



Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish

Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario



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Weekend Holy Mass Schedule:

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. in the fall & winter and
5:00 p.m. in the spring & summer.
(Times will switch at Seasonal time change)

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!

Reminder -

**If you or a family member is in the
hospital and you would like the priest at
Our Lady of the Assumption to contact you,
please phone the office at 705 – 741 – 1018.**



*2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4, 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. & 3:30 – 4:00 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****December 5 – December 11****MONDAY, December 5**St. Sabbas, St. Gerald
8:00 a.m. + Vince Beresford
(Helen O'Connell)**TUESDAY, December 6**St. Nicholas
6:30 p.m. + Special Intention**WEDNESDAY, December 7**St. Ambrose
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention**THURSDAY, December 8**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
8:00 a.m. + John Shine
(Mom & Christine)**FRIDAY, December 9**St. Juan Diego
6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m. + Brian Mason
(Marrocco Family)**SATURDAY, December 10**Our Lady of Loreto, St. John Roberts
8:00 a.m. + Francis Jolicoeur
(Ray)**SUNDAY, December 11**3rd Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Marg Caley
(Ken & Loretta English)
9:00 a.m. + Deceased members of the Sutherland and
Brown Families
(Wava and Family)
10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo (*For the People*)**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION: DEC 8**

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour

of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

**On Our Journey of Advent there Shines the
Star of Immaculate Mary**

On the path of Advent shines the star of



Mary Immaculate, "a sign of certain hope and comfort" (Lumen Gentium, n. 68). To reach Jesus, the true light, the sun that dispels all the darkness of history, we need light near us, human people

who reflect Christ's light and thus illuminate the path to take. And what person is more luminous than Mary? Who can be a better star of hope for us than she, the dawn that announced the day of salvation? (cf. Spe Salvi, n. 49). For this reason, the liturgy has us celebrate, as Christmas approaches, the Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary: the mystery of God's grace that enfolded her from the first instant of her existence as the creature destined to be Mother of the Redeemer, preserving her from the stain of original sin. Looking at her, we recognize the loftiness and beauty of God's plan for everyone: to become holy and immaculate in love (cf. Eph 1: 4), in the image of our Creator.

What a great gift to have Mary Immaculate as mother! A mother resplendent with beauty, the transparency of God's love. I am thinking of today's young people, who grow up in an environment saturated with messages that propose false models of happiness. These young men and women risk losing hope because they often seem orphans of true love, which fills life with true meaning and joy. This was a theme dear to my Venerable Predecessor John Paul II, who so often proposed Mary to the

youth of our time as the "Mother of Fair Love". Unfortunately, numerous experiences tell us that adolescents, young people and even children easily fall prey to corrupt love, deceived by unscrupulous adults who, lying to themselves and to them, lure them into the deadends of consumerism; even the most sacred realities, like the human body, a temple of God's love and of life, thus become objects of consumption and this is happening earlier, even in pre-adolescence. How sad it is when youth lose the wonder, the enchantment of the most beautiful sentiments, the value of respect for the body, the manifestation of the person and his unfathomable mystery!

Mary Immaculate, whom we contemplate in all her beauty and holiness, reminds us of all this. From the Cross, Jesus entrusted her to John and to all the disciples (cf. Jn 19: 27), and from that moment she has been the Mother of all humanity, the Mother of hope. May Mary Immaculate, "Star of the Sea, shine upon us and guide us on our way!" (*Spe Salvi*, n. 50). — Benedict XVI, *Angelus Address* Dec 8, 2007
<http://www.passionistnuns.org/Saints/ImmacConception/index.htm>

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.

3rd Sunday of Advent

LAY MINISTRY

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 a.m.
 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic

Joanne Bolton
 Judy Lukes
 Bud Monahan

Lector

Roddy Turpin
 Bob Holland
 Cristy Doris

Gift Bearers

Leon & Trish Dorff
 Terry & Marlene Fitzgerald
 Carolyn & Peter Doris & Family

December 11, 2016

General Audience Pope Francis (November 30)

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today we conclude our series of catecheses on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The last of the corporal works of mercy, *burying the dead*, is not untimely, when we think of the many people who risk their lives in order to give decent burial to the victims of war and armed conflict in various parts of our world. Like Joseph of Arimathea, who offered his own tomb for the burial of Jesus, we Christians devoutly bury our dead in hope of the resurrection. The last of the spiritual works of mercy is *praying for the living and the dead*. Prayer for the living and the dead is an eloquent expression of the communion of saints. Let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, who knows our deepest desires and hopes, and embrace in our prayer all those in any kind of need. **May the corporal and spiritual works of mercy on which we have meditated throughout the Holy Year continue to inspire and guide our Christian lives on the path of God's mercy.**



At the luncheon we will be having a draw for \$25. All members who have paid their CWL membership by Dec 14th will have their names entered in the draw. Membership envelopes come in your 2017 envelope box set or you may use an ordinary envelope. Mark CWL Membership and write your full name and mailing address.

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition



The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has set up a special help line (**Compassionate Community Care**) to help anyone who needs help with end of life issues etc. The number operates 7 days a week, 24 hours a day from coast to coast. **Toll free: 1-855-675-8749**

Sacred Heart Memorial Wish Tree

You are cordially invited to a Diocesan Candlelight Memorial Mass on **Sat, Dec 17 at 5:00pm at Sacred Heart Church**. Reception to follow. For information on how to dedicate a light in memory of your loved ones call the office at 705-745-5549 or 705-745-7631 or e-mail office@stjohnpeterborough.ca

C.W.L. News



LADIES come and join us for our **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** on **Wed, Dec 14th** at the Parish Hall. **Mass is at 11:30 a.m. with the luncheon to follow.** Come enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The cost is \$16.00. This is a catered event so it is necessary to know how many will be attending - PLEASE contact Fran in the Rectory office (705) 741-1018 **during office hours by December 9th** to let us know if you are attending. **COME OUT AND ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH YOUR FRIENDS!**



Holy Mass in Spanish in Honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas

Sun, Dec 11 at St. John the Baptist Church at **4:30 p.m.** There will be a Potluck Dinner in the basement after the Mass. For more information call: Phone 745-7631 "The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few." Luke 10:2"

TAIZE EVENING PRAYER NIGHT: All are welcome to attend. A gift to yourself to prepare for the Great Feast of the Incarnation of Christ. A Night of meditational music, with prayers, scripture and quiet time. **Tuesday, Dec. 20 @ 7p.m. at St. Anne's.** Bring a friend or two.

Sacred Heart College is offering 3 courses from Jan 9 -Apr 7

-The Ethics of Leadership Tuesdays, 1:00-3:50p.m.
-Canadian History I: Becoming Canadian (Origins to 1867) 11:00a.m. – 1:50p.m.
-Religion and the Rise of Modern Science 7:00-10:00p.m

For registrations visit www.shofp.ca or call [745 5549](tel:7455549).

Ring, Christmas Bells!

Wed. Dec. 7th at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church.
Sacred Heart Children's Choir and Bellringers, Trinity College School Bellringers (from Port Hope) and soloist Kathryn Humphries (former soloist at St Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna) will present an hour of music celebrating the Advent of Our Lord and His Nativity. Free admission: donation accepted at the door for the Sacred Heart Bellchoir's newly acquired bell sets.

"Ecumenical Prayer Service" at Immaculate Conception Church on Dec. 11th at 2 pm to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Quaker Fire. Reception to follow in the church hall. Everyone Welcome!

Sisters of St. Joseph Upcoming Spiritual Days
Villa St. Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg. To register: villa@eagle.ca or 905-372-2741

Mary's Magnificat: "Living Our Yes to God"

Sat. Dec 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. cost \$40

Day of Stillness: Wed. Dec 7th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. cost \$30 A gathering prayer invites you into silence and solicitude. This will give the opportunity for personal prayer, relaxation and connection with God's creation.

St. Martin's Parish Ennismore presents....

Our Annual Parish Christmas Concert

In support of Brock Mission & Cameron House
Sun, Dec 11th – 2pm *Featuring all local musicians!* All proceeds of our freewill offering will be given directly to Brock Mission to help bring the spirit of Christmas to those most in need. Tax receipts available – refreshments following



Lectures on the Extraordinary Form Mass

Fr. Eric Mason will present two Lectures on the Extraordinary Form Mass, commonly known as the Latin Tridentine Mass. These lectures will examine the history, spirituality and symbolism of this ancient form of Holy Mass with an aim to fostering a deeper participation in the Sacred Liturgy. The Lectures will use images, videos, and audio of the various ceremonies and music of the Extraordinary Form Mass. These one-hour Lectures will held on **Monday December 12th at 7:00 pm and on Tuesday December 13th at 3:00 pm** in the Knights of Columbus Hall at St Mary's Parish in Lindsay. All are welcome!

