



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!!

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.



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17, 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

July 18 – July 24

MONDAY, July 18
St. Camillus de Lellis
St. Hedwig of Poland
 8:00 a.m. + Sr. Margaret Eckert
 (Mike & Noreen Malloy)

TUESDAY, July 19
St. Arsenius
 6:30 p.m. + Nick Marrocco
 (The Family)

WEDNESDAY, July 20
St. Elias & St. Apollinaris
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

THURSDAY, July 21
St. Lawrence of Brindisi
 8:00 a.m. + Fr. Bernard Heffernan
 (Parishioner)

FRIDAY, July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
 6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 p.m. ~ Ruth Marrocco
 (The Family)

SATURDAY, July 23
St. Bridget of Sweden
 8:00 a.m. ~ Loretta Marrocco
 (The Family)

SUNDAY, July 24
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Deceased members of the Briesbois & Rabishaw Families
 (Ed & Rose Rabishaw)
 9:00 a.m. + Jim Lonergan
 (Kievan & Joyce Lonergan)
 10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

St. John Chrysostom on the Precious Blood of Jesus

If we wish to understand the power of Christ's blood, we should go back to the ancient account of its prefiguration in Egypt. "Sacrifice a lamb without blemish", commanded Moses, "and sprinkle its blood on your doors". If we were to ask him what he meant, and how the blood of an irrational beast

could possibly save men endowed with reason, his answer would be that the saving power lies not in the blood itself, but in the fact that it is a sign of the Lord's blood. In those days, when the destroying angel saw the blood on the doors he did not dare to enter, so how much less will the devil approach now when he sees, not that figurative blood on the doors, but the true blood on the lips of believers, the doors of the temple of Christ.



If you desire further proof of the power of this blood, remember where it came from, how it ran down from the cross, flowing from the Master's side. The gospel records that when Christ was dead, but still hung on the cross, a soldier came and pierced his side with a lance and immediately there poured out water and blood. Now the water was a symbol of baptism and the blood, of the holy Eucharist. The soldier pierced the Lord's side, he breached the wall of the sacred temple, and I have found the treasure and made it my own. So also with the lamb: the Jews sacrificed the victim and I have been saved by it.

"There flowed from his side water and blood". Beloved, do not pass over this mystery without thought; it has yet another hidden meaning, which I will explain to you. I said that water and blood symbolized baptism and the holy Eucharist. From these two sacraments the Church is born: from baptism, "the cleansing water that gives rebirth and renewal through the Holy Spirit", and from the holy Eucharist. Since the symbols of baptism and the Eucharist flowed from his side, it was from his side that Christ fashioned the Church, as he had fashioned Eve from the side of Adam. Moses gives a hint of this when he tells the story of the first man and makes him exclaim: "Bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh!" As God then took a rib from Adam's side to fashion a woman, so Christ has given us blood and water from his side to fashion the Church. God took the rib when Adam was in a deep sleep, and in the same way Christ gave us the blood and the water after his own death.

Do you understand, then, how Christ has united his bride to himself and what food he gives us all to eat? By one and the same food we are both brought into being and nourished. As a woman nourishes her child with her own blood and milk, so does Christ unceasingly nourish with his own blood those to whom he himself has given life. <http://www.lovecrucified.com>

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2016

LAY MINISTRY	Eucharistic	Lector	Gift Bearers
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Judy Pinto	Emmanuel Pinto	Paul & Catherine Kelly
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Joanne Bolton	Gladys Fowler	Dorothy O'Brien & Joanne Walker

Catholic Women's League

The CWL of Assumption/ St. John's is offering **two bursaries to assist high school graduates.**

This award will be granted to one boy and one girl from the Parish planning to continue their education at a post-secondary institution. Application forms are at the back of the churches. If you qualify, please pick one up, complete and submit as directed on form. **Deadline is July 31.** Questions? Contact Diane Creeden at 742-9625.

Offertory

July 10: Env.: \$1434.50 + Loose: \$297.50 = \$1732.00
St. Vincent de Paul: \$33.00 Fuel: \$43.00 JP II House: \$75.00

Parish supper

Our Beef & Pork Parish Supper is scheduled for **Saturday, September 24.** Please set aside the day so you can enjoy a great meal and great company!



