgical Year, the Easter Octave, comes to its conclusion. The second title *Dominica in Albis* refers to the White Baptismal Garments that neophytes (the newly baptized) wore during Easter Week, and which they would wear for the last time on this Octave Day of Easter. The third title is from the opening words of the Entrance Antiphon of today’s Mass: *Quasi modo geniti infantes...* “Like newborn children you should thirst for milk, on which your spirit can grow to strength, alleluia.” (1 Peter 2:2). The newly baptized are indeed like the newborn and are soon to grow up in the Christian Life. Continued Easter Blessings to all!

◆ Today is *Divine Mercy Sunday*. St. Faustina (1905-1938) received private revelations in which Our Blessed Lord inspired her to show a most tender devotion to the *Divine Mercy*. These private revelations received the approbation of the Church and St. John Paul II would designate this Second Sunday of Easter as the Sunday of Divine Mercy, re-echoing Jesus’ words to the apostles in today’s Gospel: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven...” Jesus entrusted to them the ministry of reconciliation and which is celebrated most wonderfully, in the Sacrament of Penance.

◆ We extend prayerful congratulations to those baptized, confirmed and welcomed into full communion with Christ’s Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil last Saturday night: Jackson Robert Wagenblaus, Angie Beverley Wright Azevedo, Raissa Ntumba, Bradley James ‘Joseph’ Lamoureux, Natalie Anne Michelson Ryan and Brian Eldon ‘Gregory’ Wagenblaus. May the Lord who has begun this good work in them, bring it to fulfilment!