During the season of Advent, Bishop McGrattan has asked us to pray the **Vespers every Sunday at 5:00 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains**. This is a great opportunity to prepare ourselves for Christmas. *All are invited to join in.*

This year the Filipino Community of Peterborough will hold their traditional **Simbang Gabi**, starting **December 16th until the 24th (Christmas Eve)** here at the Cathedral.

Please join us in this Nine day of Masses, in preparation for the Birth of Christ.

Fri 16th 7:00 p.m., Sat 17th 5:00 p.m., Sun 18th – Dec 23rd 7:00 p.m. and Sat. Dec. 24th 9:00 a.m. Further info will be made available, as this date draws closer.

Offertory Thank you for your generosity

Nov 27: Env.: \$1614.00 + Loose: \$221.00 = \$1835.00
Fuel: \$20.00 St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00

Chalice

As you consider gifts this Christmas, please think about the Chalice Catalogue. From there, you can donate many different items from personal, most needed, farming machinery etc. to people who are in great need.

1-800-776-6855 or www.chalice.ca or info@chalice.ca



Pre Theology of the Body

Dec 26th – 29th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Theology of the Body (TOB) Training

A 4 – Saturday course for \$40 on TOB. The training will be held **Jan 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Sr. Helena Burns will present and registration is required: 416-781-9131 X 224 or srhelenaburns@gmail.com

Come and hear St. John Paul II's life – changing teaching and how it is the answer to today's hot issues.

Serviam Ministries are hosting our 2nd Annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** on Saturday **February 18, 2017**, with **Fr. Larry Richards**, and **Archbishop Christian Lépine of Montreal**. The theme of the event is **"Step Up"**.

Topics for the day: Be A Man Who Repents, The Family, The Spirit Makes Us Strong, Loving & Wise
See link <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/schedule/>

It is a great opportunity for men to grow in faith and virtue, and to encourage each other in this pursuit. The day will strengthen men in their faith while challenging them to become the men God created them to be. There will be an opportunity to meet the speakers, visit booths showcasing local Catholic organizations/ministries, purchase Catholic items, Mass, Adoration and Confessions.

Readings:

3rd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 1 – 6, 10

Psalm 146

2nd Reading: James 5: 7 – 10

Gospel: Matthew 11: 2 – 11

Holy Father's Intentions: December

Universal: End to Child-Soldiers

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: Europe

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

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**

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

ROSARY FOR LIFE ON THURSDAYS



Come and join in praying the 15-decade Rosary (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious) for the sanctity and protection of life from abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide,

followed by the Memorare and St. Michael's Prayer.

Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

— Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae), n. 100. When we ask, we receive. We should invite our people to join the ongoing worldwide novena to end abortion, at www.PrayerCampaign.org.

After Abortion Canadian Helpline

Second Chance Ministry 905-430-7990

We offer support to those struggling with emotional and psychological effects of abortion, sometimes known as post abortion trauma or post abortion syndrome.

Angelina@SecondChanceMinistry.ca

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>

"The Mass is the most favourable occasion to speak with the eternal Father, because then we offer Him His only Son as a victim for our salvation. Before celebrating, reflect on the sufferings of your Redeemer, commune peaceably with Him, even in the midst of dryness; carry to the altar the needs of the entire world." St. Paul of the Cross

"A saint is not someone who never sins, but one who sins less and less frequently and gets up more and more quickly."

— Bernard of Clairvaux

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

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.



FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

Thurs. December 8th : 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



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/>

World Youth Day

The Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life has announced that Pope Francis has chosen the themes for the next three years: for 2017, "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Lk 1:49); for 2018, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God" (Lk 1:30);

and for World Youth Day, 2019, "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:30).

The themes set forth the itinerary for the three-year World Youth Day journey that will culminate at the international celebration of the event to be held in Panama in 2019.
<http://press.vatican.va>



From the Pastor's Desk

■ *Fr. Michael*

