



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.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 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 25 – July 31

MONDAY, July 25
St. James
Sts. Philip Evans & John Lloyd
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention
 (Family)

TUESDAY, July 26
St. Anne & St. Joachim
 8:00 a.m. ~ Donald Graham
 (Marrocco Family)

WEDNESDAY, July 27
St. Celestine I
 8:00 a.m. ~ Emma Ironside
 (Ironside Family)

THURSDAY, July 28
Sts. Nazarius & Celsus
St. Vladimir the Great
 8:00 a.m. + Don Keating
 (Helen O'Connell)

FRIDAY, July 29
St. Martha
 6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 p.m. + Allen Doll
 (Hank & Claudette Vanderploeg)

SATURDAY, July 30
St. Peter Chrysologus
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

SUNDAY, July 31
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Frank Pecoskie
 (Kay Gravelle)
 9:00 a.m. + Barbara McLean
 (Kievan & Joyce Lonergan)
 10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

course, of prayer that comes from the heart and not from routine: not the prayer that is assigned to particular days or particular moments in time, but the prayer that happens continuously by day and by night.

The soul should be quick to turn to God not only at times of formal prayers. Whatever we are engaged in, whether it is care for the poor, or some other duty, or some act of generosity, we should remember God and long for God. The love of God will be as salt is to food, making our actions into a perfect dish to set before the



St. John Chrysostom

Lord of all things. Then it is right that we should receive the fruits of our labours, overflowing onto us through all eternity, if we have been offering them to Him throughout our lives.

Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, a mediator between God and men. Prayer lifts the soul into the heavens where it hugs God in an indescribable embrace. The soul seeks the milk of God like a baby crying for the breast. It fulfills its own vows and receives in exchange gifts better than anything that can be seen or imagined in nature.

Prayer stands before God as an honoured ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit and peace to the heart. I warn you, though: do not imagine that prayer is mere words. Prayer is the desire for God, an indescribable devotion, not given by man but brought about by God's grace. As Saint Paul says: *For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit Himself intercedes on our behalf in a way that could never be put into words.*

When God gives to someone the gift of such prayer, it is a gift of imperishable riches, a heavenly food that satisfies the spirit. Whoever tastes that food catches fire and his soul burns forever with desire for the Lord.

To begin on this path, start by adorning your house with modesty and humility. Make it shine brightly with the light of justice. Decorate it with the gold leaf of good works, with the jewels of faithfulness and greatness of heart. Finally, to make the house perfect, crown it with a pinnacle of prayer. Thus you will have prepared a pure and sparkling house for the Lord. Receive the Lord into this royal and splendid dwelling—in other words: receive, by His grace, His image into the temple of your soul.

—Saint John Chrysostom, bishop

Prayer is the light of the soul



The highest good is prayer and conversation with God, because it means that we are in God's company and in union with him. When light enters our bodily eyes our eyesight is sharpened; when a soul is intent on

God, God's inextinguishable light shines into it and makes it bright and clear. I am talking, of

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July 31, 2016

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Rose Rabishaw

Gladys Fowler

Cesare & Anne Mauro

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Mike Malloy

Noreen Malloy

Bob & Betty Brown

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 17: Env.: \$1476.00 + Loose: \$319.00 +
P.A.P.: \$470.00 = \$2265.00 St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00
Fuel: \$30.00 JP II House: \$25.00

Parish Supper

There will be a Parish Supper organizing meeting on **Wednesday July 27th at 7 p.m.** in the Parish hall. All are welcome and your input is welcome. Any questions contact Patrick Pinto at 743-1984.

Walking Pilgrimage from Lindsay to Martyrs' Shrine, Midland ...

Walk in the footsteps of the martyrs and pioneers of the Faith in Canada: **August 7 to 13!** We cover 125 km in 5 days and conclude with Holy Mass at the Shrine. Mass will also be celebrated at St Ignace II, the site of the martyrdoms of Ss. Jean de Brebuef and Gabriel Lalemant. There will be daily Mass, Rosary, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information and to register, please contact Fr Eric Mason at fatherericmason@gmail.com or 705 324 4828. We have a limit of 16 pilgrims and spaces are filling up quickly.

Courses at Sacred Heart College

Please visit our website www.shofp.ca or call Sr. Krolowa 705 745 5549 for info regarding:
- courses schedule
- awards and bursary information
- residence application
- the continuing education course on The Church's Best Kept Secret: The Tradition of Catholic Social Justice

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.*



The future of humanity, as Saint John Paul II often said, passes through the family. The future passes through the family. So protect your families! Protect your families! See in them your country's greatest treasure and nourish them

always by prayer and the grace of the sacraments.
– Pope Francis

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.

The Joy of Evangelizing by Bishop R. Barron

Christianity is grounded in what its earliest proponents called "good news." There is, therefore, something permanently fresh, startling, and urgent about the Christian faith. It is not a bland spirituality or generic philosophy; it is news about something amazing and unprecedented, namely, that a carpenter from Nazareth, who declared Himself the Son of God, has been raised from the dead. This is why there is a "grab you by the lapels" quality about the early Christian witness: the authors of the New Testament are not trading in generalities and abstract principles; they are telling the world about a revolution, an earthquake, an emergency. Jesus is risen from the dead, and therefore He is the king. And because He is the king, your whole life has to be rearranged around Him.

This evangelical urgency, which Pope Francis gets in his bones, is the leitmotif of the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel). He knows that Catholicism should lead today as it led two thousand years ago, with the stunning news that Jesus Christ is the Lord, and the joy of that proclamation should be as evident now as it was then. The Pope helpfully draws our attention to some of the countless references to joy in the pages of the New Testament: "Rejoice!" is the angel's greeting to Mary; in her Magnificat, the Mother of God exults, "My spirit rejoices in God my saviour;" as a summation of His message and ministry, Jesus declares to His disciples, "I have said these things to you so that My joy may be in you and your joy may be complete;" in the Acts of the Apostles, we are told that "wherever the disciples went there was great joy." The Pope concludes with a wonderfully understated rhetorical question: "Why should we not also enter into this great stream of joy?" Why not indeed?

Once this basic truth is understood, the rest of the church's life tends to fall more correctly into place. A church filled with the joy of the resurrection becomes a band of "missionary disciples," going out to the world with the good news.

LIFE CHAIN

The twenty-sixth annual **Life Chain in Canada** is scheduled for **Sunday, October 2, 2016**. Each year at over 200 locations across the country, thousands of Canadians line the sidewalks in an effort to remind people of the injustice abortion enacts on the child in the womb. They peacefully and silently hold non-graphic signs with slogans like "Abortion kills Children."

We will be meeting at the parking lot at the corner of Lansdowne St. and Monaghan St. at 2:00 p.m. Hope to see everybody there!

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:

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1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21 – 23

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1 – 5, 9 – 11

Gospel: Luke 12: 13 – 21

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

"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.

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>



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

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/>

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 lifelong 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.

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. August 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

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

"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.



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.

From the Pastor’s Desk

■ *Fr. Michael*

The Season of Lent



Life Chain

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



Workshops/Meetings/Encounters