



# Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish

Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario



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**Pastor:** Monsignor Michael Heffernan C.H.H.

## **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.**



*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 18, 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 19 – December 25

**MONDAY, December 19**

*Bl. Urban V*

8:00 a.m. + Francis Ross McDonald  
(Doreen McDonald)

**TUESDAY, December 20**

*Sts. Abraham, Isaac & Jacob*

8:00 a.m. + Marg Caley

(Eileen Balfour)

**WEDNESDAY, December 21**

*St. Peter Canisius*

8:00 a.m. + Special Intention

**THURSDAY, December 22**

*Bl. Gratian*

8:00 a.m. + O'Connell Family

(Helen O'Connell)

**FRIDAY, December 23**

*St. John of Kanty*

6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention

**SATURDAY, December 24**

*St. Adele*

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

(Family)

**SUNDAY, December 25**

*Birth of the Lord: Christmas Day*

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Pro Populo

7:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

"Even so, it was not enough for God to send his Son to point out the way - he made his Son the way itself, so that we can go on our journey guided by him as he walks along his own way." St. Augustine of Hippo

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

3. .... during Advent there are many liturgical references to Mary besides the Solemnity of December 8, which is a joint celebration of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, of the basic preparation (cf. Is. 11:1, 10) for the coming of the Savior and of the happy beginning of the Church without spot or wrinkle.(11) Such liturgical references are found especially on the days from December 17 to 24, and more particularly on the Sunday before Christmas, which recalls the ancient prophecies concerning the Virgin Mother and the Messiah(12) and includes readings from the Gospel concerning the imminent birth of Christ and His precursor.(13)



5. The Christmas season is a prolonged commemoration of the divine, virginal and salvific motherhood of her whose "inviolable virginity brought the Saviour into the world."(16) In fact, on the Solemnity of the Birth of Christ the Church both

adores the Saviour and venerates His glorious Mother. On the Epiphany, when she celebrates the universal call to salvation, the Church contemplates the Blessed Virgin, the true Seat of Wisdom and true Mother of the King, who presents to the Wise Men, for their adoration, the Redeemer of all peoples (cf. Mt. 2:11). On the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (the Sunday within the octave of Christmas) the Church meditates with profound reverence upon the holy life led in the house at Nazareth by Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Man, Mary His Mother, and Joseph the just man (cf. Mt. 1:19).

In the revised ordering of the Christmas period it seems to us that the attention of all should be directed towards the restored Solemnity of Mary the holy Mother of God. This celebration, placed on January 1 in conformity with the ancient indication of the liturgy of the City of Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the "holy Mother...through whom we were found worthy to receive the Author of life."(17) It is likewise a fitting occasion for renewing adoration of the newborn Prince of Peace, for listening once more to the glad tidings of the angels (cf. Lk. 2:14), and for imploring from God, through the Queen of Peace, the supreme gift of peace. It is for this reason that, in the happy concurrence of the Octave of Christmas and the first day of the year, we have instituted the World Day of Peace, an occasion that is gaining increasing support and already bringing forth fruits of peace in the hearts of many. *MARIALIS CULTUS Feb 2, 1974 SAINT POPE PAUL VI*

**Christmas Day**

**December 25, 2016**

**LAY MINISTRY**

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

**Eucharistic**

Rose Rabishaw

Bob O'Brien

Valerie Collicutt

Bud Monahan

**Lector**

Colleen Petersen

Mary Pat Goodridge

Judy Lukes

Claire Doris

**Gift Bearers**

Roddy Turpin

Dolly Kylie & Family

Joe Lukes & Al Collicutt

Jackie Bolin



**Birthright**

For all of Advent, there will be a gold-coloured box in the Church for your donation to Birthright.

All donations go toward helping new mothers with the challenges of a having child at a difficult time.

Birthright is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing love and support for over 45 years to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

To date there has been \$270.00 collected. Please be generous.

**C.W.L. News**



May God grant you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The next CWL meeting will be Tuesday, January 3rd in the parish hall following the 6:30 p.m. Mass.



**Knight's News**

Wishing you a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Annual Children's Christmas Play**  
Fri, Dec 23, 2016 at 5 pm at St. John's Church, the children from the St. John Bosco Oratory will present their annual Christmas Play. A reception will follow. All are welcome. For more info. contact Sr. Advocata 745-7631 or [office@stjohnpeterborough.ca](mailto:office@stjohnpeterborough.ca).



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.*

**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. – 1:50 p.m.  
-Religion and the Rise of Modern Science 7:00-10:00 p.m  
For registrations visit [www.shofp.ca](http://www.shofp.ca) or call [745 5549](tel:7455549).

**Choir for Christmas Mass on Sat, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**  
Anyone interested in singing at 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve, please call and leave a message for Wanda at 748-3075.

**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. **Tues, Dec. 20 @ 7p.m. at St. Anne's.**

This year the Filipino Community of Peterborough will hold their traditional **Simbang Gabi** at the Cathedral. **Please join us in this Nine day of Masses, in preparation for the Birth of Christ.** Fri 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m., Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m., Sun 18<sup>th</sup> – Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 p.m. and Sat. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.

