



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!!



5th Sunday of Easter

April 24, 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 25– May 1

MONDAY, April 25
Saint Mark
 8:00 a.m. + Sebastian Smith
 (Family)

TUESDAY, April 26
Our Lady of Good Counsel
 8:00 a.m. + Genuefa Pluta
 (Marrocco Family)

WEDNESDAY, April 27
 8:00 a.m. ~ Dorothy Blair
 (Mike & Noreen Malloy)

THURSDAY, April 28
Saint Peter Chanel
Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation at Immaculate Conception

FRIDAY, April 29
Saint Catherine of Siena (Doctor of the Church)
 6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 p.m. ~ For all those in whose memory plants were
 donated at Easter

SATURDAY, April 30
Saint Marie of the Incarnation
Saint Pius V
 8:00 a.m. + Sebastian Smith
 (Family)

SUNDAY, May 1
6th Sunday of Easter
 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Pro Populo
 9:00 a.m. + Peter Crough
 (Bob & Rhonda Holland)
 10:30 a.m.~ Living & Deceased members of the C.W. L.

EVANGELIUM VITAE (The Gospel of Life)

The doctrine on the necessary *conformity of civil law with the moral law* is in continuity with the whole tradition of the Church. This is clear once more from John XXIII's Encyclical: "Authority is a postulate of the moral order and derives from God. Consequently, laws and decrees enacted in contravention of the moral order, and hence of the divine will, can have no binding force in conscience...; indeed, the passing of such laws undermines the very nature of authority and results in shameful abuse".⁹⁵ This is the clear teaching of Saint Thomas Aquinas, who writes that "human law is law inasmuch as it is in conformity with right reason and thus derives from the eternal law. But when a law is contrary to reason, it is called an unjust law; but in this case it ceases to be a law and becomes instead an act of violence".⁹⁶ Now the first and most immediate application of this teaching concerns a human law which disregards the fundamental right and source of all other rights which is the right to life, a right belonging to every individual. Consequently, laws which legitimize the direct killing of innocent human beings through abortion or euthanasia are in complete opposition to the inviolable right to life proper to every individual; they thus deny the equality of everyone before the law. It might be objected that such is not the case in euthanasia, when it is requested with full awareness by the person involved. But any State which made such a request legitimate and authorized it to be carried out would be legalizing a case of suicide-murder, contrary to the fundamental principles of absolute respect for life and of the protection of every innocent life. In this way the State contributes to lessening respect for life and opens the door to ways of acting which are destructive of trust in relations between people. Disregard for the right to life, precisely because it leads to the killing of the person whom society exists to serve, is what most directly conflicts with the possibility of achieving the common good. Consequently, a civil law authorizing abortion or euthanasia ceases by that very fact to be a true, morally binding civil law. Abortion and euthanasia are thus crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead there is **a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection.** It is precisely from obedience to God—to whom alone is due that fear which is acknowledgment of his absolute sovereignty—that the strength and the courage to resist unjust human laws are born. **In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is therefore never licit to obey it, or to "take part in a propaganda campaign in favour of such a law, or vote for it".**⁹⁸ (72 & 73) www.ewtn.com

6th Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

LAY MINISTRY	Eucharistic	Lector	Gift Bearers
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Marg Caley	Roddy Turpin	Leon & Trish Dorff
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Martin Corkery	Bob Holland	Terry & Marlene Fitzgerald
10:30 a.m.	Rose Wornoff	Anna Marie Bolin	Jane Bolin & Elaine Lambe

Offertory Thank you for your generosity
 April 17: Env. \$1578.10 + Loose \$211.90 + P.A. P.
 \$470.00 = \$2260.00 Fuel: \$33.00 Easter P.A.P. \$90.00
 St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00

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 RobynHenighan705-745-5461



LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

Knights of Columbus News



The Special Olympics and Arthritis Society tickets are available from a Knight. This is a most worthwhile cause.

Our Yard Sale is May 14 so, when spring cleaning, keep us in mind. Call for pick up and drop off times.

Our annual Road Cleanup is set for the morning of Saturday, May 7 at 8am - Rain or shine. All families are welcome. Many hands make light work so come out and support your Parish & Community.

Any questions call Grand Knight Pete Clancy at 705-748-3075

Catholic Women's League



The next CWL meeting will be on Tues. May 3rd following the 6:30 Mass. Welcome all and bring a friend.

12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care

The CWL of Canada calls all people of faith to join nationwide in 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 4. This is designed to take place during the National Hospice Palliative Care Week (organized by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association) as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life.

There is a pressing need for all Canadians to have greater accessibility to palliative care. This end-of-life care is true compassion. It allows individuals who are facing death not to be burdened by pain and suffering but to receive the necessary support that respects their human dignity both physically and spiritually rather than choosing physician-assisted death as a desperate last resort.

Please sign the 12 Hours of Prayer Petition.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



If you did not receive a card last weekend, please take one now.

Each card has the name of a priest, deacon, or sister in our diocese. Keep this person in your prayers over the next year.

