



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
yourselves to Fr. Michael and welcome!!



*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 7, 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: Joanne Bolton
(705)743-6562

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 address
change is necessary for sending out the year's
tax receipts. Call 705-741-1018.

(Hank & Claudette Vanderploeg)

10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo



MASS INTENTIONS

February 8 – February 14

MONDAY, February 8
Saint Jerome Emiliani
 8:00 a.m. ~ Maria Magliocco
 (Marrocco Family)

TUESDAY, February 9
Saint Scholastica
 6:30 p.m. ~ Nancy Marrocco
 (Ruth Marrocco)

WEDNESDAY, February 10
Ash Wednesday
 9:00 a.m. ~ St. Patrick Catholic School here
 Noon ~ Special Intention
 6:30 p.m. + Helen Garvey
 (Joe & Judy Lukes)



THURSDAY, February 11
Our Lady of Lourdes
 24th World Day of the Sick
 8:00 a.m. ~ Alison Welch & Joanne Harries & Family
 (Ironsides Family)

FRIDAY, February 12
 7:00 p.m. + Linda Anne Barnett
 (Kathy Cleary & Family)
 6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:30 p.m. Way of the Cross

SATURDAY, February 13
 8:00 a.m. ~ Margaret Shine
 (Parishioner)

SUNDAY, February 14
First Sunday of Lent
 5:00 p.m. + Stella Dawson
 (Frank & Mary Doris & Family)
 9:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

Lent

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert before undertaking his mission; in the same way we are invited today to enter an important season of reflection and prayer, in order to journey towards Calvary and later to experience the joy of the Resurrection. The beginning of this unique time of penance consists of a symbolic and significant action: *the imposition of ashes*. By recalling the transitory nature of earthly life it reminds us of the need for generous ascetical effort, which leads to the courageous decision not to do our own will but, following Jesus' example, to do the will of the heavenly Father.

The humble act of receiving blessed ashes on the head, strengthened by the invitation: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel", counteracts the proud gesture of Adam and Eve who by their disobedience destroyed the bond of friendship with God the Creator. Because of this initial tragedy, we all run the risk, despite Baptism, of yielding to the recurring temptation that spurs human beings to live in arrogant autonomy from God and in antagonism towards their neighbour.

Here then is revealed the meaning and necessity of the Lenten season which, by its call to conversion, leads us through prayer, penance and acts of fraternal solidarity to renew or reinvigorate our friendship with Jesus in faith, to free ourselves from the deceptive promises of earthly happiness and once again to savour the harmony of the interior life in authentic love for Christ.

I make my own what St Leo the Great said in one of his Lenten sermons: "Works of virtue do not exist without the trial of temptations; no faith goes unopposed; no struggle is without an enemy, no victory without a battle. We live our lives amid snares and struggles. If we do not want to be deceived, we must be watchful; if we want to win, we must fight" (*Sermon XXXIX*, 3).

Dear brothers and sisters, let us accept this invitation. It demands arduous discipline, especially in today's social context which is frequently marked by easy escape. The Holy Spirit comforts and strengthens us in this struggle. As the Apostle Paul assures us, "for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words" (Rom 8:26). JOHN PAUL II: GENERAL

AUDIENCE *Wed.25 Feb., 1998*

First Sunday of Lent

February 14, 2016

LAY MINISTRY

Thursday 5:00 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m.
 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic

Joanne Bolton
 Mike Malloy
 Bud Monahan

Lector

Helen Voza
 Judy Lukes
 Julia Davis

Gift Bearers

Patrick & Judy Pinto
 Bob & Betty Brown
 Sue & Tom Livings

ALL YOU CAN EAT SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER
Tues. Feb. 9th 4pm-6pm. **Sacred Heart Church Hall**
 \$6.00 Adults, \$15.00 Family (Parents & Children under 16)
 Sausage, pancakes, baked beans & Fruit Salad
 For information & tickets, please call Jan 705-868-6307

OFFERTORY

Jan 31: Env. \$1395.00+ Loose \$200.00 + P.A.P. \$550.00=
 \$2145.00 St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00

Diocesan Charity-Relief Fund: \$225.00
 Development & Peace: \$155.00

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are DAYS OF FASTING (for all not exempt because of health or age) and ABSTINENCE from meat (ALL).



