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In Your Prayers, Please Remember: parishioners who are sick; and for those who have died, especially: *Agnes Shane; Angela Clarke*, mother of Jane Whalen; *Theresa Robillard* and *Barb Marcellus*.

The Month of November: As reminder of our duty to pray for the faithful departed, especially the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Church has dedicated November to the Holy Souls undergoing final purification. Our Book of the Dead is at the front of the Church under the statue of Our Risen Lord. You are invited to enter the names of deceased loved ones to be remembered in prayer at Mass.

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✠ **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** ✠

November 4th, 2018

Oblate Associate Tea Sales Today: After Mass the Oblate Associates of our parish will be selling Kenya Tea. The proceeds are in support of the formation of the Oblate Associates in Kenya and their projects. The tea is black “loose tea” and very intense. A minimum donation of \$10 is requested for each attractively packaged 100g bag. Thank you for your support.



Fruitcakes: Once again this year, traditional Christmas cakes will be on sale after Mass on November 10 & 11. These delicious fruit cakes are made by the Cistercian Monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbaye in St-Jean-de-Matha, Quebec. All proceeds go to the pro life activities of Campaign Life.

Catholic Women’s League Annual Apple Pie Fundraiser: *The CWL still have a few orders left to reach their quota. Kindly call Kathy Ste. Marie (613-623-4317) or Helen McGregor (613-623-5476) to place your order.*

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the pie-making this coming weekend. New volunteers are most welcome to join us in the parish hall. You are asked to bring your own mixing bowl, pastry blender, rolling pin, measuring utensils, apple peeler/paring knife, cutting board etc. Friday we are mainly working with pastry and we hope to begin around 9 a.m. On Saturday those peeling/slicing apples will begin at 8 a.m. The remaining help will begin around 8:30 a.m. Kindly bring your own lunch. Munchies, veggies, and sweets will be provided during breaks.



Pies will be ready for pick up on Saturday between 2 and 4 p.m. and Sunday following Mass until noon.

The Greatest Commandment of Love

From a Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; November 4, 2012

This Sunday’s Gospel (Mk 12:28-34) offers us Jesus’ teaching on the greatest commandment, the commandment of love, which is two-fold: love of God and love of neighbour. The Saints are precisely those who, trusting in God’s grace, tried to live according to this fundamental law. In fact, those who live a profound relationship with God, just as a child becomes capable of loving, starting from a good relationship with his mother and father, may put the commandment of love fully into practice. St John of Avila, a Doctor of the Church, writes at the beginning of his Treatise on the Love of God: “the cause”, he says, “that mostly pushes our hearts to love of God is considering deeply the love that He had for us... This, beyond any benefit, pushes the heart to love; because he who gives something of benefit to another, gives him something he possesses; but he who loves, gives himself with everything he has, until he has nothing left to give” (no. 1). Before being a command — love is not a command — it is a gift, a reality that God allows us to know and experience, so that, like a seed, it can also germinate within us and develop throughout our life.

If the love of God has planted deep roots in a person, then he is able to love even those who do not deserve it, as God does us. Fathers and mothers do not love their children only when they deserve love; they always love them, though of course, they make them understand when they are wrong. We learn from God to seek only what is good and never what is evil. We learn to look at each other not only with our eyes, but with the eyes of God, which is the gaze of Jesus Christ. A gaze that begins in the heart and does not stop at the surface, that goes beyond appearances and manages to capture the deepest aspirations of the other: waiting to be heard, for caring attention, in a word: love. But the opposite is also true: that by opening myself to another, just as he or she is, by reaching out, by making myself available, I am also opening myself to know God, to feel that he is there and is good. Love of God and love of neighbour are inseparable and are mutually related. Jesus did not invent one or the other but revealed that they are essentially a single commandment and did so not only through the Word, but especially with his testimony: the person of Jesus and his whole Mystery embody the unity of love of God and neighbour, like the two arms of the Cross, vertical and horizontal. In the Eucharist he gives us this two-fold love, giving himself, because, nourished by this Bread, we love one another as he has loved us.

Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

November 6 - 9

- Tuesday 8:00 a.m.** +Brian Wall by *Chris & Anne Barrett*
- Wednesday 7 - 8:00 p.m.** *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction*
 7:15 p.m. *Confessions*
8:00 p.m. +Bernard Hudder by *Helen Lynn MacIntosh*
- Thursday 8:00 a.m.** +Deceased Members of the Freeman & Farrell Families
 by *Duane & Donna Freeman*
 Special Intentions by *Jean Pierre Rank*
(villa) **11:00 a.m.** +Anne Emily Artymko by *Elizabeth Burchat & Brian Pecoskie*
- Friday The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
8:30 a.m. +Orien Dontigny by *Shirley Pierce*

☒ Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ☒

November 11, 2018

- Saturday 3:45 p.m.** *Confessions*
(vigil) **4:30 p.m.** + For Deceased Brothers of the Knights of Columbus
- Sunday 9:00 a.m.** *Confessions*
9:30 a.m. +Intentions of the People (*Missa Pro Populo*)

Liturgical Appointments

Next Sunday	4:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m.
Commentator	Anne Cruickshank	John Raymond
Reader	Joan Kelly	Joan Kelly
Eucharistic Ministers	Joan Avon	Helen McGregor
Greeter/Ushers	Linda Chandler, Kristine Dewar +2	Lynn Grinstead, Leo Lawlor, Marc Shank, Tracey Jeror
Servers	Please always check in 15 minutes before Mass begins. Everyone is expected to be on the sanctuary.	
Music	Knights of Columbus	Anda
Offertory		The Waclawik Family
Hospitality: Second Sunday Social: Today		Children's Liturgy: Connie Townley Emery/Cassandra

Meetings and Gatherings

- Monday** *Christian Meditation* - 2:00 p.m. meeting room #2
Al-Anon Meeting - 7:30 p.m. meeting room #1; *Affected by someone's drinking?* (613-860-3431)
- Wednesday** *L'Arche* - 4:00 p.m. Chapel; *A.A. Meeting* - 8:00 p.m. choir room
- Saturday** *A.A. Meeting* - 8:00 p.m. choir room

Stewardship: *Thank you for your faith-filled generosity which enables us to maintain what previous generations of Catholics built as a place for: gathering as the Body of Christ, formation in Christian faith and celebrating the Sacraments of the Church.*



Church Exterior Restoration Debt: May the Lord bless you for your generosity which has already helped us to raise \$154,099.69 since July 2016, with approximately \$150,000.00 still owing regarding the restoration of the bell tower.

Our parish is incurring additional debt (\$980,668.00) that will require a long term strategy for repayment which will be owed to the Diocese of Pembroke. *We respond to this debt with trust in God's providence and the generosity of His people.*

Leave An Extraordinary Legacy: Have the foresight to include a legacy gift to Saint John Chrysostom in your will to benefit generations to come. Consider making a bequest to St. John Chrysostom Church Memorial Fund through your Will and ensure that future generations continue to have a home to celebrate our Christian Faith. Should you wish to explore legacy giving as a charitable giving option please consult your legal or financial advisor.

	Catholic Women's League	Nancy Black, <i>Madame President</i>
	-Next Meeting: November 6 - "Mary A Contemplative Woman" retreat books will be available for purchase at the meeting. \$5/each	
	-Please remember that the 1 st Sunday of the month is Foodbank Sunday .	

	Knights of Columbus	Bob Lee, <i>Grand Knight</i>	Council 2082 285 Albert St. Arnprior, ON 613-623-2519
	www.kofc2082.org	Business Meeting - <i>Monday November 5</i> Executive Meeting - <i>Monday, November 26</i>	
	KofC Bingo – Every Thursday at 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. <i>Dabber format-jackpot \$1,000 progressive with 100 in attendance.</i> Doors open at 6:15 p.m. sharp. All over 18 welcome. Team: Ron Grenier		

The Sacraments at St. John Chrysostom Parish

Pastoral Visits To The Hospital: To be sure you receive a visit from the Pastoral Care Team of priests, deacons and lay ministers, please have a family member notify the parish office.

Pastoral Care of the Sick & Homebound: Please notify the parish office for a pastoral visit and monthly reception of Holy Communion **on First Fridays** when you are no longer able to attend Sunday Mass.

The Sacrament of the Sick: This sacrament is normally administered when someone is in danger of death, undergoing a major operation or suffering from any serious illness (i.e., heart conditions, cancer).

