



Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish

Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario



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Weekend Holy Mass Schedule:

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Saturday 4:00 p.m. in the fall & winter and
5:00 p.m. in the spring & summer.
(Times will switch at Seasonal time change)

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.**



*1st Sunday of Advent
November 27, 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. & 3:30 – 4:00 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

November 28 – December 4

MONDAY, November 28

St. Catherine Labouré
8:00 a.m. + Edgar & Rita Welch & Gladys Davis

(Ironsides Family)

TUESDAY, November 29

St. Saturninus
8:00 a.m. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, November 30

St. Andrew the Apostle
8:00 a.m. + James Ironside & Viola Longworth
(Ironsides Family)

THURSDAY, December 1

St. Edmund Campion, Bl. Charles de Foucauld
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention
(Family)

FRIDAY, December 2

St. Viviana
6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention

SATURDAY, December 3

St. Francis Xavier
8:00 a.m. ~ In reparation for the outrages, offences and blasphemies against Christ in the Holy Eucharist and insults to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

SUNDAY, December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Jim Lynch
(Marie & John Harrison)
9:00 a.m. + Don Keating
(Dan & Audrey Goodfellow)
10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo (*For the People*)

What is Advent?

The word 'Advent' is from the Latin 'Adventus,' which means 'coming.' Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. The liturgical colour for this season is purple, except for the Third Sunday of Advent which is rose. This colour symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; both for the annual celebration of the event of Christ's birth, and for the time when Christ will come again.

As noted in the New Catholic Encyclopedia, during Advent, the faithful are asked:

- to prepare themselves worthily to celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love,
- thus to make their souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in Holy Communion and through grace, and
- thereby to make themselves ready for His final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world.

Some traditions have come to be common throughout the Catholic Church:

The Advent wreath is likely the most popular tradition. It is often circular, representing God's eternity, and it includes 4 candles - one for each Sunday of Advent.

The Jesse Tree is also a popular Advent tradition. A Jesse Tree, named for the father of David, is a tree that is decorated gradually throughout Advent with symbols or pictures of biblical persons associated with the gradual coming of the Messiah, Christ. The Jesse Tree is a perfect way to remind us about the



preparatory nature of Advent.

<http://www.aquinasandmore.com>

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

LAY MINISTRY

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic

Rose Rabishaw
Noreen Malloy
Sue Livings

Lector

Gladys Fowler
Mike Malloy
Rose Wornoff

Gift Bearers

Paul & Catherine Kelly
Jim & Nora Zister
Henrietta Duff

Saint Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my

God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

(To be prayed 15/day from November 30th until Christmas)



Birthright

For all of Advent, there will be a gold-coloured box in the Church for your donation to Birthright.

All donations go toward helping new mothers with the challenges of a having child at a difficult time.

Birthright is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing love and support for over 45 years to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

General Audience Pope Francis (November 23)

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Among the spiritual works of mercy, we now consider those of *counselling the doubtful* and *instructing the ignorant*. These two works are related and both can be practised daily in our families and communities. The Church's mission of evangelization has always been accompanied by teaching and the founding of schools, since education promotes the dignity of the person and provides for the full development of his or her God-given gifts. Illiteracy and lack of access to education are in fact a form of poverty and injustice. Education develops our ability to think critically about ourselves and the world around us. By raising questions it also helps us to find satisfying answers. It is a true work of mercy to counsel those troubled by doubts about the meaning of life or shaken in their faith. Let us be grateful to all who devote themselves to this work through catechesis and religious education. All of us are called to support one another by our witness of living faith and generous concern, for these are eloquent signs of the love of God which gives meaning and direction to our lives.



C.W.L. News



LADIES come and join us for our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON on **Wed, Dec 14th**



at the Parish Hall. **Mass is at 11:30 a.m. with the luncheon to follow.** Come enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The cost is \$16.00. This is a catered event so it is necessary to know how many will be attending - PLEASE contact Fran in the Rectory office (705) 741-1018 during office hours to let us know if you are attending. COME OUT AND ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

At the luncheon we will be having a draw for \$25. All members who have paid their CWL membership by Dec 14th will have their names entered in the draw. Membership envelopes come in your 2017 envelope box set or you may use an ordinary envelope. Mark CWL Membership and write your full name and mailing address.

Knights News



*** Last Chance - Advance Tickets ONLY***

Parish Christmas Dinner -

Fri, Dec. 2: 6 pm Social - 7pm Dinner Hosted by your Knights of Columbus



Turkey dinner with all the trimmings plus a whole lot of fun. Cost \$20.00 per person, **deadline** Monday 5pm by calling Pete at 705-748-3075

Sacred Heart Memorial Wish Tree

You are cordially invited to a Diocesan Candlelight Memorial Mass on **Sat, Dec 17 at 5:00pm at Sacred Heart Church.** Reception to follow. For information on how to dedicate a light in memory of your loved ones call the office at 705-745-5549 or 705-745-7631 or e-mail office@stjohnpeterborough.ca

Holy Mass in Spanish in Honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas

Sun, Dec 11 at St. John the Baptist Church at 4:30 p.m.

There will be a Potluck Dinner in the basement after the Mass. For more information call: Phone 745-7631 "The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few." Luke 10:2"



IGNITE will be hosting a *Theology on Tap* on **Sat, Dec 3rd at 7pm** at **Champ's Sports Bar.** Our speaker will be **Michael Hall of Catholic Christian Outreach.**

We would like to invite all young people to come out and join us for an evening of fellowship and discussion! For questions, direct your emails to igniteptbo@gmail.com.

University level courses for everyone!

