



Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish

· St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario



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Weekend Holy Mass Schedule:

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Keene, Ontario

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Holy Mass Schedule:

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

(Fourth and (Fifth) Tuesdays of the Month at 8:00 a.m.)

Friday 7:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction:

Every Friday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS—

Have you registered in our Parish?

“Parish Census” Forms can be found at the back of the Churches. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Michael and welcome!!



4th Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

Parish Office: Phone: (705) 741-1018

**Secretary: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and
Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Catholic Women's League:

► President: Anna Marie Bolin
(705)742-8249

Knights of Columbus:

► Grand Knight: Peter Clancy
(705)748-3075

Marriage: Registered Parishioners must contact the Parish Office twelve months before the proposed Wedding date. No date for a Wedding can be set before a couple has met with the Priest.

Baptism: Registered Parishioners must contact the Parish Office one month before the desired Baptism date.

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. & 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

You may also ask Father at **ANYTIME**

MOVING? ~ Please let the office know of your move from this parish. Also, an address change is necessary for sending out the year's tax receipts. Call 705-741-1018.



MASS INTENTIONS

April 18 – April 24

MONDAY, April 18
Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, April 19

6:30 p.m. + Ray & Teresa Crowley
 (Ruth & Bob O'Brien & Family)

WEDNESDAY, April 20

8:00 a.m. + Mary Shaughnessy
 (Anne Fitzgerald)

THURSDAY, April 21

Saint Anselm
 8:00 a.m. + Sebastian Smith
 (Family)

FRIDAY, April 22

6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 p.m. ~ Mary Marrocco
 (Loretta Marrocco)

SATURDAY, April 23

Saint George & Saint Adalbert
 8:00 a.m. ~ Ann Hilts & Family
 (Marrocco Family)

SUNDAY, April 24

5th Sunday of Easter
 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Vince Torpey
 (Marg, Doyle, Jennifer & Cayden)
 9:00 a.m. + Ursula Hutchinson
 (Jessie Quenneville)
 10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

In prayer we abandon ourselves to God's embrace (Saint Pope John Paul II)

Today we reflect on Psalm 100 which is a joyful invitation to praise the Lord, the shepherd of His people.

The first appeal consists in the festive acclamation that involves the whole earth in the song of praise to the Creator. When we pray, we should feel in tune with all those who pray exalting the one Lord in different languages and ways. As the Prophet Malachi says, "For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name is great among the nations, and in every place incense is offered to My name, and everywhere they bring sacrifice to My name and a pure offering; for My name is great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts" (1,11).

Then come several calls using liturgical and ritual terms "serve", "come before" and "go within the gates" of the temple. These are verbs which in alluding to royal audiences, describe the various gestures the faithful perform when they enter the sanctuary of Zion to take part in the community's prayer. After the cosmic hymn, the liturgy is celebrated by the people of God "the sheep of His pasture", His "possession among all peoples" (Ex 19,5).

The invitation to "go within His gates, giving thanks" and to "enter His courts with songs of praise" reminds us of a passage from *The Mysteries* of St Ambrose, in which he describes the baptized as they approach the altar: "The cleansed people, [rich in these insignia], hasten to the altar of Christ, saying: "I will go to the altar of God, the God who gives joy to my youth" (Ps 42[43],4). For the people, having put aside the defilements of ancient error, renewed in their youth as an eagle, hasten to approach the heavenly banquet. The other imperatives that enrich the Psalm repeat the fundamental religious attitudes of the person at prayer: *acknowledge, praise, bless*. The verb *to acknowledge* expresses the content of the profession of faith in the one God. In fact, we must proclaim that only "the Lord is God" (Ps 99[100],3), combatting all idolatry, pride and human power opposed to Him. The object of the other verbs *praise and bless*, is also "the name" of the Lord (cf. v. 4), or His person, His effective and saving presence.

In this light the Psalm leads in the end to a solemn exaltation of God, that is a kind of profession of faith: the Lord is good and His fidelity never abandons us because He is always ready to sustain us with His merciful love.

<http://w2.vatican.va>

5th Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Patrick Pinto

Judy Pinto

Marg Caley & Roddy Turpin

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Valerie Collicutt

Pat Clancy

Bob & Betty Brown

10:30 a.m.

