



Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish

Mission ~ 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 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.**



*5th Sunday of Lent
April 2nd, 2017*

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

April 3 – April 9

MONDAY, April 3

St. Richard

8:00 a.m. + Bill Murphy

(Mike & Noreen Malloy)

TUESDAY, April 4

St. Isidore

6:30 p.m. + Deacon Gerry McMurray

(Al & Valerie Collicutt)

WEDNESDAY, April 5

St. Vincent Ferrer

8:00 a.m. + John Shine

(Mom & Christine)

THURSDAY, April 6

St. Marcellinus

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

FRIDAY, April 7

St. John Baptist de la Salle

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Catholic School

6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration and Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention

SATURDAY, April 8

St. Julia Billiard

8:00 a.m. + Marilyn Manley

(Bruno & Judy Lukes)

SUNDAY, April 9

Palm Sunday

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Deceased members of the Pecoskie &

Lapinskie Families

(Rose & Ed Rabishaw & Family)

9:00 a.m. + Marg Caley

(Sandra & Patrick Lynch)

10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

Everyone who sins, dies. Every man fears the death of the flesh, few the death of the soul. In regard to the death of the flesh, which without a doubt must someday come, all guard against its coming: that is the reason for their labours. Man, destined to die, labours to avert his dying; and yet man, destined to live in eternity does not labour to avoid sinning. St. Augustine

"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die" (Jn 11: 25 – 26)

We can imagine the surprise that such an announcement caused in his listeners, who a short time later, however, were able to see the truth of Jesus' words when, at his command, Lazarus, who had already been in the tomb for four days, came forth alive. An even more striking confirmation of this astonishing statement will be given later by Jesus when, by His own Resurrection, He will win the final victory over evil and death. What had been foretold many centuries before by the prophet Ezekiel in addressing the Israelites deported to Babylon: "I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live" (Ez 37: 14), will become a reality in the paschal mystery and will be presented by the Apostle Paul as the essential core of the new life of believers: "But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God really dwells in you" (Rom 8:9). Does this not show the timeliness of the Gospel message? In a society in which signs of death are increasing but in which at the same time a profound need for hope in life is felt, it is the mission of Christians to continue to proclaim Christ, man's "resurrection and life". Yes, faced with the signs of a creeping "culture of death", Jesus' great revelation must be heard today: "I am the resurrection and the life".

Let us repeat with the Evangelist: "Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, He who is coming into the world" (Jn 11:27). Like Martha, Lazarus' sister, today we too wish to renew our faith in Jesus and our friendship with Him. By His Death and Resurrection we are given the fullness of life in the Holy Spirit. It is the divine life that can transform our existence into a gift of love for God and our brothers and sisters.

Excerpted from the HOMILY OF JOHN PAUL II, Fifth Sunday of Lent, 21 March 1999.

Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

LAY MINISTRY Eucharistic
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Joanne Bolton

Lector
Gladys Fowler
Rose Rabishaw & Colleen Petersen

Gift Bearers
Paul & Catherine Kelly

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bob O'Brien

Bob Holland
Mike & Noreen Malloy

Bob & Betty Brown

C.W.L NEWS

The next CWL meeting will be on **Tues, April 4th** after the 6:30 Mass.

STEP INTO SPRING FASHION SHOW

featuring Fashion Plus (Portage Place) spring & summer lines on **Wed, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.** at Assumption Hall. Admission is \$5. Tickets are available by calling Joanne Bolton 705-313-6750 or Anna Marie Bolin 705-742-8249. Tickets are also available at the parish office. Proceeds to Hospice Peterborough

The Catholic Women's League **Diocesan Convention** will be held on **April 29 & 30** in Huntsville. Registration will be paid by our League and ladies will be responsible for meal fees. Contact Anna Marie at 742-8249 for more information or if you wish to attend. Deadline for registration is April 10.

Knights of Columbus News

Clergy Appreciation Dinner **Friday on April 28/17** Hosted by Eninismore parish. Limited tickets ... 16 left \$20.00 each

Contact Pete Clancy 748-3075

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for singers and musicians to help with the choir for: **Sat April 8th 5pm Mass and Sat April 15th 8:00 p.m. Mass.** Please call or see Wanda 748-3075

Parish Vocations Team News

Fri, April 7th is the Feast of St. John Baptist de la Salle.

Born in France in 1651, he was declared the patron Saint of teachers by Pius XII, in 1950. Known for the introduction of many innovations in learning, his most significant contribution was the creation of schools for poor children. On April 7th, let us pray to St. John for all who have chosen the vocation of teaching, and who have a primary role in guiding our children and youth in their vocation to the consecrated life.

We look forward to your support of vocations in our Diocese by purchasing a ticket to the Annual Dinner & gathering of the St. Joseph Society on April 18th at the Evinrude Centre. Tickets are available at the parish office. Your support of our Parish Vocation Team is greatly needed and appreciated.

St. Joseph, pray for vocations in our Diocese.

Retreat Day: "God Shapes Our Lives: Contemplative Bread-Making" Thurs April 6th, 9:30 a.m to 4 p.m.

Bread offers us connection with life and love – as Jesus connects with us and we with one another in the breaking of bread, as we connect in family and friendship and across the splendour of various cultures. Writer, Donna Sinclair, says, "bread helps us remember who we are and whom we love." The baking of bread is slow, inviting us into a

contemplative process in our busy world. To register, call 905-372--2741, email: villa@csjcanada.org

CHRISM MASS

Monday, April 10th at 7:00pm

at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter-in-Chains Bishop Jean-Louis Plouffe (Bishop Emeritus of Sault Sainte Marie) will bless the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and Sacred Chrism which will be used in the celebration of the Sacraments in the Diocese of Peterborough.

The Holy Chrism consecrated by the Bishop is used to anoint the newly-baptized, to seal the faithful in Confirmation, and to anoint the hands of Priests and the heads of Bishops at their Ordination. In addition, the Chrism is used in the rites associated with the dedication of churches and altars. The Oil of Catechumens is used to bring strength to those preparing for Baptism. The Oil of the Sick is used to bring comfort and support to the sick in their infirmity.

The participation of representatives from parishes throughout the Diocese displays the unity of the body of Christ which gathers to worship God in spirit and in truth.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies - this year's **One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies** global prayer event will be on **5-7 May** and the Diocese of Peterborough is invited to participate. People can participate from wherever they are at the time by praying at least one rosary for an end to abortion. To register see

www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org

The World Health Organization estimates that 40-50 million abortions are carried out each year worldwide; 125,000 human lives destroyed each day; more than 40 since you commenced reading this email. Amid this gloom there is some cause for hope though. The number of abortions in the United States has fallen to its lowest level since 1980 and in Italy to the lowest in 40 years. Saint John Paul II once called pro-life efforts such as the One Million Rosaries campaign "the most important work on earth".

"Healing Mass – April 5th at Mount St. Joseph @1:30 pm. All are invited to come and pray for healing. Opportunity for anointing and healing prayer." Celebrant Fr. Leo Coughlin.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH

Sacred Heart Parish Hall Sat, April 8th at Noon

Chef Toby Tyler of Electric City Gardens prepares a delicious lunch ... Seasonal soup, and salad, stuffed chicken breast or poached salmon served with roast potatoes and vegetables.

Almond cheesecake for dessert.

Proceeds to the Children's Bell Choir and the Pipe Organ Restoration Fund

\$10.00 for tickets & for information please call Charlotte Hurley [743-0113](tel:743-0113)

Offertory Thank you for your generosity

March 26th Offertory: Env: \$1430.00 +

Loose \$315.00 = \$1745.00

Fuel: \$20.00 St. Vincent de Paul:
\$55.00

with the Creator, Who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being" (Donum Vitae, 5)

Readings:

April 2nd: 5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12 – 14

Psalm 130

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 8 – 11

Gospel: John 11: 1 – 45

April 9th : Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4 – 7

Psalm 22

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6 – 11

Gospel: Matthew 26: 14 – 27.66

Mass of installation of Bishop-elect Daniel Miehm will take place at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19th

Immaculate Conception Parish

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday April 29th by CHEF ENZO

Social hour ~ 5:30 p.m. Dinner ~ 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person



St. Joseph Dinner to Support Campus Ministry

Join us for the 1st annual Saint Joseph Dinner in support of campus ministry! Fr. John Perdue has begun ministering at both Trent University and Fleming College, and is maintaining a connection with Sacred Heart College. **To**

support programming and materials for these ministries, the St. Joseph Dinner is being held on

Tues. April 18th at the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough. Cocktail hour will be at 5:30, dinner at 6:30. The night will feature live music and speeches from students involved with campus ministry and from Fr. Eric Mason. Tickets are \$100 each (available from Fran in the office) and are eligible for a \$50 charitable donation receipt. For more info, contact Fr. John at 874-1871 or vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org



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

Holy Father's Intentions: April Young people

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

Thurs. April 13: 12 -2 p.m., & 4 – 6 p.m.

Donations of goods can be dropped off at Three Roads Farm and other Keene locations. (295-6952)



Share Lent Collection

The collection for "Lenten Charity" will take place next weekend. Please indicate whether you would like your contribution to go to Development & Peace OR Diocesan Charity - Relief Fund. 100% of money collected for the Diocesan Charity goes directly into the Diocesan Charitable Discretionary Fund used for external charity given at fiscal yearend by Bishop.

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).

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**

STOCKDALE CENTRAL CONCERT - Sunday, June 11th at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m at Market Hall. Adults \$20. Students \$10. Assigned seating. Wheelchair accessible. Fundraiser for St. Joseph's Church, Douro. For tickets please call Carmella LeMoire 652-7776 or Mary Carlow 295-6494.

