



# Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish

· 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 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!!



*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

*March 6, 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.



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
March 7 – March 13

**MONDAY, March 7**  
*Saints Perpetua & Felicity*  
8:00 a.m. ~ For blessings on the  
Order of the Servants of the  
Holy Name of Jesus

**TUESDAY, March 8**  
*Saint John of God*  
6:30 p.m. + Eleonora Mayer

(Marrocco Family)

**WEDNESDAY, March 9**  
*Saint Frances of Rome*  
8:00 a.m. ~ For the living & deceased members of the  
Malloy Families

(Mike & Noreen Malloy)

**THURSDAY, March 10**  
9:00 a.m. ~ *Mass at St. Patrick Catholic School*

**FRIDAY, March 11**  
7:00 p.m. ~ Rita Marrocco  
(Andrea, Dominic & Maria)

6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
"Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love."  
(Pope John Paul II, Dominicae Canae)  
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross



**SATURDAY, March 12**  
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

**SUNDAY, March 13**  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
5:00 p.m. + Mary Shaughnessy  
(Marjorie Shaughnessy & Family)  
9:00 a.m. + Madeline Keating  
(Terry & Teresa Keating)  
10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

**Gospel of the Prodigal Son**



What would our culture, art and more generally our civilization be without this revelation of a God the Father so full of mercy? Above all, this Gospel text has the power of speaking to us of God, of enabling us

to know his Face and, better still, his Heart. After Jesus has told us of the merciful Father, things are no longer as they were before. We now know God; he is our Father who out of love created us to be free and endowed us with a conscience, who suffers when we get lost and rejoices when we return. For this reason, our relationship with him is built up through events, just as it happens for every child with his parents: at first he depends on them, then he asserts his autonomy; and, in the end if he develops well he reaches a mature relationship based on gratitude and authentic love. In these stages we can also identify moments along man's journey in his relationship with God. There can be a phase that resembles childhood: religion prompted by need, by dependence. As man grows up and becomes emancipated, he wants to liberate himself from this submission and become free and adult, able to organize himself and make his own decisions, even thinking he can do without God. Precisely this stage is delicate and can lead to atheism, yet even this frequently conceals the need to discover God's true Face. Fortunately for us, God never fails in his faithfulness and even if we distance ourselves and get lost he continues to follow us with his love, forgiving our errors and speaking to our conscience from within in order to call us back to him. In this parable the sons behave in opposite ways: the younger son leaves home and sinks ever lower whereas the elder son stays at home, but he too has an immature relationship with the Father. In fact, when his brother comes back, the elder brother does not rejoice like the Father; on the contrary he becomes angry and refuses to enter the house. The two sons represent two immature ways of relating to God: rebellion and childish obedience. Both these forms are surmounted through the experience of mercy. Only by experiencing forgiveness, by recognizing one is loved with a freely given love a love greater than our wretchedness but also than our own merit do we at last enter into a truly filial and free relationship with God.

Benedict XVI March 14, 2010

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**March 13, 2016**

LAY MINISTRY  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Eucharistic  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Joanne Bolton  
10:30 a.m. Bob O'Brien  
Bud Monahan

Lector  
Helen Vozza  
Bob Holland  
Peter Doris

Gift Bearers  
Leon & Trish Dorff  
Dolly Kylie & Family  
Henrietta Duff

**Shelter the homeless**

**Mother/daughter Lenten Retreat: (age 9 - 13) March 18/19**  
At VEYO \$25.00, call or email for details. 705-745-5461

[familyministries@peterboroughdiocese.org](mailto:familyministries@peterboroughdiocese.org)

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Confession will be available on March 17 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption. Fr. Bill Moloney, Fr. Peter Seabrooke and Fr. Joseph Devereaux will be present for the first hour and after that, it would be Fr. Michael only.

### Knights of Columbus News



If you are interested in going to the **Priest Appreciation Dinner on April 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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 CWL meeting has been rescheduled for **Tues, March 8<sup>th</sup>** in Our Lady of the Assumption church after the 6:30 Mass.

We will lead the **Stations of the Cross** on Friday, **March 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m.

The 95th Catholic Women's League Diocesan Convention will be held on **April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** at St. Mary's School in Lindsay. Registration will be paid by our League and ladies will be responsible for meal fees.

Justice Lisa Marion Cameron will be speaking on youth justice in Ontario. Colleen Randall will address Mental Health in the Workplace. Contact Anna Marie at 742-8249 for more information or if you wish to attend. Registration deadline is **March 25<sup>th</sup>**.

### CogecoTV Interview with The Most Rev. McGrattan

Focus On The Kawarthas on CogecoTV will feature an interview with His Excellency, The Most Rev. William McGrattan. **March 08 at 7pm & 11pm**

### Serviam Ministries

On **March 19<sup>th</sup>** attend the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. For Info:

[www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron/](http://www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron/),  
[info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070.

### Our Lady Queen of Peace Community Rosary Monday, March 14

Rosary begins at 6:30 pm  
Sacred Heart. Join us for  
coffee/tea/treats after Rosary.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



### ST. PATRICK'S DAY MUFFIN PARTY

Sacred Heart Church on **Thurs, March 17<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Admission \$3.00/person and includes a variety of fresh homemade muffins, jams and marmalade.



tea and coffee. Also a bake table and a "New to you" table. "Don't forget to wear green!"

### Share Lent Collection

Next Sunday is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent and there will be a Share Lent collection. The proceeds for this will go to either "Other Charities" or "Development and Peace".