Pastoral Care of the Dying: The Church desires that her faithful know spiritual strengthening and healing from sin through the Sacraments when they are dying. Be sure to ask your family to honour your desires when it is time to call a priest in order to prepare for a Christian death.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions are heard Saturdays at 3:45 p.m., Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Sacrament of Reconciliation Room at the church entrance, and anytime by request or appointment.

Are You Interested in Becoming a Catholic? *Do you want to be baptized a Christian in the Catholic Church? Are you a baptized Christian but not Catholic and desire to begin receiving Holy Communion in the Catholic Church?* If you know of anyone who has been hesitant, encourage and accompany them in coming to speak to any member of the pastoral staff at any time. The process of Christian initiation takes into consideration each person's journey of faith and can take place in many ways, "privately" or publicly.

Sacrament of Baptism: To arrange for the Baptism of your child please first meet with Fr. Burchat or Fr. Lund after either Sunday Mass at which you are in attendance. Catechetical instruction normally takes place the Sunday before baptisms. Next dates for baptisms: November 18, January 20.

The Sacrament of Marriage: Christian Marriage requires preparation and those scheduling their marriage are asked to personally speak to Fr. Burchat or Fr. Lund after any Sunday Mass and generally at least six months before a proposed celebration. Catholics living in "irregular" situations should consult with a priest so as to discern how they can begin to return to full communion in the Church.

Catholic Funeral Liturgies for the faithful departed should be celebrated in a church. As you consider funeral costs and family needs know that there are various ways that the rituals of the Church can be adapted in consultation with your Pastor. Funeral arrangements are made concurrently by the Funeral Home and the parish priest with the direct involvement of the family. ***The Catholic Funeral is always a celebration of life, remembering that our loved ones are created in the image and likeness of God and redeemed by the life, passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

Jesus By Dying Destroyed Our Death

From a Angelus Address by Pope Benedict XVI; November 6, 2006

In these days following the liturgical commemoration of the faithful departed, the Octave of the Dead is celebrated in many parishes. It is a fitting occasion to remember our loved ones in prayer and to meditate on the reality of death, which the so-called "affluent society" often seeks to remove from the consciousness of people, totally taken up by the concerns of daily life.

In fact, death is part of life, and not only at its end but, upon a closer look, at every moment. Yet, despite all the distractions, the loss of a loved one enables us to rediscover the "problem" by making us sense death as a presence radically hostile and contrary to our natural vocation to life and happiness.

Jesus revolutionized the meaning of death. He did so with his teaching, but especially by facing death himself. "By dying he destroyed our death", the Liturgy of the Easter Season says.

"With the Spirit who could not die", a Father of the Church wrote, "Christ killed death that was killing man" (*Melito of Sardis, On Easter, 66*).

The Son of God thus desired to share our human condition to the very end, to reopen it to hope. After all, he was born to be able to die and thereby free us from the slavery of death. The Letter to the Hebrews says: "so that he might taste death for everyone" (Heb 2: 9).

Since then, death has not been the same: it was deprived, so to speak, of its "venom". Indeed, God's love working in Jesus gave new meaning to the whole of human existence, and thus transformed death as well. If, in Christ, human life is a "[departure] from this world to the Father" (Jn 13: 1), the hour of death is the moment when it is concretely brought about once and for all.

Anyone who strives to live as he did, is freed from the fear of death, which no longer shows the sarcastic sneer of an enemy but, as St Francis wrote in his Canticle of the Creature, the friendly face of a "sister" for whom one can also bless the Lord: "Praised be the Lord for our Sister, bodily Death".

Faith reminds us that there is no need to be afraid of the death of the body because, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's [Rm 14: 8]. And with St Paul, we know that even if we are separated from our bodies we are with Christ, whose Risen Body, which we receive in the Eucharist, is our eternal and indestructible dwelling place.

True death, on the other hand, which is to be feared, is the death of the soul which the Book of Revelation calls "the second death" (see Rv 20: 14-15; 21: 8). In fact, those who die in mortal sin without repentance, locked into their proud rejection of God's love, exclude themselves from the Kingdom of life.

Let us invoke from the Lord, through the intercession of Mary Most Holy and of St Joseph, the grace to prepare ourselves serenely to depart this world whenever he may desire to call us, in the hope of being able to dwell for ever with him in the company of the Saints and of our departed loved ones.