March for Life
The annual March for Life will take place on May 11th this year on Parliament Hill, Ottawa. The Rally and March run from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please come and witness to the sanctity of human life.

The Catholic Church teaches, "Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship



Euthanasia Prevention Coalition



The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has set up a special help line (**Compassionate Community Care**) to help anyone who needs help with end of life issues etc. The number operates 7 days a week, 24 hours a day from coast to coast.

Toll free: 1-855-675-8749

Message by Pope Francis for Lent 2017

In 2017, the Message of Pope Francis for Lent is "**The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift.**" Based on the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Luke 16:19-31), the Holy Father invites Catholics to find "inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion."

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

At St Alphonsus Oratory 7a.m. - Midnight and Noon-Midnight (Sunday)



Info: Bernadette 705-742-3055

"Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, God with us, day and night, he is in our midst. He dwells with us full of grace and truth.

He restores morality, nourishes virtue, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak." (Pope Paul VI, Mysterium Fidei)

Church Cleaning Ministry

Please find the church cleaning sheet on the glass religious article case at the back of the church. Once a week, one month at a time, we need cleaners to vacuum, dust mop and do general dusting at Assumption.



The National Catholic Broadcasting Council (NCBC) has some exciting news with respect to the Daily TV Mass.

The goal of the NCBC is to insure that Catholics are able to experience the Mass each day when they are unable to attend their local parish. The primary way we enable this across

Canada is through our Broadcast Partners at [Salt + Light Television](#), VisionTV and yesTV.

Now the NCBC's Daily TV Mass (Monday-Saturday) is available anytime and anywhere on our new website, on our new YouTube Channel and in the near future on an APP for use on Apple or Android devices.

If you have any questions about this announcement or about the Daily TV Mass in your area please contact Deacon Mike Walsh, our Executive Director, at 1-884-6899 or by e-mail at mike.walsh@ncbc.ca.

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.**

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>

"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

The greatest deception, and the deepest source of unhappiness, is the illusion of finding life by excluding God, of finding freedom by excluding moral truths and personal responsibility. (St. Pope John Paul II)

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

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osmfoodcupboard@nexicom.net or 295-6952

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/>

Quo Vadis (Where are you going?)

Quo Vadis brings together young men (18-35yrs.) who are on the journey toward the answer to the question 'what is my vocation?' We will have Mass, adoration, confessions, talk and lunch. Join us on **Aprilth from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** John Paul II House.

Flower Committee

Volunteers needed to help with flower decor for the



Assumption Church Sanctuary. If interested please call
Judy at 705-740-2062 or Joanne at 705-313-6750.

traditionally Christian nations where it seems that the light of the Gospel has grown dim and souls are struggling in the obscurity of ignorance ... Then, how valuable your work becomes as you persevere with the same effort a little longer, a few minutes more, until the job is finished! In a simple and practical way you are converting contemplation into apostolate, seeing it as an imperative necessity of your heart, which beats in unison with the most sweet and merciful Heart of Jesus, Our Lord. *Friends of God, 67*

Lent

In our present liturgy for Ash Wednesday, we use ashes made from the burned palm branches distributed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. The priest blesses the ashes and imposes them on the foreheads of the faithful, making the sign of the cross and saying, "Remember, man you are dust and to dust you shall return," or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." As we begin this holy season of Lent in preparation for Easter, we must remember the significance of the ashes we have received: We mourn and do penance for our sins. We again convert our hearts to the Lord, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation. We renew the promises made at our baptism, when we died to an old life and rose to a new life with Christ. Finally, mindful that the kingdom of this world passes away, we strive to live the kingdom of God now and look forward to its fulfillment in heaven. <http://www.ewtn.com>

Working for God (St. Josemaría Escrivá)

Rest assured that it is not difficult to convert work into a prayerful dialogue. As soon as you offer it up and then set to work, God is already listening and giving encouragement. We acquire the style of contemplative souls, in the midst of our daily work! Because we become certain that He is watching us, while He asks us to conquer ourselves anew: a little sacrifice here, a smile there for someone who bothers us, beginning the least pleasant but most urgent job first, carefulness in little details of order, perseverance in the fulfillment of our duty when it would be so easy to abandon it, not leaving for tomorrow what should be finished today: and all this, to please Him, our Father God! On your desk or in some inconspicuous place that nobody notices, you perhaps place your crucifix to awaken in you a contemplative spirit and to act as a textbook for your mind and soul where you learn the lessons of service. If you make up your mind to follow these ways of contemplation, in the midst of your ordinary work, without doing anything odd or withdrawing from the world, you will immediately feel that you are a friend of the Master, with the God-given task of opening up the divine ways of the earth to the whole of mankind. Yes. With your work you will help to spread Christ's kingdom in every continent. You will offer up hour after hour of work for far-off lands which are being born to the faith, for the peoples of the East who are being cruelly forbidden to profess their faith, and for the