



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!!



*Palm Sunday
March 20, 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 21 – March 27

MONDAY, March 21

No Mass at O.L.A.
7:00 p.m. **CHRISM MASS** at the Cathedral

TUESDAY, March 22

8:00 a.m. ~ Peter Marrocco
(Marrocco Family)

WEDNESDAY, March 23

8:00 a.m. ~ Joan Ironside
(Ironside Family)

THURSDAY, March 24

HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. ~ Living & deceased clergy of the Diocese of Peterborough & for vocations

FRIDAY, March 25

GOOD FRIDAY
3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross



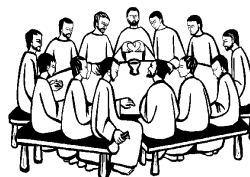
SATURDAY, March 26

HOLY SATURDAY
No Mass

SUNDAY, March 27

Easter Sunday
8:00 p.m. (Sat.) Easter Vigil ~ Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. ~ Pro Populo
10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

Mass of the Lord's Supper



Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when He established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to His arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution

of the priesthood. The holy day falls on the Thursday before Easter and is part of Holy Week. Jesus celebrated the dinner as a Passover feast. Christ would fulfil His role as the Christian victim of the Passover for all to be saved by His final sacrifice.

The Last Supper was the final meal Jesus shared with His Disciples in Jerusalem. During the meal, Jesus predicts his betrayal.

The central observance of Holy Thursday is the ritual reenactment of the Last Supper at Mass. This event is celebrated at every Mass, as part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but it is specially commemorated on Holy Thursday.

He also establishes the special priesthood for His disciples, which is distinct from the "priesthood of all believers." Christ washed the feet of His Disciples, who would become the first priests.

During the Passover meal, Jesus breaks bread and gives it to His Disciples, uttering the words, "This is My body, which is given for you." Subsequently, He passes a cup filled with wine. He then says, "This is My blood..." It is believed those who eat of Christ's Flesh and Blood shall have eternal life.

During the Mass, Catholics rightly believe, as an article of faith, that the unleavened bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through a process known as transubstantiation.

The Last Supper is celebrated daily in the Catholic Church as part of every Mass for it is through Christ's sacrifice that we have been saved.

On the night of Holy Thursday, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place where the faithful remain in the presence of the Eucharist just as the Disciples kept a vigil with Christ.

Following the Last Supper, the disciples went with Jesus to the Mount of Olives, where He would be betrayed by Judas.

<http://www.catholic.org>

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

HOLY THURSDAY Knights of Columbus

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GOOD FRIDAY Mary Pat Goodridge
Marg Caley
Valerie Collicutt

Emmanuel Pinto (1st & 2nd)
Rick Stankiewicz &
Colleen Petersen (Passion)

Al Collicutt & Peter Clancy

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday 8:00 p.m. C.W.L.

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EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Judy Lukes
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Bud Monahan

Pat Clancy
Anna Marie Bolin

Dorothy O'Brien & Joanne Walker
Bonnie & John Kuharski

Novena to the Divine Mercy



Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a *Novena to the Divine Mercy* which would begin on **Good Friday**. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena. In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her:

"On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

The different souls prayed for on each day of the novena are:

DAY 1 (Good Friday) - All mankind, especially sinners

DAY 2 (Holy Saturday) - The souls of priests and religious

DAY 3 (Easter Sunday) - All devout and faithful souls

DAY 4 (Easter Monday) - Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him

DAY 5 (Easter Tuesday) - The souls of separated brethren

DAY 6 (Easter Wednesday) - The meek and humble souls and the souls of children

DAY 7 (Easter Thursday) - The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy

DAY 8 (Easter Friday) - The souls who are detained in purgatory;

DAY 9 (Easter Saturday) - The souls who have become lukewarm.

During the Solemn Novena leading to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the day's intentions.

For the novena, please go to the website -

<https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/novena.htm>

Knights of Columbus News



The 20 Priest appreciation tickets are now sold. The Special Olympics and Arthritis tickets are available. Ask a knight and they can get you tickets for this worthwhile cause.

The Knights are having their yard sale in May so, when spring cleaning, please keep us in mind. Any questions call Grand Knight Pete Clancy at 705-748-3075.

Catholic Women's League



The 95th Catholic Women's League Diocesan Convention will be held on **April 16th & 17th** 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 25th**.

Easter Flowers/Plants

Donations of flowers would be appreciated. You can bring them to the church anytime before Easter. You may dedicate your flowers in the name of your loved ones and a Mass will be offered for them after Easter.