**Healing Mass**  
**"Healing Mass – January 4<sup>th</sup> at Mount St. Joseph @1:30 pm.** All are invited to come and pray for healing. Opportunity for anointing and healing prayer."  
Celebrant Father Leo Coughlin.

**Christmas Flowers/Plants**  
If you would like to donate flowers for our Christmas celebration, please bring them and leave them in the Church.  
You may dedicate your flowers in the name of your loved ones and a Mass will be offered on their behalf on Jan 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



**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](http://www.chalice.ca) or [info@chalice.ca](mailto:info@chalice.ca)



**Pre Theology of the Body**  
Dec 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 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](tel:4167819131) X 224 or [srhelenaburns@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Day

**Saturday, Dec. 24**

Masses at Assumption at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 25**

Mass at Assumption at 9 a.m.

Mass at St. John's, Keene at 10:30 a.m.

#### New Year's Day: Mary, the Mother of God

**Saturday, Dec. 31**

Mass at Assumption at 4 p.m.

**Sunday, January 1, 2017**

Mass at Assumption at 9 a.m.

Mass at St. John's, Keene at 10:30 a.m.



### Confession Times Before Christmas

Mon. Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 to 8:00 a.m.
Thurs. Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 to 8:00 a.m.
Fri. Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 to 8:00 a.m.
Sat. Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

**Serviam Ministries** are hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### The Christmas Tree

The Holy Bishop, St. Boniface is said to have used the fir tree as a Christmas tree in Germany while he was trying to convert that country. While referring to the fir tree he said: "It is the wood of peace ... It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points upward to heaven. Let this be called the tree of the Christ-child; gather about it, not in the wild wood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness." (5)  
In the centuries that followed, the Catholic tradition of using an evergreen tree to celebrate the birth of Jesus spread throughout Germany, and German immigrants in the eighteenth century brought the custom to the New World.

<http://www.catholic.com>



### 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 at Assumption.

*Offertory Thank you for your generosity*

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> : Env.: \$1384.00 + Loose: \$312.00=  
\$1696.00 Fuel: \$72.00 St. Vincent de Paul:  
\$55.00 Christmas: \$27.00

## EUCHARISTIC 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



### Readings:

#### Christmas Day

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 52: 7 – 10

Psalm 98

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 1: 1 – 6

Gospel: John 1: 1 – 18

### 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

### 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**

### 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**

### The National Catholic Broadcasting Council (NCBC) has some exciting news with respect to the Daily TV Mass.

The goal of the NCBC is to insure that Catholics are able to  
experience the Mass each day when they are unable to attend  
their local parish. The primary way we enable this across Canada  
is through our Broadcast Partners at  
[Salt + Light Television](#), VisionTV and yesTV.

Now the NCBC's Daily TV Mass (Monday-Saturday) is available  
anytime and anyplace on our new website, on our new YouTube  
Channel and in the near future on an  
APP for use on Apple or Android devices.

If you have any questions about this announcement or about the  
Daily TV Mass in your area please contact Deacon Mike Walsh,  
our Executive Director, at 1-884-6899 or by e-mail at  
[mike.walsh@ncbc.ca](mailto:mike.walsh@ncbc.ca).

LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT re: Bill C-  
277 – An act providing for the development of a framework on  
palliative care in Canada

**Object: Bill C-277 – An act providing for the development of  
a framework on palliative care in Canada**

As an organization committed to the development of a culture of life and a  
civilization of love, the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) is  
firmly convinced that Canadians approaching the end of life will be assured of  
receiving the kind of life-affirming care and the respect they deserve only  
through the establishment of a national palliative care strategy. We write  
today to communicate our support for the intent of Bill C-277 – An act  
providing for the development of a framework on palliative care in Canada. In  
our opinion, this is a decisive direction that will make it possible to concretely  
support patients requiring palliative care.

Indeed, where it exists, this care is of great benefit to patients suffering from  
severe health challenges. Patients receiving palliative care feel safer; they  
welcome with joy and hope the accompaniment they receive; they are moved  
by all the signs of affection as well as the moral, human and spiritual support  
given to them so generously. The simple humanity of it all touches them and  
comforts them, as they experience respect for their bodies and for their human  
dignity at a moment of great fragility and vulnerability. It is with confidence  
and insistence that we encourage all members of the House of Commons and  
Senators to adopt Bill C-277- An act providing for the development of a  
framework on palliative care in Canada.

In 2010, [COLF presented a brief before the Parliamentary Committee on  
Palliative and Compassionate Care](#), an all-party group of MPs dedicated to  
improving care for the elderly, dying and vulnerable Canadians. It is a matter  
of record that this group was unique in the history of the Canadian Parliament,  
in that it was formed by Members of Parliament on their personal initiative and  
funded out of their office budgets. Such was the level of concern which  
animated the Committee. When its final report, "Not to be Forgotten, Care of  
Vulnerable Canadians", appeared in 2011, it recognized an urgent need for  
the expansion of palliative care.

The issue remains urgent. It is estimated that only about thirty per cent of  
Canadians who need palliative care have access to it.

We urge you to lend your support to Bill C-277.

<http://www.colf.ca/index.php/en/news/item/281-bill-c-277-an-act-providing-for-the-development-of-a-framework-on-palliative-care-in-canada>

"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](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org).

### 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.**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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### FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

Thurs. December 8<sup>th</sup> : 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](mailto: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



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