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**In Your Prayers, Please Remember::** parishioners who are sick; and those who have died, especially: *Lucille Beaudoin, Lori Knox;* and *Margaret Higginson*, mother of Sheldon Higginson

**On Praying “Bigger” Than Oneself:** *If God answered any of your present prayers, would they change anyone, anything other than yourself?*

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**✠ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠**

*February 24, 2019*

**Countdown to Lent:** With Lent beginning on March 6<sup>th</sup>, we can begin to reflect on the words of Pope Francis, who reminds us that, "Christians are asked to return to God 'with all their hearts' (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Do you use the Lenten season to bring yourself closer to Jesus? The season of Lent is an urgent call to conversion. There are now devotional books (*The Word Among Us*) available to help us "grow in friendship with the Lord" throughout the Lenten season. By reading these we an opportunity to open ourselves to a deeper relationship with Christ and experience a conversion of heart this Lent. Our Lord waits for you to approach him during this penitential season; will you accept his invitation?

**Coming This Lent at St. John Chrysostom:**

- **Lenten Book Study** on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. facilitated by Fr. Michael Lund using *Season of Mercy: Lent and Easter* by Catherine Doherty, Servant of God and Foundress of Madonna House Apostolate; call the office to sign up.

- **Lenten Day of Reflection** with Bishop Michael Mulhall on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. Theme: *The Themes and Rhythm of Holy Week*. (*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*).

**The Liturgy of the Hours:** has along with the Eucharist formed part of the Church's public worship from the earliest times. It is the official set of prayers marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. It consists primarily of psalms supplemented by hymns, readings and other prayers and antiphons. *Evening Prayer takes place in our parish on Thursday evenings and is led by the members of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe Fraternity. Everyone is welcome.*

**And you: cold and chill, bless the Lord; ice and snow, bless the Lord.**

**Let the earth bless the Lord. Praise and exalt him above all forever.** *Daniel 4*

**This Sunday's Gospel:** contains some of the most typical and forceful words of Jesus' preaching: "Love your enemies" (Lk 6: 27). It is taken from Luke's Gospel but is also found in Matthew's (5: 44), in the context of the programmatic discourse that opens with the famous "Beatitudes". Jesus delivered it in Galilee at the beginning of his public life: it is, as it were, a "manifesto" presented to all, in which he asks for his disciples' adherence, proposing his model of life to them in radical terms.

But what do his words mean? Why does Jesus ask us to love precisely our enemies, that is, a love which exceeds human capacities?

Actually, Christ's proposal is realistic because it takes into account that in the world there is too much violence, too much injustice, and therefore that this situation cannot be overcome except by countering it with more love, with more goodness. This "more" comes from God: it is his mercy which was made flesh in Jesus and which alone can "tip the balance" of the world from evil to good, starting with that small and decisive "world" which is the human heart.

This Gospel passage is rightly considered the *magna carta* of Christian non-violence. It does not consist in succumbing to evil, as a false interpretation of "turning the other cheek" (see Lk 6: 29) claims, but in responding to evil with good (see Rom 12: 17-21) and thereby breaking the chain of injustice.

One then understands that for Christians, non-violence is not merely tactical behaviour but a person's way of being, the attitude of one who is so convinced of God's love and power that he is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone.

Love of one's enemy constitutes the nucleus of the "Christian revolution", a revolution not based on strategies of economic, political or media power: the revolution of love, a love that does not rely ultimately on human resources but is a gift of God which is obtained by trusting solely and unreservedly in his merciful goodness. Here is the newness of the Gospel which silently changes the world! Here is the heroism of the "lowly" who believe in God's love and spread it, even at the cost of their lives. ~ *Pope Benedict XVI, February 18, 2007*

**Charitable Donation Receipts:** These were recently mailed to you along with a Finance Committee approved financial report. As in years past, we remind you to please be sure to double check your receipt and call the parish office if any correction is needed.



**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.

**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 Funerals:** Funeral Liturgies for the faithful departed should be celebrated in a Catholic 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 a priest. The Catholic Funeral is always a celebration of Life: remembering that our loved ones are created in the image and likeness of God and that their lives are redeemed by the life, passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ through which they are also purified of their sins and their consequences so that they may be admitted to the Paschal fullness of the table of the Kingdom.



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a second collection taken up on the 4th Sunday of the month as a way of signaling this appeal on a regular basis. These envelopes will also be given to anyone who is requesting the Sacraments as we also appeal to their generosity.