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 more information please phone 705-745-5549 or visit

www.shofp.ca

Jogging with Jesus

Fr. John Perdue will be hosting the 4km running pilgrimage to St. Ignace at our Diocesan pilgrimage to Martyr's Shrine on June 4th. To prepare, everyone is invited to evening prayer and a jog on the following dates, from 5PM to 6:30PM, beginning at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. Rain or shine. Thursdays: April 28th, May 5th, 19th and 26th.

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 buses will be leaving St. Peter-in-Chains at 6:00 a.m. Call Bruce 652 1130 or Tom at 243 4133. If you cannot attend, please make a donation to sponsor a student or member of the clergy.



#endthekilling

Many women without knowing it, carry the deep wound of an abortion they had voluntarily or been pressured by a relative or boyfriend. According to Pope Francis this is a "profoundly unjust" . . . "moral and existential ordeal". This is why, during this Jubilee, he has extended to all the priests of the world "the discretion to absolve of the sin of abortion those who have procured it and who, with a contrite heart, seek forgiveness for it" ([September 1, 2015 letter to Archbishop Rino Fisichella](#)).

Who among us does not know at least one woman who has had an abortion? This is not a question of judging or condemning, but rather of reaching out to them during this Jubilee Year of Mercy in order to bring them to the Physician of souls - Christ, who is full of love and compassion. Let us be more attentive to their silent cry and their forbidden suffering. There could be no greater spiritual work of mercy than to bring one's mother, one's sister, friend or colleague to the Sacrament of Reconciliation where Christ awaits them, longing to extend his healing and forgiveness. www.colf.ca

Canada: Caring Not Killing Letter writing

campaign — letter-writing is the most effective way to get the attention of your political leaders. To write an effective letter - **keep your letter short and use only one or two talking points.**



Letters to federal politicians can be sent without postage. Send your letter to:

Name:

House of Commons or Chambre des communes
Ottawa Ontario K1A 0A6

You should also send the letter to your provincial/territorial political representative. You should adjust your letter and then send your letter to the editor of your local or national newspaper.

Go to the **Euthanasia Prevention Coalition** website for more helpful information.

Euthanasia

Protect the weak and vulnerable. Sign at: <http://www.citizengo.org/en/lf/34147-save-weak-and-vulnerable-stop-assisted-suicide> and write your letters opposing this dreadful proposed law.

The Slippery Slope - proven by experience of The Netherlands

If euthanasia advocates get their wish, they will drag Canada, inch by inch, into the same nightmare world already playing itself out in The Netherlands and Switzerland.

In this death culture, the category of those who are "killable" is ever-expanding and will not stop until anybody who wants to kill themselves, can kill themselves, for any reason. At the time they took their first steps to legalize killing, the Dutch and the Swiss medical community proclaimed "strict guidelines". In time, all those guidelines, protocols and "safe guards" proved to be worthless.

"Termination without request or consent", whereby a doctor kills a patient without their explicit consent, is an out of control problem.

No safeguard exists which can defend against the power of human logic which says that if killing is a solution to one problem, it can be a solution to *many*.

Right to die... or Duty to die?

It is evident that legalizing euthanasia will place undue pressure upon elderly, ill and disabled persons to seek (or accept) euthanasia out of fear that they are "a burden" to family members. Without love and support, loneliness will soon express itself in the mind of many vulnerable people as a "duty" to stop being a burden to relatives who are "too busy to spend all their time on me".

Add the fact that our health care system is near collapse, and one can quickly see how unfair legalizing euthanasia would be for lonely, vulnerable people who feel "guilty" for being "such a cost burden" on our health care system. Make no mistake. If we legalize euthanasia or assisted suicide, we will at the same time, institutionalize a **duty to die** for the weakest members of society. That is immoral and must be opposed.

Spiritual implications

Beyond all the arguments we hear - "compassion", death with dignity, unbearable pain, or slippery slopes, one fact is perhaps the most important. That is, if God exists, if His Word is true, euthanasia or assisted suicide is a grave sin. The 5th Commandment - "Thou shall not kill" allows no exception for "choice". As such it is a serious matter for all who participate in it. If we love ourselves and our brother, then we must avoid any sin that could possibly deprive us (or others) of eternal happiness.

<http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com>

*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*

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.

Pilgrimage Experience July 9 to 11

St. Benoit du Lac Abbey (Mass in Latin and Gregorian chants)

and St. Joseph's Oratory (Saint Brother Andre) and Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal

Cap de la Madeleine (Miracle of the Eyes of Blessed Virgin Mary)

Prayer and Quebec Spiritual Church History included.

If any parishioners want to come want to come they can contact me, Beth at [289-240-1499](tel:289-240-1499) or Mrs. Maria Andreoli 705-745-0110.

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

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.

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:

6th Sunday of Easter: May 1

1st Reading: Acts 15: 1 – 2, 22 – 29

2nd Reading: Revelation 21: 10 – 11, 22 – 23

Gospel: John 14: 23 – 29

Diocesan Prayer Corner

Let us pray for ... 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 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. May 12: 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.



Worldwide Meetings Encounters



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.



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



<http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va>

Use this for the Year of Mercy logo