Reporting to the Pastor, the Lay Pastoral Assistant

helps in planning, preparing for, and carrying out specific functions as specified by the Pastor. These functions may be, but are not limited to, preparation for Baptisms, Confirmation, Children's Ministry, Weddings, Funerals, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and promotes the mission of the parish to evangelize current active parishioners, inactive Catholics and all searchers and seekers of the Catholic Faith. Candidate needs to be an active and knowledgeable Roman Catholic. Willing to work flexible hours and weekends, possessing a valid driver's license and having access to a reliable car are essential. Those wishing to be considered should submit their resume and cover letter to:

fr.jtavares@stalphonsus.net. A detailed job description is available by contacting the Pastor. Deadline for receipt of applications is **Friday, July 22, 2016.** We thank all applicants, however, only respondents selected for an interview will be contacted.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Hastings

A Time of Great Grace parish mission July 19th & 20th

The mission will be preached by Fr. Dominic Borg who is Discalced Carmelite Friar, O.C.D.

July 19th - 6:00 pm Mass; 6:30 pm Pot-Luck Supper;



7:30 - 9:00 pm Mission Talk

July 20th - 6:30 pm Mass;

7:00 - 9:00 pm Mission Talk (snack provided)

Cat. Chat Vacation Bible School for children ages 4 - 11 from August 15 - 19 from 9:00 a.m. to noon daily. Cost \$25 per child or family of three or more, \$60 for the week. Registration deadline is July 17 and forms are at the back of the church. Contact Val Collicutt at 748-5237, Sylvia O'Rourke 743-8968 or Mary Pat Goodridge at 740-9280. **A Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments.**



Please note that the parish office will be closed this week on Monday and Tuesday but will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wed, Thurs and Fri.

"Our Annual Giant Yard Sale" ~ August 27th starting at 7:30am. Hosted by Immaculate Conception Parish 386 Rogers St. - In our church parking lot. The Yard Sale is our major fundraiser. So check your cupboards, your basement and your garages for all those treasures you can live without. Someone will love them!! You can drop off your treasures now! Our transport truck is now in our parking lot. Let's fill it up!! For more info.. please call our office @ 742 5466.

Mary Magdalene was part of the group of Jesus' disciples, she accompanied Him to the foot of the Cross and, in the garden where she met Him at the tomb, was the first "witness of Divine Mercy". The Gospel of John tells us that Mary Magdalene wept because she could not find the body of the Lord, and that Jesus had mercy on her by letting Himself be known as her Master, thus transforming her tears into paschal joy.

On the one hand, Mary Magdalene has the honour to be the first witness of the Lord's resurrection, the first who saw the empty tomb and the first to hear the truth about his resurrection. Christ showed special consideration and mercy to this woman who showed her love for Christ by seeking Him in His anguish and suffering in the garden. In this way, it is possible to highlight the contrast between the woman present in the garden of paradise and the woman present in the garden of the resurrection. The first spread death where there was life; the second announced life from a sepulchre, the place of death. Yet, there is more, as we see precisely in the garden of the resurrection where the Lord says to Mary, "Do not cling to Me". This is an invitation to enter into an experience of faith that goes beyond materialistic assumptions and the human grasping after the divine Mystery which is not simply addressed to Mary but to the entire Church. This is an important lesson for every disciple of Jesus to neither seek human securities nor the vainglory of this world, but in faith to seek the living and risen Christ!

On the other hand, precisely because she was an eyewitness to the risen Christ, she was also the first one to bear witness to Him before the Apostles. Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples "I have seen the Lord". Thus she becomes an evangelist, that is a messenger who announces the Good News of the Lord's resurrection. As St. Thomas Aquinas says she becomes the "apostolorum apostola" because she announces to the apostles what in turn they will announce to the whole world. She is known as the "**Apostle of the Apostles**". Mary Magdalene is an example and model for all women in the Church. **Her feast day is July 22.**

(Arthur Roche, Archbishop Secretary of the Congregation for Divine worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments)

PRAYER TO SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Saint Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus,

thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love.

You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that some day I may share in the same everlasting joy. Amen.

Living Mercy: A Pilgrimage Retreat for Young Adults
Fri., Aug. 26, 4:30 p.m. to Sun., Aug. 28, 1:30pm
Hamilton home of the Sisters of St. Joseph

In this Year of Mercy, Faith Connections and the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to join other young adults (**men and women, 18-39**) as we explore how to live the call to mercy in prayer, practice, passion, and promise. Cost: \$150, including meals/accommodation, \$65 if you do not require accommodation. **If cost is a concern please contact us.** Carpooling available. For more information, contact Mary Helen Moes [705-876-1710](tel:705-876-1710) or visit www.faithconnections.ca

St. Joseph's Douro Cemetery Board invites you to attend the **ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS** on *Monday, August 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Cemetery.*

All are welcome as we prayerfully remember our departed loved ones and the pioneers who worked and prayed to establish both St. Joseph's Parish and our Diocese. (*Inclement weather Mass will be celebrated in the Church*). A special collection will be taken to be used towards cemetery upkeep. **Please bring a lawn chair.**

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. *We need cleaners for August to December.*



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.

