



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!!



Ascension of the Lord

May 8, 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
May 9– May 15

MONDAY, May 9
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention
 (Family)

TUESDAY, May 10
 6:30 p.m. + John Shine
 (Judy & Joe Lukes)

WEDNESDAY, May 11
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

THURSDAY, May 12
Saint Nereus & Saint Achilleus
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

FRIDAY, May 13
Our Lady of Fatima
 6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 p.m. + John Shine
 (Marrocco Family)

SATURDAY, May 14
Saint Matthias
 8:00 a.m. ~ Hallam Welch
 (Ironside Family)

SUNDAY, May 15
Pentecost Sunday
 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Michael O’Connell
 (Helen O’Connell)
 9:00 a.m. + Frances “Peggy” Coughlin
 (Pat Scott)
 10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

Safeguarding persons most at risk
 Bill C-14 is now before the Parliament of Canada. No matter how it may be amended, it is an affront to human dignity, an erosion of human solidarity, and a danger to all vulnerable persons -- particularly the aged, disabled, infirm and sick who so often find themselves isolated and marginalized. Moreover, it is a violation of the sacrosanct duty of healthcare providers to heal, and the responsibility of legislators and citizens to assure and provide protection for all, especially those persons most at risk. For information to share with others about the negative impact of physician-assisted suicide, visit <http://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide/4463-campaigns-against-physician-assisted-suicide>
Please use this information to write to the Minister of Justice and cc the Minister of Health and your MP. We know that original letters, phone calls or emails are the most powerful ways to reach our elected officials.



#endthekilling

March for Life
 Please consider attending the **2016 March for Life in Ottawa this Thursday, May 12.**
 Pro Life Peterborough will be running buses for \$37 a person.

The buses will be leaving St. Peter-in-Chains at 6:00 a.m. Call Bruce 652-1130 or Tom at 243-4133. If you cannot attend, please make a donation to sponsor a student or member of the clergy.

Prayer for Life
 We worship You, O Holy Spirit, and we rejoice in You. We know no matter how strong the forces of death may be, we can still find in You the endless source of life. Renew that life in each of us, and make us worthy apostles of the Culture of Life in our day! Amen.
 The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion because if a mother can kill her own child, what is left for me to kill you and you to kill me? There is nothing between.
- Mother Teresa -

Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016

LAY MINISTRY
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Joanne Bolton
 Sunday 9:00 a.m. Gladys Fowler
 10:30 a.m. Bud Monahan

Lector
 Helen Vozza
 Judy Lukes
 Peter Doris

Gift Bearers
 Patrick & Judy Pinto
 Bernard & Pat Clancy
 Dana & Brent Bidgood & Family

Offertory *Thank you for your generosity*
 May 1: Env. \$1534.00 + Loose \$228.00 + P.A.P. \$550.00
 = \$2312.00 Fuel: \$275.00
 St. Vincent de Paul: \$55.00

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
 The following is a link for a Youtube video on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This video provides a wonderful glance into the methodology of the Catechesis of the Good



Shepherd. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFnP_z7Ufyc
Knights of Columbus News



The Special Olympics and Arthritis Society tickets are available from a Knight. This is a most worthwhile cause.

Our Roses for Life will be distributed after **all the Masses** this weekend.

Monthly meeting will be **Tues. May 10** at 7pm after the Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Our Yard Sale is **May 14** so, when spring cleaning, keep us in mind. Please call me for pick up and drop off times. Leave message 705-748-3075

Hall will be open for dropping off items on Thursday May 12 from 5-7 pm.

Catholic Women's League



Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the CWL Fashion Show to benefit Hospice Peterborough.

The CWL has donated \$1000 to Hospice.

160th ANNIVERSARY

On May 25th, 1856 St. John the Evangelist Church in Keene was blessed by Bishop Phalen of Kingston. On that day, 19 members of the church received the sacrament of confirmation. St. John's was attached to several different parishes over its first 92 years and in 1948 became part of the Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. At first Masses were once a month and about 100 years ago Mass started to be celebrated each Sunday. On **Sunday, May 22, at the 10:30 Mass** we will remember the faithful who built and supported this church over the last 160 years. You are invited to join in celebrating the 160th anniversary of this First Mass.

Happy Mother's Day

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes

and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

Have a wonderful day!



THE NATIONAL WEEK FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY

Every year the Church in Canada sets aside one week as a special time for prayer and reflection on life and the family. During this year of Mercy, it is particularly appropriate that we turn our attention to the privileged role of the family as the first and most important school of mercy – the place where parents sustained by God's grace, are meant to become icons of Divine Mercy.