Anna Marie Bolin

Carolyn Doris

Sue & Tom Livings

Offertory

Thank you for your generosity

April 10: Env. \$1639.00 + Loose \$336.00 = \$1975.00

Fuel: \$65.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$205.00

Year of Mercy Event for our diocese

A journey to Martyr's Shrine June 4

ON-LINE REGISTRATION: Deadline April 28!!

www.embracingmercy.peterboroughdiocese.org



or Robyn Henighan [705-745-5461](tel:705-745-5461)
familyministries@peterboroughdiocese.org

Knights of Columbus News



The Special Olympics and Arthritis Society Tickets are available. Ask a knight and they can get you tickets for this worthwhile cause. Knights are having their yard sale in May so when spring cleaning keep us in mind. Our annual Road cleanup is set for Sat May 7 - rain or shine. All families are welcome. Many hands make light work come out support your parish & community! Any questions call Grand Knight Pete Clancy at 705-748-3075

Catholic Women's League



STEP INTO SPRING FASHION SHOW

featuring Northern Reflection's spring & summer lines on **Wed., April 20 at 7:00 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Assumption Hall. Admission is \$5.

Phone Joanne Bolton 743-6562 or Gladys Fowler 748-6438 for tickets or get them following the weekend Masses. Tickets are also available at the parish office.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



In honour of this day, prayer cards will be available at the back of the church. Each card has the name of a priest, deacon, or sister in our diocese. Please take one and keep this person in your prayers over the next year. Thank you!

To honour Our Lord's request for prayer, there will be one hour of adoration from 2 - 3 p.m. this Sunday, April 17th at Our Lady of the Assumption with a reception to follow. Come and pray for more labourers to come into the harvest.

Please join the Saint Joseph Vocation Society for the Diocese of Peterborough. Our members are committed to praying for Vocations through the intercession of Saint Joseph. Visit www.peterboroughdiocese.org/vocations

Spring Courses at Sacred Heart College

The Certificate Program in Religion and Theology is offering the evening course "**From Peter to Pope: The Rise of the Papacy in the Early Church**".

Instructor: Shaun Retallick, MA

Time: on Tuesdays May 11 - June 15, 7 -9 p.m.
Mount St. Joseph at a cost of \$60 per participant. For information please phone 705-745-5549 or visit www.shofp.ca.

Theology of the Body (TOB)

TOB training will take place from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 23, 30 and May 7, 14 & 28** at Emmanuel Reformed Church in Whitby. The presenter will be Sr. Helena Burns who is a member of the Daughters of St. Paul. Pre-registration is encouraged ...

phone 416-781-9131 X 226 or email srhelenaburns@gmail.com

March for Life

Please consider attending the 2016 March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday, May 12.

Pro Life Peterborough will be running buses for \$37 a person. The bus has a washroom. You may bring snacks with you. The bus will be leaving St. Peter-in-Chains at 6:00 a.m. but other pick ups will be facilitated at the car pool - opposite Coffee Time on Hwy 28/Hwy 7, and at St. Paul's School in Norwood. Call Bruce 705 652 1130 or Tom at 705 243 4133 to reserve your seat.

If you cannot attend, then maybe you could make a donation to sponsor a student or member of the clergy.

"Canadian governments have permitted the killing of preborn children for 47 years now, bringing the death toll to well over 4 million. Now in 2016 with the impending legalization of euthanasia, the Supreme Court has demanded we begin to kill people at the other end of the spectrum too, in their old age." <http://www.marchforlife.ca>



#endthekilling

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian Ministry for children aged 3-12 years that is based on the Bible and liturgy of the church; it is inspired by the principles of Montessori education. This Ministry provides an opportunity for children to fall in love with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in a child-friendly space called an *Atrium*- located in a church or school. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd provides guided activity to aid meditation on Bible scripture and the mysteries of the Christian faith once a week - in small groups, facilitated by trained adults (catechists). On Saturday May 28th from 9:00 to 3:00 at St Mary's Church in Lindsay, a workshop on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be held. If you are interested in attending, and to find out more about this sustainable and effective ministry, please contact Father Eric Mason at 705 324 4828 or fatherericmason@gmail.com.

The Euthanasia and assisted suicide issue is NOT going away, so we need to be active.

Legitimizing euthanasia or assisted suicide, which allows one person to kill another, would diminish respect for human life. It would also erode the basic trust that human life will be protected - a trust that is essential to the functioning of any society. www.colf.ca

An online petition protesting Physician-Assisted Suicide is available at (<http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>). Please actively engage your political representatives by writing letters and signing this petition.

