



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!!



Second Sunday of Lent

February 21, 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 address change is necessary for sending out the year's tax receipts. Call 705-741-1018.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 21

(Sharon & Norm Malloy)

10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo



MASS INTENTIONS

February 22 – February 28

MONDAY, February 22

Chair of St. Peter

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, February 23

Saint Polycarp

8:00 a.m. + Jim Sierk

(Joe & Judy Lukes)

WEDNESDAY, February 24

8:00 a.m. ~ Anne Miller

(Ironside Family)

THURSDAY, February 25

8:00 a.m. + Helen Garvey

(The Kimball Family)

FRIDAY, February 26

7:00 p.m. ~ Rita Marrocco

(The children of Rita & Nick)

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

"Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love."

(Pope John Paul II, Dominicæ Canae)

6:30 p.m. Way of the Cross

SATURDAY, February 27

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

(Family)

SUNDAY, February 28

Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. + Clarence Kartes

(Rick & Valerie Stankiewicz)

9:00 a.m. + Nancy Louise Neary

Reflection

"Every Lent, Jesus wants to lead us up the mountain on a journey of faith. He spoke to Moses and Elijah about his "exodus", ... his Passover through death into life, the Passover he had indicated to his apostles, that he would be betrayed, tortured, and crucified, and on the third day rise from the dead, and that they too would have to deny themselves, pick up their cross each day and follow him. It's easier for us to accept, at least with regard to Jesus, but so many of us still resist the second part, that we need to follow Jesus up Calvary, that we need to be crucified in order to live, that we need to lose our life to save it, to fall to the ground like a grain of wheat in order to bear any fruit.

St. Paul says in today's second reading that many conduct themselves as "enemies of the Cross of Christ" by focusing on their bellies and physical pleasures; we're called, on the other hand, to be friends of the Cross of Christ. That's why the Church, after reminding us of these truths at the beginning of Lent, has us accompany Jesus to Mt. Tabor just like Peter, James and John, so that we may see Jesus' glory, focus anew on the exodus we're called to walk with him, and receive God the Father's help and instruction truly to listen to and follow his beloved Son."

Pope Benedict XVI said this:

In the Transfiguration, as in baptism, we hear the voice of the Heavenly Father, "This is my Son, the Chosen One listen to him" (9:35). The presence of Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, is highly significant: the whole history of the Alliance is focused on Him, the Christ, who accomplishes a new "exodus" (9:31), not to the promised land as in the time of Moses, but to Heaven. Peter's words: "Master, it is good that we are here" (9:33) represents the impossible attempt to stop this mystical experience.

We can draw a very important lesson from meditating on this passage of the Gospel. First, the primacy of prayer, without which all the work of the apostolate and of charity is reduced to activism. In Lent we learn to give proper time to prayer, both personal and communal, which gives breathe to our spiritual life." <http://catholicpreaching.com>

Third Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2016

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Colleen Petersen

Rose Rabishaw

Marg Caley

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Gladys Fowler

Mary Pat Goodridge

Al & Valerie Collicutt

10:30 a.m.

Bud Monahan

Rose Wornoff

Jackie Bolin

Give drink to the thirsty.



Feb 14: Env. \$1061.25+ Loose \$143.75 + P.A.P. \$470.00
 = \$1675.00 Fuel: \$5.00 St. Vincent de
 Paul: \$5.00

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The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of inestimable value for the life

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of the Church. The presence of Christ under the sacred species reserved after Mass – a presence which lasts as long as the species of bread and of wine remain ⁴⁵ – derives from the celebration of the sacrifice and is directed towards communion, both sacramental and spiritual.⁴⁶

It is pleasant to spend time with him, to lie close to his breast like the Beloved Disciple (cf. *Jn* 13:25) and to feel the infinite love present in his heart. If in our time Christians must be distinguished above all by the “art of prayer”,⁴⁸ how can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual converse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament? How often, dear brother and sisters, have I experienced this, and drawn from it strength, consolation and support!

This practice, repeatedly praised and recommended by the Magisterium,⁴⁹ is supported by the example of many saints. Particularly outstanding in this regard was Saint Alphonsus Liguori, who wrote: “**Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us**”.⁵⁰ The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace. Encyclical Letter, St. Pope John Paul II, April 17, 2003

There will be a 24 hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 a.m. on March 5th to 9:00 a.m. on March 6th. A sign up sheet has been placed at the back of the church. All are encouraged to participate in this worship.

Knights of Columbus News



The Knights would like to thank everyone for their help and support of the spaghetti dinner and Card party.