Sacred Heart is offering 5 courses from January – April. For registrations visit www.shofp.ca or call **705 745 5549.**

-Old Testament Literature in its Historical Context

-The Ethics of Leadership*

-Canadian History I: Becoming Canadian (Origins to 1867)*

-Canadian History II: A Century of History (Confederation to 1967)

-Religion and the Rise of Modern Science

*these courses are transferable to Trent University.



Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks to all who filled

Christmas Shoe boxes. There were 42 boxes returned.

Chalice

As you consider gifts this Christmas, please think about the Chalice Catalogue. From there, you can donate many different items from personal, most needed, farming machinery etc. to people who are in great need. 1-800-776-6855 or www.chalice.ca or info@chalice.ca



Sisters of St. Joseph Upcoming Retreat Days

All sessions will be held at **Villa St. Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg.** To register: villa@eagle.ca or **905-372-2741**

Advent Series: Contemplative Waiting

Wednesdays: Nov 30, Dec 7 and 14 – 7:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m.

Advent is a season of waiting – waiting in joyful hope for the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ. Come for three evenings of reflections and prayer as we enter more fully into the real meaning of Christmas.

Personal Retreat Days

Wed, Nov 30 9:30 a.m. to Fri, Dec 2 4 p.m.

We offer a quiet and relaxing environment that supports prayer and a deepening awareness of God's presence. You may choose to come for the entire time or for a shorter stay. The Sisters at the Villa are available for spiritual direction during these days. Delicious, homemade meals and snacks are provided. (\$80/day).

Pre Theology of the Body

Dec 26th – 29th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Theology of the Body (TOB) Training

A 4 – Saturday course for \$40 on TOB. The training will be held **Jan 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Sr. Helena Burns will present and registration is required:

416-781-9131 X 224 or srhenelaburns@gmail.com

Come and hear St. John Paul II's life – changing teaching and how it is the answer to today's hot issues.

**St. Martin's Parish Ennismore presents....
Our Annual Parish Christmas Concert**



In support of Brock Mission & Cameron House
Sun, Dec 11th – 2pm *Featuring all local musicians!*
All proceeds of our freewill offering will be given directly to Brock Mission to help bring the spirit of Christmas to those most in need. Tax receipts available – refreshments following

Offertory *Thank you for your generosity*

Nov 20: Env.: \$1526.00 + Loose: \$206.00 +
P.A.P. \$470.00 = \$2202.00 Fuel: \$20.00
Pope's Pastoral Works: \$20.00 St. Vincent de
Paul: \$5.00

Lectures on the Extraordinary Form Mass

Fr. Eric Mason will present two Lectures on the Extraordinary Form Mass, commonly known as the Latin Tridentine Mass. These lectures will examine the history, spirituality and symbolism of this ancient form of Holy Mass with an aim to fostering a deeper participation in the Sacred Liturgy. The Lectures will use images, videos, and audio of the various ceremonies and music of the Extraordinary Form Mass. These one-hour Lectures will held on **Monday December 12th at 7:00 pm and on Tuesday December 13th at 3:00 pm** in the Knights of Columbus Hall at St Mary's Parish in Lindsay. All are welcome!

The Peterborough and District Italian Club is

offering its annual Christmas Shopping bus trip to Toronto/Woodbridge on **Sat, Dec 3**. North End pick-up: Canadian Tire (parking lot) at 8 A.M. West-end pick-up: Canadian Tire (parking lot) at 8:15 A.M. **SAME PRICE AS LAST YEAR!!!** Members ticket 35, non-members \$40. Contact Maria and Gaspare Andreoli 705-745-0110

Serviam Ministries are hosting our 2nd Annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** on Saturday **February 18, 2017**, with **Fr. Larry Richards**, and **Archbishop Christian Lépine of Montreal**. The theme of the event is **"Step Up"**.

Topics for the day: Be A Man Who Repents, The Family, The Spirit Makes Us Strong, Loving & Wise
See link <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/schedule/>

It is a great opportunity for men to grow in faith and virtue, and to encourage each other in this pursuit. The day will strengthen men in their faith while challenging them to become the men God created them to be. There will be an opportunity to meet the speakers, visit booths showcasing local Catholic organizations/ministries, purchase Catholic items, Mass, Adoration and Confessions.

Readings:

2nd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 11: 1 – 10

Psalm 72

2nd Reading: Romans 15: 4 – 9

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1 – 12

Holy Father's Intentions: November

Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

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 Alphonus 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

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.**

"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.

Once per week, for one month at a time, we need cleaners to vacuum, dust mop and do general dusting/ wiping at Assumption.

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH
Thurs. : 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



For the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Dec 8th
<http://www.passionistnuns.org/Saints/ImmacConception/index.htm>

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/>

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>



World Youth Day
 The Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life has announced that Pope Francis has chosen the themes for the next three World Youth Days: for the 32nd World Youth Day in 2017, "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Lk 1:49); for the 33rd World Youth Day in 2018, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God" (Lk 1:30); and for the 34th World Youth Day, 2019, "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:30).
 The themes set forth the itinerary for the three-year World Youth Day journey that will culminate at the international celebration of the event to be held in Panama in 2019.
<http://press.vatican.va>

"The Mass is the most favourable occasion to speak with the eternal Father, because then we offer Him His only Son as a victim for our salvation. Before celebrating, reflect on the sufferings of your Redeemer, commune peaceably with Him, even in the midst of dryness; carry to the altar the needs of the entire world."
 St. Paul of the Cross



"A saint is not someone who never sins, but one who sins less and less frequently and gets up more and more quickly."
 – Bernard of Clairvaux

From the Pastor's Desk

■ Fr. Michael



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.





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