Please indicate on your envelope which charity you wish to support.

### Legion of Mary

We invite all active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary to our annual function, the Acies, to renew our consecration to Mary. The ceremony will be celebrated with Holy Mass on **Sun, March 18** at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. A social sponsored by the Legion of Mary, will follow at Bishop Doyle Hall, directly across the street from the front door of the Church. All are welcome.

### EASTER EGGS

Solid Belgian Chocolate eggs will be available at the door of the Church, after Sunday Masses for anyone who wishes to purchase them. Because of the low Canadian dollar and higher shipping costs, the cost has gone up. Eggs will now sell for \$4 each or 2 for \$6. **Proceeds will go the support the Respect Life Office Programs.**



### 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](mailto:osmfoodcupboard@nexicom.net) or 295-6952

### COLF Response to the Report of the Special Joint Committee on Physician-Assisted Dying URGENT

The report issued by the Special Joint Committee of the Government of Canada, entitled *Medical Assistance in Dying: A Patient-Centred Approach*, can only be described as alarming. If it is adopted, Canada will have earned the very sad distinction of having **the most liberal euthanasia and assisted-suicide law in the world.**

Apart from advocating that some among us be empowered to take the lives of others – even the lives of children and people living with mental illness—the Committee recommends the publicly-funded imposition of a philosophy of life and death which many rightly find abhorrent; with even explicitly religious hospitals being forced to comply.

The experience of countries where euthanasia and assisted suicide are currently legal has shown that the "right" to so called "medical aid in dying" can very quickly turn into an obligation to die. What can we anticipate in Canada's provincial health care systems faced with rapidly aging populations and entirely dependent on a shrinking tax base?

Now is our last chance to bring pressure to bear on this critical issue. As disciples of Christ we must keep fighting to defend human life and dignity. As Pope Francis reminds us, "**Jesus would never ask us to be assassins; he calls us to be disciples. He would never send us to die. He invites us to life**". Make your voice heard now! If you care about the future of safe healthcare in Canada, **contact your Member of Parliament! Read Medical Assistance in Dying: A Patient-Centred Approach** –



**the report issued by the Special Joint Committee and the Pastoral statement of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.** [www.colf.ca](http://www.colf.ca)

**OFFERTORY:** Feb 21: Env. \$1405.25+ Loose \$230.75+ P.A.P. \$550.00 = \$2186.00 Fuel: \$25.00  
St. Vincent de Paul: \$174.00  
Development & Peace \$80.00 Lenten Charities \$25.00  
*Thank you for your generosity*

### Lunchtime Alpha

"Does God exist?" Ask anything about life, faith and God. Alpha is for everyone. **Join us for Lunchtime Alpha on Thursdays from noon to 2pm 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](http://www.peterboroughalpha.com) or [alpha@stalphonsus.net](mailto:alpha@stalphonsus.net)

The Peterborough Canadian Irish Club is hosting its annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Sat, Mar. 12, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. at the Parkway Banquet Hall, Peterborough. Live music by Brendan Sheridan and Jim Calder at 5:30 following by a dance at 8:30 p.m. to the music of the Roy Boyz. Tickets are \$25.00 for light dinner and dance. \$15.00 for dance only. Call Shelley Ryan at 742-0987 for your tickets. 

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.

### READINGS:

**Fifth Sunday of Lent March 13**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 43: 16 –21

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 3: 8 –14

Gospel: John 8: 1 – 11

### Diocesan Prayer Corner

Let us pray for the people and clergy of St. Joseph Parish in Douro, 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

**March**

**Universal: Families in Difficulty**

That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

**Evangelization: Persecuted Christians**

That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://www.embracingmercy.peterboroughdiocese.org)

Contact: Robyn Hennighan 705-745-5461

[familyministries@peterboroughdiocese.org](mailto:familyministries@peterboroughdiocese.org)

### 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**

Check out the latest 'Fisher of Men' video from the Vocations Office! Visit [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and type in 'Fisher of Men Episode 3.' Subscribe to our channel and share the video with your friends and family!

### 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

### 31<sup>st</sup> 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.**

### FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH



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& 4 - 6 p.m.**

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### Sacred Heart Church is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Muffin Party on March 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org).

<http://www.stmarysrefuge.org>

In his Wednesday Audience on Feb. 19, 2014, Pope Francis made a warm and lively appeal to pilgrims to receive the **Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**. His message: "Be courageous and go to Confession."

*"Dear Brothers and Sisters: Through the Sacraments of Initiation, we receive new life in Christ. This life we carry in earthen vessels, however, and we still experience temptations, suffering, and death. Because of sin, we can even lose this new life. Jesus therefore willed that the Church continue his works of salvation for her members, in particular through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which flows from the Paschal Mystery. The forgiveness we receive is not the result of our own efforts, but is the gift of the Holy Spirit reconciling us to God and to each other. While the celebration of the Sacrament is personal, it is rooted in the community of the Church, in which the Holy Spirit is present, uniting us all in Jesus Christ. When confessing our sins then, we confess to the priest who represents not only God but also the community of the Church that accompanies us on the path of conversion... The Sacrament of Reconciliation calls us back to God, and embraces us with his infinite mercy and joy. May we allow his love to renew us as his children and to reconcile us with him, with ourselves, and with one another".*

<http://www.vatican.va>

**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/>

**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.



*Worldwide Marriage Encounter*



**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