If you are interested in going to the **Priest Appreciation Dinner on April 15th**, tickets are limited (20 Tickets) and are available now at a cost of 20.00 each. The dinner is being hosted by Ennismore this year. Contact Grand Knight, Pete Clancy for tickets at 705-748-3075.

The next Knight's meeting will be March 8. Thank you

Catholic Women's League



The next CWL meeting will be on March 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the hall immediately following the 6:30 Mass.

Ignite Young Adult Group will meet for Theology on Tap on **Friday, February 26th** at **Champs Sports Bar at 7p.m.**



The speaker will be Dr. Robin Lathanque and he will be

addressing the topic of **'Religion and Violence'**.

This is open to anyone 19 years of age and over.

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.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer service is written by the women of Cuba and the theme is

'Receive children, Receive me'.

Everyone is invited to attend. We are hoping that attendance will be better this year than previously. Please join us in prayer on **Fri., March 4th at 1:30 p.m.**

at Our Lady of the Assumption

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

Development and Peace is pleased to welcome Ary Regis, a radio announcer from Haiti, who broadcasts in Haiti for the SAKS Foundation. This organization, which is one of D&P's partners, delivers community radio to Haitians who do not have access to newspapers, public television, or internet, including those affected by the 2010 earthquake. SAKS also provides training for youth and adults in communication and journalism techniques.

Please join us to hear Ary's story. **Mar. 5th at Immaculate**

Conception from 7-8:30 p.m.

The Peterborough and District Italian Club is once again offering an Easter Bus Trip to Toronto. Leaving from Canadian Tire Chemong Rd parking lot at 8 A.M. sharp on Mar. 19. Experience the Italian specialities that St. Clair Ave. has to offer: unique gifts, Italian pastries, restaurants, Italian cheeses, shopping at the designer outlet stores and finally, Scarborough Town Centre. The Bus leaves Scarborough Town Centre at 6 p.m. arriving in Peterborough at 7:30 p.m. Members \$35 non-members \$40. Contact Maria or Gaspare Andreoli at 705.748.0110.

2016 Lift Jesus Higher Rally



Sat. Mar. 5 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Metro Convention Centre. Tickets available at 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360. Adults are \$20 & youth are \$15.

2016 Lift Jesus Higher Rally



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Be inspired, encouraged and healed:

Lift Jesus Higher Rally

Sat, Mar. 5, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Metro Toronto Convention Centre,
Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields,

Peter Herbeck and guest speaker Deacon Larry Oney. High Mass 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 youth \$15. Call 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360.

Email: info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.org, visit:

www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org

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>

Telecare Distress Centre of Peterborough is looking for caring, empathetic listeners. Volunteer training begins

Wed., Mar. 2nd 7:00 to 9:30pm at Trinity United Church, 360 Reid St. Peterborough. Training runs a variety of days through to the end of November. (50 hours total).

Cost is \$50. Training aims to develop listening skills and increase awareness of local social, emotional and psychological needs and resources. This course is open

to potential volunteers and others interested in empathetic listening. For more detailed schedule information and to register email

info@telecarepeterborough.org, go to

www.telecarepeterborough.org and check us on Facebook or call 705-745-2273.

Immaculate Conception Parish

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.

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH



Thurs. March 10: 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

READINGS:

Third Sunday of Lent February 28

1st Reading: Exodus 3: 1 - 8, 13 - 15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 6, 10 - 12

Gospel: Luke 13: 1 - 9

Diocesan Prayer Corner

Let us pray for the people and clergy of Immaculate Conception 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.

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.

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



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

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).

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

EASTER EGGS

SOLID BELGIAN CHOCOLATE EGGS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH, AFTER SUNDAY MASSES (BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 5/6 FOR ANYONE WHO WISHES TO PURCHASE THEM. BECAUSE OF THE LOW CANADIAN DOLLAR AND HIGHER SHIPPING COSTS, THE COST OF THE EGGS HAVE GONE UP. EGGS WILL NOW SELL FOR \$4 EACH OR 2 FOR \$6. PROCEEDS WILL GO THE SUPPORT THE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE PROGRAMS.

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).

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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Sacred Heart Church is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Muffin Party on March 17th from 9:30 to 11: 30 a.m. You will be treated to a variety of delicious homemade muffins, jams and marmalade with your tea and coffee. There will also be a Bake Table as well as a New to you Table. Tickets are \$3 per person and will be available at the door or by calling Jan at 705-868-6307.

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

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>

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.

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.

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.



Workwide/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.



<http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va>

Use this for the Year of Mercy logo

Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Saviour who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the "King of Glory," respectful silence in the presence of the "ever greater" God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications.



—Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2628

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For a growing love of God's little ones,
in the womb, in the nursing home or at death's door:
That we might love with the love of Jesus;
We pray to the Lord: