



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.



**Carry the cross
and follow me.**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 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**

September 5 – September 11

MONDAY, September 5*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, September 6*St. Zacharias*

6:30 p.m. ~ Mass of thanksgiving for the gift of the rain

(Francis Walsh)

WEDNESDAY, September 7*St. Regina*

8:00 a.m. + Jim Lynch

(Anne Fitzgerald & Mike Sullivan)

THURSDAY, September 8*Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m. + Dennis Faubert

(Faubert family)

FRIDAY, September 9*St. Peter Claver*

6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. + Fr. Robert Levis

(Frank & Mary Doris & family)

SATURDAY, September 10*St. Nicholas of Tolentino**Blessed Martyrs of Japan*

8:00 a.m. + Marg Caley

(Margie Shine)

SUNDAY, September 11*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. + Don Keating

(Bill & Pat Keating & Family)

10:30 a.m. + Jim Kuharski

(John & Bonnie Kuharski)

SAINT OF LIGHT, SAINT OF DARKNESSby *Bishop Robert Barron*

Mother Teresa first came to my attention through Malcolm Muggeridge's film and attendant book *Something Beautiful for God*. Of course Muggeridge showed Mother's work with the dying and the poorest of the poor on the streets of Kolkata, but what moved me the most were the

images of the saint's smile amidst so much squalor and suffering. She was a very bright light shining in exceptionally thick darkness.

Mother's life reveals so many aspects and profiles of holiness, but I would like to focus on three of them. First, she shows something remarkable about love, which is not a sentiment but rather willing the good of the other. I think it is fair to say that Mother Teresa

went to extremes in demonstrating love in this proper sense. She renounced practically everything that, in the opinion of the world, makes life pleasant—wealth, material goods, power, comforts, luxuries—in order to be of service to those in need. Further, for decades, she personally reached out to the most vulnerable in one of the worst slums in the world and sent her sisters to some of the most disagreeable places on the planet. Most of us, I imagine, manage to love to a degree, but few ever express this theological virtue more dramatically and radically than she did. This is not simply admirable, it constitutes a crucial witness to the nature of love. There can never be too much love; there is never a time when love is inappropriate, for love is what God *is*, and love constitutes the very life of heaven. Mother Teresa's way of life, accordingly, is an icon of the love that will obtain in heaven, when we are drawn utterly into the very life of God.

A second feature of Mother's holiness is her dedication to prayer. When I visited the Mother House of the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata some years ago, what impressed me most was a life-size statue of Mother Teresa in the very back of the chapel, in the attitude she customarily assumed when she prayed: legs folded under her, palms facing upward, head bowed. From the very beginning of her community, Mother insisted that her sisters should engage in substantial amounts of prayer every day; and in time, she established a branch of her order dedicated exclusively to contemplative prayer. She understood something that is essential to the Christian spiritual life, namely, that the kind of love she and her sisters endeavoured to practice could come only through the grace of God, only as a sheer gift. To get that gift, it was necessary to ask, to ask again, to beg one's whole life long. Without this explicit connection to God and his purposes, their work, she knew, would turn into mere do-goodism, and the egos of her sisters would inevitably assert themselves. Saints, those who embody the love that God is, are necessarily beggars.

I remarked above that Mother Teresa struck me as a light in the shadows. How mysterious, therefore, that she herself once said, "If I ever become a saint, I will surely be a saint of darkness." She was referring to something that only a handful of people knew in her lifetime, that for upwards of fifty years, Mother Teresa experienced the pain of the absence of God. The living saint often felt abandoned by God or even that God does not exist. Once a visiting bishop was kneeling in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with Mother and her nuns. A note was passed to him from the saintly foundress, which read, to his infinite surprise, "Where is Jesus?" That she lived through this crucible for decades, even as people routinely saw her as the very paragon of holiness, shows forth a third dimension of her saintliness. To be a saint is to allow Christ to live his life in you. Indeed, St. Paul said, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me;" and this means the *whole* Christ. Jesus was a person of service to the poor and needy, and Mother certainly embodied this aspect of his life; Jesus was a person who prayed intently and for long periods of time, and Mother participated in this dimension of his existence. But Jesus was also the crucified Lord, who said, at the limit of his suffering, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" To allow Christ to live his life in you is, therefore, necessarily to experience, to one degree or another, the absence of God, to undergo the agony of the crucifixion in all of its dimensions. St. John of the Cross, the greatest mystical theologian in the Church's history said, quite simply, that there is no path to holiness that does not lead through the cross. Though it is a high paradox, the fifty-year darkness that Mother endured is, therefore, one of the surest indicators of her saintliness.

Saints exist for the Church, for in them we see the very *raison d'être* of the Church, and this is why canonizations are always joyful affairs. So let us rejoice in this new saint whose love, prayer, and very darkness, are light for us.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2016

LAY MINISTRY

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic

Joanne Bolton
Bob O'Brien
Sue Livings

Lector

Roddy Turpin
Bob Holland
Cristy Doris

Gift Bearers

Cesare & Anne Mauro
Dorothy O'Brien
Elaine & Gary Lambe



Knights of Columbus

The Knights will meet on Tuesday,
September 13th at 7:00 p.m.

CWL News



The next CWL meeting is Tuesday, September 6th, at 7:00 p.m. following the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Come out and join us.

Helping at the Parish Supper

Before and after each Mass, sign up sheets are available to volunteer to work at the parish supper and to bake pies. Many hands are needed & greatly appreciated.

Parish Dinner - Sat, Sept. 24th

Serving from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.
at Assumption Hall 1834 Keene Rd.
Delicious Roast Beef, Succulent Roast Pork with all the trimmings and delicious home-made pies.

Tickets are available before and after Mass.

For adult tickets, the tickets are \$15 if purchased in advance, at the door \$16, Youth (6 – 14) \$6.00 and children under 6 – free

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

Douro Doings – Labour Day Sept 5

At the Park – classic cars, music, ball games, races, children games At the Parish Hall – Home-cooked beef supper from 3 – 6 pm. You can eat inside or outside. **Adults \$14, Children \$7 Preschool FREE!** Famous quilt raffle begins at 6:00 PM on the grounds of our Parish Hall! www.stjosephsdouro.com

Year of Mercy Reflection



"Look into My Heart and see there the love and mercy which I have for humankind, and especially for sinners. Look, and enter into My Passion."
Jesus to St. Faustina (Diary 1663)

Birth of Mary – September 8th (www.catholicculture.org)

On Our Lady's birthday the Church celebrates the first dawning of redemption with the appearance in the world of the Savior's mother, Mary. The Blessed Virgin occupies a unique place in the history of salvation, and she has the highest mission ever commended to any creature. We rejoice that the Mother of God is our Mother, too. Let us often call upon the Blessed Virgin as "Cause of our joy", one of the most beautiful titles in her litany.



Mass will be celebrated on this feast day at 8:00 a.m. Come and thank God for the gift of His mother.



A Night with The God Squad Of St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish With Special Guests

Theme: 20/20 Vision
Friday, September 30, 2016

At 7:30 p.m. in the Church. Admission: \$20 each. Children under 12, free. For more information and tickets, phone 745-8623



CANONIZATION OF MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA On September 4, Salt + Light TV will broadcast live from Saint



Peter's Square, Rome, the canonization of **Blessed Mother Teresa** starting at 3:30 a.m. A few Canadian Bishops will participate in Rome with Pope Francis at the canonization, including the Most Reverend Nicola De

Angelis, Bishop Emeritus of Peterborough. The Mass will be rebroadcast on September 4 at 8:00 a.m. EWTN will broadcast live beginning at 4:00 a.m. and rebroadcast at 11:30 a.m. on September 4.

On September 9th at 7:30 pm there will be a lecture given at St Mary's Church, Lindsay entitled "**A Survey of the History and Spirituality of the Extraordinary Form**" by Fr Eric Mason. Please attend to learn more about this ancient form of Holy Mass.

Offertory

Aug. 28: Env.: \$1386.00 + Loose: \$199.00 = \$1585.00
Fuel: \$20.00 *Thank you for your generosity*

The Diocese of Peterborough has an opening for a full time Receptionist. This position is responsible for providing administrative and clerical services Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. The ideal candidate will have a two-year secretarial science diploma from a community college or min. of five (5) years related experience. Interested candidates should fax (705) 745-2555 or e-mail finance.admin@peterboroughdiocese.org resumes by closing date of **September 9th, 2016**. A detailed job description may be viewed at www.peterboroughdiocese.org. Only those selected for interview(s) will be contacted, thank you.

The Peterborough and District Italian Club

1) **SOCCER GAME: Saturday, September 24, 2016: Toronto FC versus Philadelphia Union.** Bus leaves Investors' Group 1743 Lansdowne Street West at Brealey Dr. at 2 o'clock for a 5 o'clock game in Toronto. Bargain Price of \$80 includes: return bus trip, ticket and light refreshments. Always great company when you travel with Italians!!! **Contact John Mazziotti at 705-876-1282**
2) **WINE TOUR AND TASTINGS: Sunday, September 25, 2016. Niagara-On the-Lake ...** This bus trip includes shopping, visiting 3 wineries, a wine tour and tastings, a 3 course dinner at an Italian Ristorante. Lunch is on your own. Bring a picnic lunch (optional) Get your tickets early for a seat!!! Price includes return bus trip, dinner, all taxes and gratuities. All for only \$90. Contact **John**

Mazziotti at 876-1282 or Cathy Ferreri at 927.0375. *Bus leaves Investors' Group, 1743 Lansdowne St. W. at Brealey Dr. at 8 A.M.*

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:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11

1st Reading: Exodus 32: 7 – 11, 13 – 14

Psalms 51

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12 – 17

Gospel: Luke 15: 1 – 32

Holy Father's Intentions: September

Universal: Centrality of the Human Person

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

Evangelization: Mission to Evangelize

That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

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

Saint Augustine

Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved you! And behold, you were within me and I was outside, and there I sought for you, and in my deformity I rushed headlong into the well-formed things that you have made. You were with me, and I was not with you. Those outer beauties held me far from you, yet if they had not been in you, they would not have existed at all. You called, and cried out to me and broke open my deafness; you shone forth upon me and you scattered my blindness; you breathed fragrance, and I drew in my breath and I now pant for you; I tasted and I hunger and thirst; you touched me, and I burned for your peace (*Confessions* 10.27).

"Come Cook with Us" classes

Thursdays Sept 15, 22, 29 and Oct 6, 13 from 12:30 to 2:45 p.m. at Keene United Church. Child care available if requested. Limited enrollment. To register, call 743-1000 ext. 316 or comecookwithus@hotmail.com

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Receive Level I training in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in September 2016 at St Mary's Church, Lindsay. For more info, please contact Fr. Eric Mason at 705-324-4828 or email cgs Lindsay@gmail.com

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

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 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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

**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.

"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

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

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>



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/>

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.

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. We need cleaners for October.

"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.

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

Thurs. September 8: 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



Extraordinary Form Mass at St Mary's Lindsay
On September 17, 2016, the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, commonly known as the Latin Tridentine Mass, will be offered at 10 am at St. Mary's Church in Lindsay (40 Russell Street East). It will be offered regularly every other week, with some exceptions. Booklets with Latin-English translations of all the prayers of the Mass will be provided.

On September 9th at 7:30 pm there will be a lecture given at St Mary's Church entitled "A Survey of the History and Spirituality of the Extraordinary Form" by Fr Eric Mason. Please attend to learn more about this ancient form of Holy Mass. For more information about the Extraordinary Form Mass at St. Mary's, including schedules, please visit www.stmaryslindsay.ca



From the Pastor's Desk

■ *Fr. Michael*

The Season of Lent



Life Chain