

**ATTENDANCE ARNPRIOR:**

April 18 - 264      April 19 - 228

**ATTENDANCE BRAESIDE:**

April 19 - 165

**UPCOMING DATES:**

~ **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 then proceed to the Parish Hall for breakfast and cake! Everyone is invited to join us for a Parish Breakfast in the Parish Hall following the 9:00 am Mass hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Please plan to join us as we celebrate this special day with our First Communicants!

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH SUPPER – MAY 24, 2026:** At the conclusion of Mass in Braeside this Sunday, ushers will be distributing envelopes for a donation towards the Church Supper as well as a list of contact coordinators and items (salads & desserts) to be brought to the Parish Hall on the Saturday afternoon/evening and Sunday morning of the Church Supper. Many thanks in advance to all who have volunteered to assist in the preparations and on the day of the Supper itself. In keeping with previous Parish Suppers, we will sponsor an “AWESOME DRAW” at the entrance of the Church and Hall on the day of the Supper featuring assorted prizes. If you would like to donate a prize to the Draw, you may contact Delia Burns at 613-623-4684 to drop off your donation.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. The cost is \$10 / child or \$25.00 / family. Register by visiting the website at [saintjohnchrysostom.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:tesamacdonald@gmail.com).

**OFFERINGS ARNPRIOR:**

April 18/19 – \$4,101.35

**OFFERINGS BRAESIDE:**

April 19 - \$1,690.35



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

**✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠**

April 26, 2026

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Director of Religious Education [gingerregan.dre@gmail.com](mailto:gingerregan.dre@gmail.com)**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 have a child to be baptized or desire Baptism yourself, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Ginger Regan at [gingerregan.dre@gmail.com](mailto:gingerregan.dre@gmail.com) or call the Office at 613-623-2282. Ginger will be happy to guide you through the preparation & celebration.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** In Arnprior, Confessions are heard Saturdays 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m., and Sundays, 8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. In Braeside on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. Confessions are also available by appointment. Call the Parish Office.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES:** Liturgical Ministry Schedules for May – August, 2026 are now available at the entrance of the church. Please consult this schedule each week for your appointments. If you have any conflicts, try reaching out to another minister on the list on the back of your schedule or let the office know. If there are necessary changes (such as on the occasion the young people of our schools assist), the Parish Office will contact you. We will also post the schedules at the entrance to the Church for reference. We thank all who give so generously of their time in these important works of service.

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL:** In the sanctuary of both our Churches this weekend parishioners will see the Icon of Our Lady of Good Counsel. This Icon, which traces its origins to Albania, was brought to Italy where it now resides, in the Shrine under that title, in Genazzano, Italy. Over the years it has been revered by the Christian faithful and honored and highlighted by many of the Successors of Peter. The Shrine Church and the Icon were entrusted to the Augustinians (the Order to which Pope Leo XIV belongs). At the beginning of the 1920's, the Catholic Lay Apostolate Movement claimed Our Lady of Good Counsel as their heavenly patroness and in 1923, the Catholic Women's League of Canada chose her likewise, seeking always her intercession so that they may indeed have the gift of counsel, a gift of the Spirit, to guide and inspire them in all their undertakings. A happy feast day to all our CWL members and thank you for your service!

**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. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

**PRAYERFUL SYMPATHIES:** We extend our prayerful sympathies to Bob, Corrine, Janice & Larry Clouthier on the passing of their brother Francis, and to Roland and Kenneth Raymond on the death of their mother Annette. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS: APRIL 29 – MAY 3**

<b>Wed</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Braeside	Claude Latour by Beverly Latour
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Arnprior	Frank Schnob by the Estate
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Arnprior	Kara & Jeff by Mom & Dad
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	Arnprior	Catharina, Family & Friends by Case Straathof
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	Arnprior	First Communicants and their Families
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Braeside	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>

#### **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:**

◆ In the Gospel this Sunday Jesus presents to us two images which complete each other. The image of the shepherd and the image of the door of the sheepfold. Jesus, Good Shepherd and door of the sheep, is a leader whose authority is expressed in service, a leader who, in order to command, gives his life... One can trust in a leader like this. A signal, a call suffices, and they follow; they obey; they begin to walk, guided by the voice of the One whom they feel as a friendly presence, strong and mild at once, who calls, protects, consoles and soothes. This is how Christ is for us. And this is how we must be for one another.

Almighty God, you never cease to call even those far away, for it is your will that all be drawn into one-fold and you have made Jesus your Son, raised from the dead, the Gate through which we may enter the sheepfold of abundant life. Attune our ears to the voice of the Good Shepherd, who leads us always to you so that we may find under your tender protection, life in all its fullness. (*cf. John 10:1-10*)

◆ This Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as *Good Shepherd Sunday*, is likewise the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. All Christians are called by their baptism to live the Christian life but among them some are called to special ministries, offices and charisms as a service to the wider Christian community including the ministerial priesthood and the consecrated life. The primary place where vocations are nurtured and fostered is within the family. The family is the first place of worship where children learn to pray, the first schoolhouse in which some of the most important of life's lessons are learned. We pray that our parents, with the support of our parish communities, will help young people discern their vocation and have the grace to respond generously to God's call. Let us pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

◆ At the 10:30 a.m. Mass today, Vicky Splaine will be received into full communion with Christ's Catholic Church, and she will also receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Likewise, Archer Gagnon will receive his First Holy Communion. Next Sunday twenty-three children from both our parishes will receive their First Holy Communion at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please keep them in your prayers. A reception will follow the Mass in Braeside this Sunday, and the Parish Breakfast will follow the Mass in Arnprior next Sunday morning. Prayerful congratulations to Archer and Vicky!