**With the oversight of the Parish Finance Committee and Bishop Mulhall's Diocesan Finance Administrator, these donations will be sent to the Diocese on a monthly basis in order to reduce our debt.** In the years to come, these donations will not be permitted to be used for regular operating expenses and minor capital expenditures/repairs.

**Harvest Festival Raffle Ticket:** This ticket and its three \$1000 prizes always sells out and provides 29% of the net profit of the Festival. This year we plan to have the tickets available for the Victoria Day weekend. Only 3000 tickets are printed at \$5 each. I would again like to thank the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus for each donating \$1000 to cover two prizes in the past. Once again, I am inviting cash donations from parishioners to help cover the 1st \$1000 prize. Thank you to all past coordinators and donors/benefactors.

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**2019 National Conference on Evangelization and Catechesis:** Hosted by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, through the Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis. April 4-6, 2019, at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel - Ottawa Airport. Theme: *He Thirsts for You*. Keynote speakers: the Most Reverend William McGrattan, Father Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I., and Dr. Josephine Lombardi. Conference Flyer; Registration Form; Online Registration. Questions: Mrs. Marg Shea-Lawrence (m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca); (613 241-9461 x109).

**Madonna House Apostolate presents:** I Will Be Love! – Summer Program 2019 for young adults between the ages of 19 and 35 from July 7th – August 10th. Week 1 (July 7-13): *Receive from the Father* – Week 2 (July 14-20): *Prayer transforms* – Week 3 (July 21-27): *Forgiveness that heals* – Week 4 (July 28-August 3): *Today – here and now* – Week 5 (August 4-10): *Behold your Mother*. Info/registration: <http://www.madonnahouse.org/programsguests> or 613-756-3713 or email registrar.of.men@madonnahouse.org (men) or registrar.of.women@madonnahouse.org (women).  
**Preparation for First Reconciliation & Holy Communion:** The first class on Holy Communion

will take place Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Preparation for Confirmation:** The next Confirmation class is Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup>. A crucial Confirmandi and parent meeting will be held on Sunday, March 24 after the Mass.

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS is back! We will be having VBS this summer the week of July 22-26. Save the dates! It is a fun-filled week of activities that runs in the mornings for children from JK-Grade 5. Keep your calendars open and look for more info in the coming weeks. Any adults interested in helping out with games, crafts, snacks, stories or music, please call Carmelle at 623-0144 or Ingrid at 623-1800.



**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** All children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 5 are welcome to attend their own Liturgy of Word during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. The Gospel is proclaimed and explained in a way appropriate to the age of the children. In such a way, they are given the opportunity to understand the teachings of Jesus and participate more fully in the church's Liturgy and Christian living. The priest will normally send the children forth with a blessing after the Collect (Opening Prayer).



**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays) at St. John Chrysostom Parish. Mass and then food, faith and fun until 7:30 p.m. The next Edge Youth Night is **February 23** beginning with Mass at 4:30 p.m. **There is also a high school age youth meeting that takes place from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**



**St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe Fraternity:** The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16 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.*



**Ahoy, mateys! Gilbert and Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance:** will be presented by the Don Bosco Drama Club of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College. This classic musical comedy combines pirates, police, and petticoats for two hours of fun. March 1 and 2 at 7:00 p.m., March 3 at 2:00 .pm. Performances at MV

High School in Barry's Bay. Tickets are: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$10 for students and seniors, free for kids under 6, and family rate of \$45. Reserve tickets by calling the College: 613-756-3082. More info: [www.seatofwisdom.ca](http://www.seatofwisdom.ca)

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** October 2 - 14, 2019 with Fr. Ben St. Croix, Companions of the Cross. Retreat Leaders: Stan & Maria; For more info contact [sbielec@sympatico.ca](mailto:sbielec@sympatico.ca); 613-7924272 or see the poster on the bulletin board at the church entrance for more details.

**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.



	<b>Catholic Women's League</b>	Nancy
	Black, <i>Madame President</i>	
	Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5 <sup>th</sup> . 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month is <b>Foodbank Sunday</b> .	

	<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Bob Lee, <i>Grand Knight</i>	Council 2082 285 Albert St. Arnprior, ON 613-623-2519
	<a href="http://www.kofc2082.org">www.kofc2082.org</a>		
	Business Meeting - <i>Monday March 4</i> Executive Meeting - <i>Monday, February 25</i>		
	<b>Legion/Knights of Columbus Euchre Challenge:</b> Friday February 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish hall. \$3:00 per person/bring a partner. All are welcome to attend and have fun.		
	<b>Knights of Columbus Bingo:</b> 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 18 years and over are welcome to play. <i>Team: Marc Shank</i>		