Knights of Columbus News

Feb 19: Card Party at Hall – contact

Bob O' Brien at 705-745-3840 for details.

Catholic Women's League



A reminder to submit your membership. Also, the ladies of the CWL will be leading Stations of the Cross on **Fri., Feb. 12th at 6:30 p.m.**

Year of Mercy City Wide Parish Mission

Feb. 29th – March 4th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Each parish in the city will host one evening starting with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:30 p.m., a prayer service with guest speaker Fr. Michael Pace and Q & A coffee house.

Feb. 29 Immaculate Conception Parish

March 1 St. Anne's Parish

March 2 Sacred Heart Parish

March 3 St. Alphonsus Parish

March 4 St. Peter's Cathedral

There will be a different topic each night.

Please carpool as parking is limited at some parishes.



2016 Lift Jesus Higher Rally



Be inspired, encouraged and healed: **Lift Jesus Higher Rally Sat., Mar. 5th, 9:00 am- 5:30 pm** at Metro Toronto

Convention Centre, Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and guest speaker Deacon Larry Oney. High Mass (with Sunday readings) Celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins. There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. For Tickets: online on our web site below. Prices are \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth. Call 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360. www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org
Email: info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.org

On this **World Day of the Sick** let us ask Jesus in his mercy, through the intercession of Mary, to grant to all of us this same readiness to be serve those in need, and, in particular, our infirm brothers and sisters. At times this service can be tiring and burdensome, yet we are certain that the Lord will surely turn our human efforts into something divine. We too can be hands, arms and hearts which help God to perform his miracles, so often hidden. We too, whether healthy or sick, can offer up our toil and sufferings like the water which filled the jars at the wedding feast of Cana and was turned into the finest wine. By quietly helping those who suffer, as in illness itself, we take our daily cross upon our shoulders and follow the Master (cf. *Lk* 9:23). Even though the experience of suffering will always remain a mystery, Jesus helps us to reveal its meaning.

w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick/documents/papa-francesco_20150915_giornata-malato.html

World Day of Prayer

Our parish is hosting the World Day of Prayer prayer service on **Fri. March 4 at 1:30 p.m.** Please plan to attend. Everyone is welcome. More details coming.

A Thank you

The parish of Assumption collected a total of **\$790.00 for Camp Northern Lights**. The campers, counsellors, staff and board of directors thank you for your generosity. If you were not able to donate you can mail your donation to Fr. Bill Moloney, 386 Rogers St., Peterborough, ON, K9H 1W7. All cheques should be made payable to Camp Northern Lights. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Bill at 742 5466. Once again thank you for your support. Please keep the camp in your prayers. P.S. The camp is also looking for new members for the Board of Directors as well as volunteers for computer work.

Kindergarten Registration: Is your child turning 4 in 2016? It is time to register them for Kindergarten! Please visit or contact St Patrick at [705-742-9801](tel:705-742-9801).

CWL Pancake Supper Fundraiser

The **St. Peter-in-Chains CWL** will be serving a delicious pancake supper from **4:30-6:30 pm on Feb 9th** in the Bishop Doyle Hall. Adults \$7.00, 6-12 years \$5.00 and children under 6 years can eat for free! Tickets will be available at the door.

St. Peter's Secondary School presents Disney's "HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL" from **February 11-13th** at Showplace Performance Centre. This family show is a great representation of what school spirit is all about. Visit the Showplace Box Office or select & reserve your tickets online at www.showplace.org.

St. Francis of Assisi Lenten Retreat

Guest Speaker: Patrick Sullivan

Sat., February 13

Retreat 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

1st Talk–10:30 am, 2nd Talk–12:45 pm

Free admission & Light lunch provided.

