

CWL BRAESIDE: Once again, thank you for your support of the Monthly Food Drive last Sunday. Our next regular meeting is Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. At 7:00 p.m. that same evening, we welcome Samantha Hudson as our guest speaker. All are most welcome! Please see the Notice at the Church Entrance for more information.

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.

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.

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.

GRAND KNIGHT’S SOCIAL: All members and spouses of the K of C and CWL are invited to join us for dinner following the 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.

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!

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.

O God, who dispose in marvelous order ministries both angelic and human, graciously grant that our life on earth may be defended by those who watch over us as they minister perpetually to you in heaven, through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Collect for the Feast of the Archangels)



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

✠ TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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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

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX – OCT. 1

This Thursday we remember St. Thérèse of Lisieux (January 2, 1873 – September 30, 1897), also known as St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. She is popularly known as "The Little Flower." Pope St. John Paul II declared her "Doctor of the Church", one of 37 saints titled as such and she is considered a teacher of the Church and an authority on the spiritual life. Her contribution to the spiritual life was an emphasis on the "little way" and to seek after holiness in the simple and ordinary tasks of one's daily life. But St. Thérèse was not as delicate as the title "Little Flower" suggests. Ill health was the least of her challenges. When one reads between the lines of her autobiography, we sense that it was the daily struggle for charity and patience that made her a saint. No wonder she is still so popular. That situation and struggle make us recognize in her an understanding friend and companion in the heroic struggle by God's grace, for sanctity. St. Thérèse, pray for us!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

As we take up the round of activities for another School Year, we invite parents with children eligible for First Confession and First Communion, or with youth eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to register with the Parish at gingerreagan.dre@gmail.com. You can also access this information via the Parish website at www.catholicarnpriorbraeside.com. It is hoped that we can begin the Formation for First Confession in November, and then, in the New Year, the Instruction and Formation for First Holy Communion, as also the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, April 17; First Confession on Friday, April 30; and First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 2. We will endeavor to communicate this information to parents through our Catholic Schools, but if you know of parents with children attending other Schools within the community, or Homeschooled, invite them to make contact with the Parish so that we can welcome them to participate in our Programs of Formation and Instruction.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 4

Wed	9:00 am	Braeside	Personal Intentions of Mary Helene Schnob
Thurs	9:00 am	Arnprior	Terry Sing by Cleo Harvey & Family
Fri	9:00 am	Arnprior	John Harvey by Cleo Harvey & Family
Sat	4:30 pm	Arnprior	Michael Louks in Loving Memory by Eileen Shea
Sun	9:00 am	Arnprior	Erika & Karl Feutlinske by the Cassanto Family
Sun	10:30 am	Braeside	<i>Missa Pro Populo</i>

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

♦ It came as a shock to Jesus' audience that "sinners" were gaining salvation ahead of the "righteous". It shocks us too. When will we believe that absolutely no one can be shut off from God's gratuitous love if they turn to him in repentance and with the willingness to make amends. It is often those who initially are reluctant, who, with a change of heart, answer God's call.

O God, ever swift to welcome tax collectors and sinners and all who open their hearts to repentance, you graciously promise life and salvation to any who turn away from their transgressions to do what is lawful and right.

Let your Spirit make our hearts docile to the challenge of your word; and let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus: may we walk the path of obedience and sacrifice, finding in the self-emptying love of the cross, the way to exaltation and glory at your side.

♦ This Tuesday, September 29, we celebrate the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Christ conquers: Michael defeats the dragon, Gabriel announces the kingdom and Raphael heals the wounded. Pray these words from Psalm 91: "For God will command the angels to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." And pray often the Prayer to St. Michael:

St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray. And do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Mass on Tuesday will be offered at 9:00 a.m. in Braeside (recalling that St. Michael and St. Gabriel feature prominently upon the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help). They are, in a sense, after Our Blessed Mother, the secondary patrons of the Parish.

♦ On October 2 we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. On the whole, contemporary culture tends to restrict angels to the realm of art, fantasy or New Age spirituality. But despite all of this, the Guardian Angels have enjoyed the attention of the saints; and the Church reminds us of that elder creation that preceded us and how the angels assist us in our journey through this life. Let us cultivate a lively devotion to our Guardian Angels so that we may enjoy their company in heaven. And pray often:

O Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.