

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE: Let us thank Almighty God for the blessing of having Bishop Brehl with us last Sunday, for the celebration of the Patronal Feast of St. John Chrysostom at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, and for the Blessing of the new Roof, Entrance Way and external Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Bishop Brehl was moved by the number of young families and children at the Masses, as also the steadfast faith and devotion of our older parishioners. Many thanks to those who prepared the flowers for the Sanctuary, our musician, and to Lilianne Kirkey and her collaborators in the preparation of the reception that followed the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

CWL BRAESIDE: Sponsoring our monthly Food Drive this Sunday, the third Sunday of the month. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. This is also our Social Sunday, with refreshments served after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

CWL ARNPRIOR: Once again, the CWL are collecting non perishable foods for the Arnprior & District Food Bank on the second weekend of every month, from September to June. Thank you for Your Support.

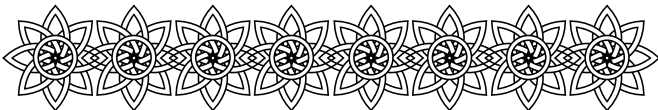
CWL ARNPRIOR: Upcoming Elections – This year we will be electing new ladies for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Please find nomination forms for these positions on the table at the entrance of the church that members can fill in and return in the collection basket or to the office.

ST. ALPHONSE CHAPEAU PARISH SUPPER: Please join us for our Parish Supper on September 20th from 12 – 6 at the Upper Pontiac Sports Complex in Chapeau. Adults \$25.00, Children under 12 \$10.00, Children 6 & under FREE. Everyone most welcome!

LIFE CHAIN: Sunday, October 4th from 2 -3 pm, gathering at the corner of Madawaska & Daniel St. You are most welcome to join us to support this silent and prayerful witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

GRAND KNIGHT’S SOCIAL: All members and spouses of the K of C and CWL are invited to join us for Dinner following 4:30 Mass on Saturday, October 3rd for a ‘Chicken and Rib’ Dinner, and to recognize outgoing Grand Knight Bob Lee. Tickets are \$10.00.

WOMEN’S FALL RETREAT: On Saturday, October 24th from 9am to 3:30pm at St. Michael Catholic High School in Kemptville. The theme: “To know Christ and the power of His resurrection” (*cf. Philippians 3:10*). Join us for Holy Mass, inspiring reflections, worship, personal prayer and fellowship. Morning snack and lunch provided. Registration (\$50) is limited to 100 participants: romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/womens-fall-retreat.



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

✠ TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠
September 20, 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

Arnprior – First Sunday of the Month
Braeside - Third Sunday of the Month

DIRECTORY FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please find flyers at the entrance to the Churches outlining Sacramental Preparation in our Parishes:
Baptism, First Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, OCIA and Marriage.

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

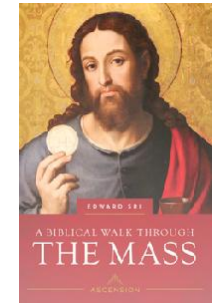
POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026: *For the care of water* – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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 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.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY: Children ages four and up are invited to join us each Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass. We encourage all children to come and participate and learn about the Gospel through readings and activities. We are always in need of other adults to assist.

FALL FAITH STUDY - A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS: Discover the beauty and biblical roots of the Mass. Have you ever wondered why we do what we do at Mass? Join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, a 5-week program that explores the Biblical roots of the Catholic Liturgy and reveals what it means, and why it matters. Please join us Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm for 5 weeks starting October 8th. Cost \$25.00 (for Text and Workbook). Kindly call or email the parish office to register so that print materials can be ordered for you in time for the First Session.



THURSDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION: Every Thursday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary and then read and reflect on the Gospel for the following Sunday. All are most welcome!

CATHOLIC MEN’S GROUP: Meeting on the second Tuesday of each Month at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room #1 starting September 8th. For more information, please contact Gerry Whalen at 613-623-8330. Men from both our Parishes are welcome!

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA: The annual *Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada* will be held next weekend. This Collection gives Catholics in Canada an opportunity to support the mission of their own diocese while joining with the faithful across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada through the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Proceeds go towards the work of the Conference as also towards the support of the dioceses located in the most remote regions of our country. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

MASS INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER 23 - 27

Wed	9:00 am	Braeside	Jack & Helen McGregor by the Family
Thurs	9:00 am	Arnprior	Souls in Purgatory by Anne
Fri	9:00 am	Arnprior	Kathy Ste. Marie by Paul & Darlene Daniels
Sat	4:30 pm	Arnprior	Geraldine Paquette by Bob & Nancy Coyne
Sun	9:00 am	Arnprior	Margaret Boyle by David & Rosaleen Howden
Sun	10:30 am	Braeside	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

♦ In these days of legislated justice it can sometimes seem that we have outlawed love and generosity. Jesus seems to say in this parable that the owner of this world does not agree with our limited and partial way of looking at things! God’s love and generosity are unlimited, and his gifts are bestowed upon people whether they come to the vineyard early in the day or late, whether after a lifetime of faithful discipleship or at life’s end. We pray:

To the last as to the first, O God, you are generous and more than just, for as high as the heavens are above the earth so high are your ways above our ways and your thoughts above our thoughts. Open our hearts to the wisdom of your Son, that, without concern for the cost of discipleship or the reward of our labors we may grasp how incomparable the honor of working in your vineyard from morning until night.

♦ This coming week the Bishops of Canada gather for their Plenary Assembly. It is a time of prayer and reflection as well as vigorous discussion on the different ways in which the work of evangelization and the service of those in need can be more effectively extended both here at home and indeed, across the globe. This year takes on a special significance in that the Bishops of Canada are also preparing, at the beginning of 2027, to make their *Ad limina Apostolorum* (Latin meaning ‘to the threshold of the Apostles’), that is, the periodic visit that every Catholic Bishop must make to the Successor of Peter.

This visit was once every five years but given the growth of the Church as also the increase in the number of dioceses and bishops, is now about every ten years. The three phases of the Visit include the furnishing, by the bishops, of a thorough and extensive Report on the state of their individual dioceses, a visit to the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul, and a meeting with the Holy Father.

♦ The Reports include the information gathered from the parishes and encompass matters of pastoral concern from the number of baptisms, marriages, vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, etc., to the various programs of outreach and formation, to the work of charity to those most in need, to name a few of the categories. These Reports are snapshots, as it were, of the over-all state of the Church in Canada as also of each diocese. At present, in Canada there are 59 dioceses, 12 Eparchies (dioceses belonging to the Eastern Churches in communion with Rome), 2 Apostolic Exarchates (jurisdictions of the Eastern Churches not yet constituted as Eparchies), and two Ordinariates (what might be called non-territorial dioceses, the Military Ordinariate and the Anglican Ordinariate). Let us keep our bishops in prayer.