Please read the information made available by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family entitled *Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: Urgent Questions* at

<http://www.colf.ca/images/pubs-downloads/LIF-001-E.pdf>

**THIS MATTER IS OF EXTREME
IMPORTANCE/URGENCY**

Euthanasia is a grave violation of the law of God, since it is the deliberate and morally unacceptable killing of a human person. [Pope John Paul II](#)

*Come to an hour of prayer from our many faith traditions on **Sunday, May 1st** at 7.00 pm at The Mount Community Centre, 1545 Monaghan Road, Peterborough. For further information, please call (705)875-5095 or email themountpeterborough@outlook.com*

Heroic Catholicism

Serviam Ministeries is hosting their annual Spring event on **Sat. May 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** The event will be held at Canada Christian College and the theme is **“Heroic Catholicism”**. Topics will include:

Black and White – Moral Clarity in a World of Gray
Couch Potato Catholics, Five Non-Negotiables, Being Fed Lies, Catholics and The Culture War

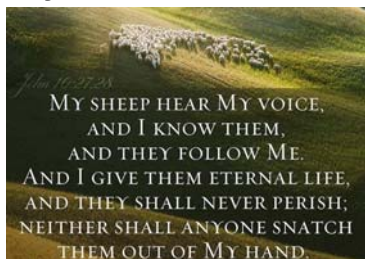
Tim Staples and Tanya Granic Allen will host the event.

General admission - \$45, Students - \$39 and

Group rate (10 + people) \$39. Tickets and more information:

www.serviamministeries.com/events/heroic

“Good Shepherd Sunday” is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations in the Church.



Today's Gospel passage (John 10:27-30)

highlights two important characteristics of Jesus' role as shepherd. The first has to do with the reciprocal knowledge that the sheep and shepherd have: “My

sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me.” The sheep remained for many years in the company of the shepherd who knew the character of each one and gave them affectionate names. Thus it is with Jesus and his disciples: He knows his disciples “by name,” intimately. He loves them with a personal love that treats each as if they were the only one who existed for him.

There is also a second aspect of the shepherd's vocation in today's Gospel. The shepherd gives his life to his sheep and for his sheep, and no one can take them out of his hand. Wild animals and thieves were a nightmare and constant threat for the shepherds of Israel. Herein lies the difference between the true shepherd who shepherds the family's flock, and the hired hand who works only for the pay he receives, who does not love, and indeed often hates, the sheep. When the mercenary is confronted with danger, he flees and leaves the sheep at the mercy of the wolf or bandits; the true shepherd courageously faces the danger to save the flock.

The sheep are far more than a responsibility to the Good Shepherd: They are the object of the shepherd's love and concern. Thus, the shepherd's devotion to them is completely unselfish; the Good Shepherd is willing to die for the sheep rather than abandon them.

<http://saltandlighttv.org>

THE PETERBOROUGH and DISTRICT ITALIAN CLUB: Mother's Day Dinner and Dance: Sat., April 30, 2016 at The Parkway Banquet Hall. Offering a full course dinner, complimentary wine, door prizes, and of course great dance music. Cocktails at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$55. Tickets available from: John Mazziotti 705.876.1282; Gloria Jones: 705.742.2482; Maria Andreoli 705.745.0110 We hope you, your family and friends will be able to join us for this celebration. A great way to show your Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Daughter that she is the **BEST!!!**

The Mobile Dental Health Care Centre will be at the Keene Fire Hall on **Thursday, May 12th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** To find out if you are eligible for no-cost dental services or to make an appointment, please contact the Peterborough Health Unit at 705-748-2230, well in advance of the date.

Cork to Canada 1825 – Adventure and Legacy - Many of the Catholic families in the Peterborough Diocese can trace their ancestry to the courageous immigrants who arrived here from Ireland with the Robinson Emigration of 1825. The Peterborough Museum & Archives is offering a special presentation featuring newly released eye-witness documentation of the immigrants' journey on Sunday, April 10th at 2PM at the Museum. There is no charge, but pre-registration by calling 705 743 5180 will guarantee a seat. Poster with more information attached

Mary, Mother of Mercy

As St. Bernard once said “the Eternal Father, wishing to show all the mercy possible, besides giving us Jesus Christ, our principal advocate with Him, was pleased to give us Mary, as our advocate with Jesus.” And in the words of St. Augustine, because Mary gave “flesh to the divine Word,” as the Mother of God, for our redemption, “she is more powerful than all others to help us gain eternal life.”

<http://www.ourcatholicprayers.com>

READINGS:

5th Sunday of Easter: April 24

1st Reading: Acts 14: 21 – 27

2nd Reading: Revelation 21: 1 – 5

Gospel: John 13: 1, 31 – 33, 34 – 35

Diocesan Prayer Corner

Let us pray for St. Joseph Parish in Bowmanville that as members of the Holy Body of Christ, they

may give an ever more powerful witness to the salvation Christ came to bring.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

April

Universal: Small Farmers

That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labour.