As followers of Christ, each of us—whatever our vocation—is called to imitate Him in His self-giving merciful love. Yet we can only give away that which we have received. It is God's will that the family be the place where we first encounter unconditional love. Nevertheless, no family is perfect! Only by cultivating an intimate relationship with Christ in prayer and the sacraments, can our weaknesses be healed and our shortcomings overcome, so that we can become the loving and merciful spouses, parents and friends that the Lord calls us to be and on which the future wellbeing of humanity depends. Pope Francis invites us, "Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth . . ."

Recent developments in our country relative to the issues of euthanasia and assisted suicide reveal the degree to which we are suffering from a "failure to love" and the very real urgency of our calling. Sadly, many of our contemporaries appear to believe that some lives are simply not worth living. It is difficult to imagine any person who feels loved and wanted drawing such a conclusion or choosing to end life prematurely. As long as we live, we can both give and receive love. Let us recall the words of Blessed Mother Teresa, "If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family."

Many ask: "What kind of a world are we bequeathing our children?" Let us rather ask: "What kind of children are we bequeathing to our world?" Reflecting on the state of our society, it is time for each of us to ask ourselves, "Have I loved well enough?" If I have failed to love as Christ bids me perhaps it is only because I have failed to draw from the transforming and merciful love that flows freely from His heart.

During this year's **Week for Life and the Family** let us turn to the Lord with confidence and ask him to make our homes and families schools of His merciful love. Let us not forget that with the Lord's help, all things are possible!

Mass of St. Peregrine May 24th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Church will be offering the Mass of St. Peregrine, who is the Patron Saint of those afflicted with cancer. Mass will be followed by the blessing with the relics of St. Peregrine and also an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Holy Anointing of the Sick.

No Confessions and Novena this night.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Rosary

May 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church
Everyone is welcome and invited to stay for coffee/tea afterwards.



The Diocese of Peterborough currently had two full time position openings: Full time Finance Clerk/Receptionist and Full time Financial Administrative Assistant. Please view details at www.peterboroughdiocese.org.

Spring Courses at Sacred Heart College

The Certificate Program in Religion and Theology is offering the evening course "From Peter to Pope: The Rise of the Papacy in the Early Church".

Instructor: Shaun Retallick, MA

Time: on Tuesdays: May 11 - June 15, 7-9 p.m.

Mount St. Joseph at a cost of \$60 per participant. For more information phone 745-5549 or visit www.shofp.ca.

The Diocese of Peterborough currently has two full time position openings:

Full time Finance Clerk/Receptionist. This position is responsible for providing financial (A/P, A/R, & payroll), administrative and clerical services. The ideal candidate will have completed a college business administration program majoring in accounting/payroll or equivalent experience. Interested candidates should fax (705) 745-2555 or e-mail their resume by Friday MAY 6th, 2016 to finance.admin@peterboroughdiocese.org. A detailed job description may be viewed on the Diocese's home page at www.peterboroughdiocese.org.

Full time Financial Administrative Assistant. This position is responsible for processing and monitoring all aspects of the day to day accounting, electronic banking transactions and reconciliations, complete compilations, general ledger entry and reconciliation of balance sheet and profit and loss accounts, working papers for Diocesan consolidated financial statements, and assist parishes directly in dealing with daily bookkeeping and year-end issues. The ideal candidate will have a university degree in Accounting, or 3 year college business administration program majoring in accounting and equivalent experience. Interested candidates should fax their resume to (705) 745-2555 or e-mail their resume by Friday MAY 6th, 2016 to finance.admin@peterboroughdiocese.org. A detailed job description may be viewed on the Diocese's home page at www.peterboroughdiocese.org.

May - The month of Mary

During the month of May, the C.W.L. will be leading the rosary before the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Ottawa rally: Parliament Hill on Wed., June 1, from 12 noon to 1:30pm.

Make plans to join EPC for a peaceful rally opposing euthanasia and assisted suicide on Parliament Hill on **Wednesday June 1 (12 noon to 1:30 pm)**.

The theme of the rally is: **Caring Not Killing: Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide are not the answer.**

Bill C-14 legalizes killing by euthanasia / assisted suicide (assisted dying) by [creating an illusion of safeguards](#) while employing double language and poorly defined terminology that simultaneously undermines its own supposed safeguards. Bill C-14 is the [perfect cover for acts of murder](#) by providing legal immunity to any person by stating:

"any person who does anything for the purpose of aiding a medical practitioner or nurse practitioner to provide a person with medical assistance in dying."