VISIT THE SICK

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

familyministeries@peterboroughdiocese.org



IGNITE will be volunteering at Vinnie's, St. Vincent de Paul Store, Saturday April 2nd. Please RSVP to igniteptbo@gmail.com if you can come as we have limited spots for

this event! Meet at 1:15pm at Sacred Heart (208 Romaine St.) if you need a ride OR 1:30pm at Vinnie's (799 Erskine Ave.) We will be hanging out and having snacks after volunteering! We hope that you can join us!

Days of Prayer and Fasting for Syria

- In order to mark the 5th anniversary of the war in Syria, Pax Christi International has issued a call for "Actions of Solidarity and Days of Prayer and Fasting for Syria", with a special focus for Sunday, March 20. More information on the "Global Call for Actions of Solidarity and Days of Prayer and Fasting for Syria" is available on the website <http://www.paxchristi.net/>.



UPCOMING CANONIZATIONS

The Holy Father announced the upcoming canonization of five new saints, including **Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcuta** on September 4 whose work among the "poorest of the poor" won her worldwide acclaim.

From Poland, **Blessed Stanislaus of Jesus and Mary** was a member of the Piarist Order. After leaving the Piarists, Bd Stanislaus founded the Marians of the Immaculate Conception. **Blessed Maria Elizabeth Hesselblad of Sweden**, a convert from Lutheranism, founded a new branch of Bridgettine sisters, dedicated to working and praying for the unity of Scandinavian Christians with the Church. The two northern Europeans will be canonized together on June 5, 2016.

The Holy Father also announced the canonization of **Blessed José Gabriel del Rosario**, from Argentina, known as the "gaucho priest." Like the famous Argentinian cattlemen, he travelled on a mule throughout the vast territory of his parish in order to be close to the members of his flock. He will be canonized on October 16 along with **Blessed José Luis Sánchez del Río** of Mexico. Blessed José was just fourteen-years-old when he was martyred by the Mexican government during the Cristeros War, after refusing to deny his Faith. <http://www.news.va>

OFFERTORY:**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

March 13: Env. \$1359.00+ Loose \$162.00= \$1521.00
 Development & Peace \$409.00
 Lenten Charities \$35.00

Save The Date!**CWL Spaghetti Supper**

St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish Hall

Saturday April 9th, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Adults \$12.00 Children under 10 \$5.00

Please join us to enjoy a fabulous Spaghetti Supper

Salad, Dinner Rolls, Home Made Desserts, Tea & Coffee are included.

Please invite your family and friends as this is an event they won't want to miss!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Knights of Columbus Council 12418

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Sat. April 16 by Chef Enzo

Social hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

Tickets: Adults - \$15 & Children - \$10

Heroic Catholicism

Serviam Ministeries is hosting their annual Spring event on Sat. May 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event will be held at Canada Christian College and the theme is "Heroic Catholicism". Topics will include:

Black and White – Moral Clarity in a World of Gray

Couch Potato Catholics

Five Non-Negotiables

Being Fed Lies

Catholics and The Culture War

Tim Staples and Tanya Granic Allen will host the event.

General admission - \$45, Students - \$39 and

Group rate (10 + people) \$39.

Tickets and more information:

www.serviamministeries.com/events/heroic

Spring is in the air. What better way to celebrate it than joining us at our annual Mother's Day Dinner & Dance **Saturday, April 30, 2016** at The Parkway Banquet Hall, 1135 Lansdowne St. W. You'll enjoy a full course dinner, complimentary wine, door prizes, and of course great dance music. After an evening of dancing, dessert and fruit will be served around midnight. Cocktails at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$55 per person. There are still some tickets available. Buy your tickets from John Mazziotti 705. 876.1282: Gloria Anthony – Jones 705.742.2482: Paul Malandrino 705.536.2906. A great way to show your Mother/Grandmother/Sister/Aunt/Daughter that she is the BEST!!!

Thank you

A big thank you from the OSM Food Cupboard to Our Lady of Assumption and St. John the Evangelist parishes for the ongoing support through the donation of food. As well, thank you to the CWL members from both parishes for the monetary donation towards purchasing foods on our grocery list, as well as fresh produce. Thank you for helping families in need in our community.

READINGS:

Easter Sunday March 27

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37 – 43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1 – 4

Gospel: John 20: 1 – 18

Diocesan Prayer Corner

Let us pray for the Youth of the Diocese, 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.

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**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 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**



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.**

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

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>

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.



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.

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

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.

<http://www.iubilaeumisericordiae.va>

Use this for the Year of Mercy logo



Worldwide Marriage Encounter



From the Pastor's Desk

-- *Fr. Michael*