Evangelization: African Christians

That Christians in Africa may give witness to love and faith in Jesus Christ amid political-religious conflicts.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Every Tuesday evening from 7 pm to 8 pm, we gather at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral rectory for prayerful reading, reflection and discussion of the readings for the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome. All that is needed is a desire to come closer to the Lord and to discover what it means to be His follower. Call Tom (705 243 4133).

LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE FIRST AND LAST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH AT 1:00 PM AND EVERY SATURDAY MORNING AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, HASTINGS AT 8:30 AM. ALL OTHER SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH, MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT ST. MARY OF THE VISITATION CHURCH, CAMPBELLFORD AT 12:30 PM. YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND

MAKE A 'LIFE' DIFFERENCE.

Prayer does have power. Join us this Saturday morning from 10:00 am to 11:00 am across from the Peterborough hospital. Come singly or as part of a group.

We need you to participate in our **sidewalk prayer vigil for the unborn.**

Defend life and be part of this public witness against the horror of abortion.



For information: **Paul 741- 4000 or Tom 243-4133**

31st WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016 in Krakow, Poland The Official LOGO

The image is composed of a **geographical outline of Poland** in which there is a **(yellow) Cross, symbol of Christ** who is the soul of World Youth Day. **The yellow circle** marks the position of Krakow on the map of Poland and is also a **symbol of youth**. The **(red and blue) flame of Divine Mercy** emerges from

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SDM KRAKÓW 2016



Logo and emblem created by the Krakow Diocese for the World Youth Day 2016.

the Cross, and its colours recall the image "*Jesus, I trust in you*". **The colours used in the logo - blue, red and yellow are (also) the official colours of Krakow and its coat of arms.**

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH



**Thurs. April 14: 12 -2 p.m.,
& 4 - 6 p.m.**

Donations of goods can be dropped off at Three Roads Farm and other Keene locations.

osmfoodcupboard@nexicom.net or 295-6952

VEYO Discernment Groups – Ever wonder if you could be called to the priesthood or to religious life? Ever wish that you could find out what God's plan for your life is? For more details contact Fr. Craig at 705-749-0330 or vocations@veyo.ca or Fr. John Purdue, Director of Vocations at 705-745-4681.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

At St Alphonsus Oratory 7am-Midnight and Noon-Midnight (Sunday) "Come to me all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11:28) INFO: Bernadette 705-742-3055

Beautiful words to live by from

St. Pope John XXIII:

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do."

"Only for Today..." THE DAILY DECALOGUE OF POPE JOHN XXIII

- 1) Only for today, I will seek to live the livelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once.
- 2) Only for today, I will take the greatest care of my appearance: I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice; I will be courteous in my behaviour; I will not criticize anyone; I will not claim to improve or to discipline anyone except myself.
- 3) Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world but also in this one.
- 4) Only for today, I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.
- 5) Only for today, I will devote 10 minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.
- 6) Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.

7) Only for today, I will do at least one thing I do not like doing; and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure that no one notices.

8) Only for today, I will make a plan for myself: I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it. And I will be on guard against two evils: hastiness and indecision.

9) Only for today, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good Providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.

10) Only for today, I will have no fears. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in goodness.

Indeed, for 12 hours I can certainly do what might cause me consternation were I to believe I had to do it all my life.

Project Rachel

Project Rachel offers accompaniment, counselling, personal presence and support, and other services at any time they are needed by women or men. They also offer weekend retreats which provide opportunity for women who have suffered from an abortion experience to find healing, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Are you hurting as a result of an abortion? Healing is possible. Please contact them for upcoming dates, in confidence, by telephone at 416 629 8264 or by e-mail projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org.
<http://www.stmarysrefuge.org>

Chalice is a ministry of the Catholic Community, creating and nurturing relationships of life and love. To find out how Chalice Helps go to website <http://www.ccare.ca/>

Church Cleaning Ministry

Please find the church cleaning sheet on the glass religious article case at the back of the church. Once per week, for one month at a time, we need cleaners to vacuum, dust mop and do general dusting/ wiping at Assumption.



Our Lady Queen of Peace Community Rosary

Mon. - Rosary: 6:30pm.
Everyone welcome.



From the Pastor's Desk

■ Fr. Michael



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO CLEAN ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Sign the **Cleaning Ministry Sheet** on the table at the back of the church. Cleaning is done once a week and you may choose whatever time or day works for you.

The Season of Lent



Peterborough Communication Support Systems

A non-profit agency that provides support services to Deaf / non-verbal individuals living with intellectual disabilities. They provide quality sewing, custom embroidery, printing services and woodworking products. They are located at 192 B Hunter St. West. Phone: (705) 748 6680

Life Chain

<http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va>

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Worldwide Mission