Preparation for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion: Today - Next class and meeting will be November 25th, attendance at the 9:30 a.m. Mass and before the Mass ends, the children preparing for Reconciliation will be called to the front, and then sent downstairs for class #3. After Mass, parents/guardians are asked to come to the Chapel and meet with Father John.

Preparation for Confirmation: Today - Attendance at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, and before the Mass ends the Confirmation candidates will be called to the front and then sent downstairs for Confirmation Class #2.



Ministries & Music for Christmas: Part of Christmas for many of us is hearing Christmas music. How about taking part in the music for Christmas Eve? The first meeting and practice for music at the Christmas Eve Mass will be on Wednesday November 14th at 1:00 p.m. Come out and pray twice.

Hospitality - There will be a Second Sunday Social next weekend with a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m. for those not going to the Cenotaph.



EDGE Youth Ministry @ St. John Chrysostom: If you are in grade 5, 6, 7 or 8 and you have questions about God, life and faith, and are looking to have some fun (activities and sports) with other youth on a Saturday night, then come out to our bi-monthly youth nights (2nd & 4th Saturdays) at St. John Chrysostom Parish. Mass and then food, faith and fun until 7:30 p.m. The next Edge Youth Night is **November 10** beginning with Mass at 4:30 p.m.

St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe Fraternity: The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 in meeting room #2. The meeting will begin with recitation of the Holy Rosary at 9:30 a.m., followed by the meeting which commences at 10:00 a.m. following the "Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order." Enquirers are welcome to attend.



Eucharistic Adoration: on Wednesday evenings and First Fridays. *Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of his grace, his love, his peace.*

The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell: A study group series on Thursday evenings (November 8 & 15 @ 7:00 p.m. in meeting room #1) with Fr. Michael Lund. Based upon his graduate studies and the writings of Pope Benedict XVI and thesis director, Fr. Paul O'Callaghan. Handouts for the coming week are again available at the entrance of the church. All are welcome to attend. Sign up not required. No previous theological studies required!!!

Knights of Columbus Bingo: Did you know that 60% of the profits are donated to the parish to help with all of our general operating expenses? They are always in need of more workers and bingo callers, both men and women. You don't have to be a member and your help would be most appreciated! Call the parish office to enlist!



Knights of Columbus Euchre Tournament: November 17 and December 15 at the parish hall. Doors open at noon and the tournament starts at 1:00 p.m. \$20/Person and there will be a light lunch served. For more info contact Val Poirier at 623-4797. All are welcome. New games each month.

Pilgrimage to Rome and Central Italy: In the footsteps of 30 Italian saints with Fr. Bernard Messier, Companion of the Cross May 5-17, 2019; 4 full days in Rome; optional 2-day extension to May 19 in Anzio. Information meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Columbkille Parish Hall, Pembroke. Contact tour leader Laurie Courchesne-Dooley at 613-732-5739 or email lafrcondo@outlook.com.

Personal Care Items: Once again the CWL is collecting personal care items for the Food Bank. Christmas bags provided by local quilters will be filled by the CWL for distribution by the Food Bank. Please leave personal care items, such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste & brushes etc. at the Church entrance along with regular items. The food bank will separate items for distribution. We thank everyone for their past generosity & hope to continue this worthwhile activity.

Taize Prayer Services at Galilee: An ecumenical service of song, silence and contemplative prayer in the tradition of the Taize community of France. November 18 and December 16 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this contemplative worship. Goodwill donations welcome.

National Evangelization Team (NET) Retreat: We need to provide accommodation for the 12 young men and women of the NET Team who will be arriving the afternoon of Tuesday, December 11 to spend 1 day (December 12) giving retreats to the Grade 7 students from St. Joe's. If you could provide appropriate night time accommodation for 2 to 4 persons, please contact the Parish Office. This would include providing 1 dinner and 1 breakfast for them.

St. John Chrysostom Parish Hall Rentals: We have the largest and brightest hall in Arnprior at 285 Albert Street, the only hall with a full stage area and seating for up to 400, air conditioning, a large kitchen, a fully licensed bar and ample parking. It is available for wedding receptions, anniversaries, stag & does, wedding showers, birthdays, fundraisers, conventions, training sessions, etc. Local Event Planners who are familiar with the hall can courteously provide initial consultation and are available for full planning. For bookings call 613-623-2282. Only \$400.