READINGS:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24

1st Reading: Genesis 18: 20 – 32

2nd Reading: Colossians 2: 12 – 14

Gospel: Luke 11: 1 – 13

Holy Father's Intentions: July

Universal: Human Solidarity

That indigenous peoples, whose identity and very existence are threatened, will be shown due respect.

Evangelization: Seminarians and Novices

That the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of her mission to the continent, may announce the Gospel with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.

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

Pilgrimage to Shrine of St. Ann in Cormac:

Plan to attend the 78th annual pilgrimage to the Shrine in Cormac on **Sunday, July 31st**, with Bishop Michael Mulhall and Father Howard Chabot. The theme of the pilgrimage will be "**With the Lord there is Mercy.**"

The Principal Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am, with Bishop Mulhall presiding, and a Mass of healing will be celebrated at 2:00 pm. Local priests will be assisting with the anointing with St. Anne's oil. Religious articles, St. Ann's Mass League memberships, and food and refreshments will be available. Everyone welcome! For further information, please see www.cormacpilgrimage.com.

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>

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/>

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

Legion of Mary

We are looking for people to join the Legion of Mary. As you know, we are living in a foggy world. With the love of our Blessed Mother you will bring the sunshine and joy of Christ to many people. If interested contact Jack Cerveny 742-9839 or Marilyn Mitchell 745-52505

Our Lady Queen of Peace Community Rosary



Monday, at 6:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart, Peterborough
Join us for coffee/tea/treats after Rosary
Everyone is welcome to attend.

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

Thurs. July 14: 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

Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises us to Heaven. (St. Ephrem)

What is Prayer?

1. Prayer means standing before God and raising up our mind and heart to him with reverent attention and devotion.
2. Prayer is the devout offering of our entire self in the Holy Spirit to the Father through Jesus Christ.

RELATED ARTICLES

To answer the question "What is prayer," we must realize that our search leads, not to an activity, but to a way of being. Prayer is less a function and more a disposition. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) tells us, prayer is "a vital and personal relationship with the living

God ... the living relationship of the children of God with their Father" (2558, 2565).

To understand the meaning of prayer, we must first believe that God exists, and that he is a personal being, a person who can be addressed and who responds. We must believe that God knows us, cares for us and loves us – even more than we love ourselves.

In fact, some describe prayer as "talking and listening with God." Others call it "love letters" to God. Since prayer engages and expresses our relationship with God, the essence of prayer is communication. For the way that persons in love deepen their bond of charity with each other is through the sharing of their interior lives in an authentic and generous exchange of words, gestures, and feelings. The conversation of prayer deepens our intimacy with God by drawing us into the communication with him that leads to ultimate communion. In the process, prayer conforms us to the Lord we love so that, as Saint Teresa of Avila says, "the will becomes united in some way with the will of God."

Prayer takes five basic forms:

Adoration exalts the greatness of God, the Creator and Sustainer, in the spirit of humility and homage. The gracious generosity of God compels us to bless the One who remains the source of every blessing in our life. The prayer of petition acknowledges our dependence on God the Father, especially as it prompts us to turn back to him in a spirit of repentance and contrition, asking for forgiveness.

Through the prayer of intercession we entrust ourselves to God's mercy, especially by placing before the Father the concerns of others in need.

The prayer of thanksgiving gives voice to the gratitude that befits every mature and honest person, especially as it calls to mind the redeeming deeds of Jesus that save us and set us free.

Finally, as the Catechism explains, the prayer of praise "lauds God for his own sake and gives him glory, quite beyond what he does, but simply because he is" (2639). In short, these five different forms of prayer enable us to love God for what he has created, to love God for his compassionate mercy, to love God for his presence and assistance in our lives, to love God for his redemptive tenderness, and to love God for himself.

This article is excerpted from the booklet [A Life of Prayer: A Guide for Men](#) by Father John Peter Cameron, O.P.

Vocations Workshop with Rhonda Gruenewald

Join us Sunday September 25th, 2016 for a workshop featuring Rhonda Gruenewald, author of 'Hundredfold: A Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry.' Rhonda will be joining us from Houston, Texas, where she has been working for many years to promote Vocations at a parish level. Rhonda is coming to help inspire and encourage the Parish Vocation Teams that are working in the Diocese of Peterborough. The workshop will be from 9:30AM to 3PM at the Bishop Doyle Hall across from the Cathedral Church in Peterborough and all are welcome. Email Father John if you are interested! To learn more about Rhonda's work,



visit www.vocationministry.com



Worldwide Movings Encounters



From the Pastor's Desk

■ *Fr. Michael*



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