

ATTENDANCE ARNPRIOR:

May 9 - 143 May 10 - 228

ATTENDANCE BRAESIDE:

May 10 - 129

OFFERINGS ARNPRIOR:

May 9/10 – \$4,471.35

OFFERINGS BRAESIDE:

May 10 - \$1,825.00

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH SUPPER – MAY 24, 2026: At the entrance of the Churches in Arnprior and Braeside, you will find a sign-up list for volunteers, a list of contacts, the pies and salads that are required, as well as information about the *Awesome Draw*. In both Churches you will find envelopes for donations to help defray costs associated with our supper. If you would like to donate a prize for the Draw, please contact Delia Burns (613-623-5658) to arrange to drop off your donation. All such donations should be in by May 20th (New Items Only). In preparation for the Supper, we are in need of people to help clean out the garage, as well as kitchen helpers and people to help set up the tents on the Day itself. Please call Suzanne at 613-623-4684 to let her know if you can assist.

BRAESIDE CWL: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30 pm in the Hall at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. 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: Tuesdays through the spring and summer months from 9:30-11:00am at Fairview Park (off Fairview Crescent and behind the Nick Smith Centre). Please contact Tesa MacDonald at tesamacdonald@gmail.com.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

At Easter, beloved brethren, it was the Lord’s resurrection which was the cause of our joy; our present rejoicing is on account of his ascension into heaven. With all due solemnity we are commemorating that day on which our poor human nature was carried up, in Christ, above all the hosts of heaven, above all the ranks of angels, beyond the highest heavenly powers to the very throne of God the Father. It is upon this ordered structure of divine acts that we have been firmly established, so that the grace of God may show itself still more marvelous when, in spite of the withdrawal from men’s sight of everything that is rightly felt to command their reverence, faith does not fail, hope is not shaken, charity does not grow cold.” (*From a Homily on the Ascension by Pope St. Leo the Great*)



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

✠ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ✠

May 17, 2026

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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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: 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 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. Kindly call the Parish Office.

FIRST CONFESSION, FIRST EUCHARIST, CONFIRMATION:

In many ways our Pastoral Year within our parishes is shaped and influenced by the Academic Year, following the September-June cycle. Nevertheless, we continue our work of formation for those who come forward requesting the Sacraments, especially the Sacraments of Initiation. We are already receiving inquiries related to such formation and instruction. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish at 613-623-2282.

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.

CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP: We will be meeting on the second Tuesday of each Month at 7:00 pm in Meeting Room 1. For more information, please contact Gerry Whalen at 613-623-8330. Men from both our Parishes are welcome!

CELEBRATION OF RETIREMENT: There will be an *Open House* for Fr. Patrick Dobec hosted by Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Sunday, June 7 from 1 pm to 3 pm. to mark his retirement: Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall, 11 Mohns Ave, Petawawa. Best Wishes Only.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY - THAT EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE FOOD: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHIES: We remember those who have died in recent weeks including Maurice Martin, Michael McHale and Felix (Fil) Ayotte and assure their family members of our prayers for their beloved dead as also for their consolation.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 20– MAY 24

Wed	9:00 am	Braeside	Jeff, Mike & Blair by Gerry and Jane Whalen
Thurs	9:00 am	Arnprior	Claude Latour by Maureen Belanger
Fri	9:00 am	Arnprior	Mass of Thanksgiving by a Parishioner
Sat	4:30 pm	Arnprior	Wayne Boone by Donna Hogan
Sun	9:00 am	Arnprior	Bill Koot by the Arnprior K of C
Sun	10:30 am	Braeside	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER:

◆ The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. We celebrate today not departure but a new beginning, a new way by which the Lord is even more close to us in his glorified existence than when he walked on earth two thousand years ago! He is by grace and by the life of faith more intimately close to each of us for he is no longer bound by time and space. What is more, where he has gone, we hope to follow. A Blessed Ascension Day to all!

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son
our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven,
so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

◆ This Sunday is also the *World Day of Social Communications*, an opportunity to reflect upon the proper use of the different means of social communications which has serious implications for human progress as also for the proclamation of the Gospel - in keeping with the commission of Jesus given to the apostles at his Ascension – go into all the world and proclaim the good news. The theme for 2026, is “Preserving Human Voices and Faces”. Chosen by Pope Leo XIV, this theme focuses on the urgent need to safeguard authentic human communication, empathy, and moral judgment in an era dominated by so-called Artificial Intelligence. While a useful tool in research and communications, AI must be used with prudence and caution and always with the goal of promoting all that is truthful, wholesome and helpful to people individually and collectively. In his Message the Holy Father also encourages cultivating in young people, media literacy to ensure critical thinking and the ethical use of technology.

◆ The Scripture tells us that after Jesus ascended into heaven the disciples, together with Mary, prayed nine days for the coming of the Holy Spirit (*cf. Acts 1:14*). This is the origin of the nine-day period of prayer known as a *Novena*. Continue your Novena in preparation for Pentecost next Sunday, praying each day the traditional invocation to the Holy Spirit:

Ÿ. Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of Thy faithful. R̄. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.
Ÿ. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created. R̄. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit didst instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that in that same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.