Call 905 987 5446 or email

dennieradcliffe@gmail.com to register



Lunchtime Alpha

"Does God exist?" Have questions? Want to learn more? Ask anything about life, faith and God. Alpha is for everyone whether you grew up a Christian or never set foot in Church, whether you are eighteen or eighty. **Join us for Lunchtime Alpha beginning Thurs., Feb. 25th from noon to 2pm for 13 weeks at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall.** Each session begins with a meal, followed by a short talk or video and time for discussion. 705-745-8623 or www.peterboroughalpha.com or alpha@stalphonsus.net

Immaculate Conception Parish

Sun. Feb. 21st at 2 pm the parish is hosting a musical odyssey in the church. The gathering involves harp and narration to celebrate the early life of the sainted woman, St. Brigid of Kildare. There will be a free will offering to support efforts for an audio video system for our parish hall. Come and join us for the early preparation for Saint Patrick's.

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH



Thurs. February 11: 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

WHAT CAN CHRIST'S DISCIPLES DO?

**EUTHANASIA
IS AT OUR DOORS!**

Pray and fast.

Sign online petition and circulate in your networks (family, friends, colleagues, parishes, etc.) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' and The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada's [Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide](#)

Take the time to learn more about the issue and then talk or write to your elected [member of Parliament](#) who will eventually be voting on a bill to legalize "medical aid in dying".

[Send a brief](#) (even a very short one) to the Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying. Email it to this address: pdam@parl.gc.ca

Let people know your position through traditional and social media. <http://www.colf.ca>

Year of Mercy Event for our diocese Embracing Mercy: A journey to Martyr's Shrine

A diocesan wide pilgrimage to the National Canadian Shrine built to honour eight Jesuit saints in Midland is scheduled for **Sat June 4th**. Mass, reconciliation, devotional prayers at designated shrines, a race to St. Ignace, a visit to St. Marie Among the Huron's, and much more! Further details including cost, options & transportation can be found at:



www.embracingmercy.peterboroughdiocese.org

Contact: Robyn Hennighan 705-745-5461

familyministries@peterboroughdiocese.org

READINGS:

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4 – 10

2nd Reading: Romans 10: 8 – 13

Gospel: Luke 4: 1 – 13

Diocesan Prayer Corner

Let us pray for the people and clergy of St. Alphonsus Parish in Peterborough, that as members of the Holy Body of Christ, they may give an ever more powerful witness to the salvation Christ came to bring.

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

Way of the Cross 2016

Call out to Actors and Volunteers!

It's that time of the year again when we start gearing up for the Way of the Cross! Good Friday is early this



year, March 25, and so we are starting on the first Friday following exams. We are in need of actors for the various roles and we want you to invite your friends to be a part of the Way of the Cross with us on Good Friday. We need to fill the roles of soldiers and women of Jerusalem and make this a spectacular part of the Jubilee of Mercy.

First Meeting/ Rehearsal: Fri. Feb. 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Location: The VEYO Centre (820 Frank St.)

REGISTER(Volunteer): veyo.ca/cross OR

705-745-5123 ext #24 OR youth@veyo.ca

Serviam Ministries - Men's Conference

On **March 19th**, join Cardinal Thomas Collins, Matt Fradd and Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers for Serviam Ministries' 1st annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue while also addressing the struggles that men face.

Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets:

www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron/,
info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

The theme of the event is: **"Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend" (Proverbs 27:17).**

Topics for the day:

God, the Universe and Everything

Clothed and in His Right Mind: Reclaiming the Heart of the Spiritual Man

Taking Down Goliath (Porn)

Putting on the Armor of God: Preparing for Spiritual Combat

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Universal: That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Evangelization: That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

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 and no previous study of Sacred Scripture is necessary. 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).

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**

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

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.**

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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.

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/>

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

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. You may choose whatever time or day works for you.

<http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va>

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>

Use this for the Year of Mercy logo



Our Lady Queen of Peace Community Rosary

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



Worldwide Marriage Encounter



From the Pastor's Desk

-- *Fr. Michael*



Life Chain