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Young Singers from Quebec.

40 children of *Pueri Cantores*, drawn from choirs across the province including *Les Petits Chanteurs de Mont Royal*, will sing Friday, May 20 at 7pm at Peterborough's Cathedral of St Peter-in-Chains, 411 Reid St. Tickets (\$10 each, \$25 family) will be available at the door, or by calling The Shed Bakery at 705-743-0113. Earlier the same day they will sing at the 12:10pm Mass. All are welcome!

Euthanasia

Protect the weak and vulnerable. Sign at: <http://www.citizengo.org/en/lf/34147-save-weak-and-vulnerable-stop-assisted-suicide> and write your letters opposing this dreadful proposed law.

Right to die... or Duty to die?

It is evident that legalizing euthanasia will place undue pressure upon elderly, ill and disabled persons to seek (or accept) euthanasia out of fear that they are "a burden" to family members. Without love and support, loneliness will soon express itself in the mind of many vulnerable people as a "duty" to stop being a burden to relatives who are "too busy to spend all their time on me".

Add the fact that our health care system is near collapse, and one can quickly see how unfair legalizing euthanasia would be for lonely, vulnerable people who feel "guilty" for being "such a cost burden" on our health care system. Make no mistake. If we legalize euthanasia or assisted suicide, we will at the same time, institutionalize a **duty to die** for the weakest members of society. That is immoral and must be opposed.

Spiritual implications

Beyond all the arguments we hear - "compassion", death with dignity, unbearable pain, or slippery slopes, one fact is perhaps the most important. That is, if God exists, if His Word is true, euthanasia or assisted suicide is a grave sin. The 5th Commandment - "Thou shall not kill" allows no exception for "choice". As such it is a serious matter for all who participate in it. If we love ourselves and our brother, then we must avoid any sin that could possibly deprive us (or others) of eternal happiness.

<http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com>

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian Ministry for children aged 3-12 years that is based on the Bible and liturgy of the church; it is inspired by the principles of Montessori education. This Ministry provides an opportunity for children to fall in love with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in a child-friendly space called an *Atrium*- located in a church or school. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd provides guided activity to aid meditation on Bible scripture and the mysteries of the Christian faith once a week - in small groups, facilitated by trained adults (catechists). On Saturday May 28th from 9:00 to 3:00 at St Mary's Church in Lindsay, a workshop on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be held. If you are interested in attending, and to find out more about this sustainable and effective ministry, please contact Father Eric Mason at 705 324 4828 or fatherericmason@gmail.com.

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

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

Mary, Mother of Mercy

As St. Bernard once said “the Eternal Father, wishing to show all the mercy possible, besides giving us Jesus Christ, our principal advocate with Him, was pleased to give us Mary, as our advocate with Jesus.” And in the words of St. Augustine, because Mary gave “flesh to the divine Word,” as the Mother of God, for our redemption, “she is more powerful than all others to help us gain eternal life.”
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READINGS:

Pentecost Sunday: May 15

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1 – 11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3 – 7, 12 – 13 or
Romans 8: 8 – 17

Gospel: John 20: 19 – 23

Diocesan Prayer Corner

Let us pray for St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Newcastle 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

May

Universal: Respect for Women

That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

Evangelization: Holy Rosary

That families, communities, and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace.

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**

Pilgrimage Experience July 9 to 11

St. Benoit du Lac Abbey (Mass in Latin and Gregorian chants) and St. Joseph's Oratory (Saint Brother Andre) and Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal, Cap de la Madeleine (Miracle of the Eyes of Blessed Virgin Mary) Prayer and Quebec Spiritual Church History included.

If any parishioners want to come want to come they can contact me, Beth at [289-240-1499](tel:289-240-1499) or Mrs. Maria Andreoli 705-745-0110.

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

**Thurs. May 12: 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

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>

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

**"Ignoring the suffering of man means to ignore God."
Words from Pope Francis**

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.

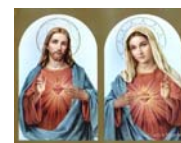
Chalice is a ministry of the Catholic Community, creating and nurturing relationships of life and love. To find out how Chalice Helps go to website <http://www.ccare.ca/>

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.**



Workwide Meetings Encounters



From the Pastor's Desk

- *Fr. Michael*



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young adult ministry

**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.



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



<http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va>

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