



# *Our Lady of the Assumption*

## *Roman Catholic Church*

*Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario*



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*Pastor: Monsignor Michael Heffernan C.H.F.*

*Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. Paul Dunford*

### ***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. for the first two Tuesdays  
of the month and 8:00 a.m. for all others  
Friday 7:00 p.m.

### ***Adoration and 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.**



*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
December 17, 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:** Please speak with Fr. Michael about  
this after any of the Masses. Preparation  
course is required.

### **Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. & 3:30 – 3:50 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. In addition, an address  
change is required for sending out the year's tax  
receipts.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**December 18 – December 24**

**MONDAY, December 18**

*St. Gatian*

8:00 a.m. + Bernadette Foerster  
(Marrocco Family)

**TUESDAY, December 19**

*Bl. Urban V*

8:00 am. ~ Special Intention

**WEDNESDAY, December 20**

*Sts. Abraham, Isaac & Jacob*

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

**THURSDAY, December 21**

*St. Peter Canisius*

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

**FRIDAY, December 22**

*Bl. Gratian*

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

7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention

**SATURDAY, December 23**

*St. John of Kanty*

8:00 a.m. + Assumpta Umbertino

(Marrocco Family)

**SUNDAY, December 24**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Anna Van Belleghem

(Mary & Ken Macfarlane)

9:00 a.m. + Don, Madeline & Peter Keating

(Family)

10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

Bishop Miehm's weekly newsletter, *From the Vineyard*

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/from-the-vineyard.aspx>

Bishop Danie Meihm has a weekly post to this site. Visit it as there's lots of information about the life and work of our bishop.

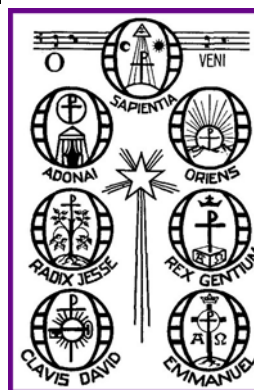


**Birthright**

For all of Advent you will find a *gold-coloured box* in the church for your donation to Birthright. Birthright believes that, "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born. Birthright is here to be the friend that a pregnant woman needs as she navigates an unplanned pregnancy."

**What are the O Antiphons?**

Christmas carols, Advent wreaths, Christmas trees, Midnight Mass, and ginger cookies— Whether they are family or Church customs, the many traditions associated with the Advent and Christmas seasons make these special times of the year for us. One of these ancient traditions is the O Antiphons: seven responses, or antiphons, that are sung or recited to introduce the canticle of Mary (the Magnificat) at evening prayer from December 17 to December 23, the octave before Christmas. These antiphons are based on Isaiah's prophecies and refer to the different ancient titles given to the Messiah:



O Sapientia (O Wisdom) See Isaiah 11:2-3; 28:29.

O Adonai (O Lord) See Isaiah 11:4-5; 33:22.

O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse) See Isaiah 1:1; 11:10.

O Clavis David (O Key of David) See Isaiah 9:6; 22:22.

O Oriens (O Rising Sun) See Isaiah 9:1.

O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations) See Isaiah 9:5; 2:4.

O Emmanuel (God with us) See

Isaiah 7:14.

We can bring these responses into our own prayers, as simple reminders throughout the day of the one whose coming we are joyfully expecting, as introductions to our own prayers of praise of Jesus, or as words of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness throughout the ages and our lives. Regardless of how you incorporate these ancient words into your Advent prayer life, let them speak to you, and maybe they will become part of your family traditions.

[www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Lay Ministry**

Sat 4:00 p.m.

Sun 9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

**Eucharistic**

Rose Rabishaw

Noreen Malloy

Anna Marie Bolin

**Lector**

Roddy Turpin

Mike Malloy

Liam Doris

**Christmas Day**

**Lay Ministry**

Sat 4:00 p.m.

Sat. 7:00 p.m.

Sun 9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

**Eucharistic**

Martin Corkery

Mary Pat Goodridge

Valerie Collicutt

Bud Monahan

**Lector**

Pat Clancy

Bob Holland

Judy Lukes

Claire Doris

**December 24, 2017**

**Gift Bearers**

Leon & Trish Dorff

Bob & Ruth O'Brien

Joanne & Sarah Nelson

**December 25, 2017**

**Gift Bearers**

Roddy Turpin

Wayne & Bev Harrington

Joe Lukes & Al Collicutt

Jackie Bolin

### C.W.L. News



May God grant you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The next CWL meeting will be Tue, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in the parish hall following the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Do you save cancelled stamps? If so, the CWL is happy to receive them and to pass them to Scarboro Foreign Missions. Just bundle them up and leave on display counter at back of Assumption or Keene church. Stamps should be cut with 1/4 inch border. Any questions call Diane at 742-9625. Thank you.



### Knights of Columbus News



We extend hearty wishes to you all for a very merry Christmas and an abundance of God's blessings in the New Year.

### One Room Diner

To all the generous parishioners from St John and Assumption who kindly provided for the "ONE ROOM DINER"- THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts. We gave over 20 large bags of items and every stitch was greatly appreciated.

The organizers greeted these donations with delight knowing that they were so very much needed. Rest assured the homeless will be warmer this winter because of your generosity. As St. Mother Theresa and the Bible say: "I see Christ in every person I touch because He said, "I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was naked, I was sick, I was suffering, I was homeless and you took care of me"."

### Support the formation of a future priest this Christmas!

Christmas is a special moment when our thoughts turn to people who may need our help.

Your prayers and financial assistance will help St. Augustine's Seminary to form priests who will witness to the faith and assist those in need. 416-261-7207

### Choir for Christmas Mass on Sun, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in singing at 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve, please call and leave a message for Wanda at 705 - 748 - 3075.

### Summer Camp

Chilawee Trails has overnight week long camps for girls in August for girls ages 9-14. Located in Barry's Bay it offers sports, daily Mass, swimming, rosary, crafts, confessions, canoe, and drama - a week of fun, friendship and faith awaits!

Registration opens in March. Consider helping campers from low-income families. For more info: [chilaweetrails.ca](http://chilaweetrails.ca).

### Christmas Flowers/Plants

If you would like to donate flowers for our Christmas celebration, please bring them and leave them in the Church. You may dedicate your flowers in the name of your loved ones and a Mass will be offered on their behalf on Jan 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### Christmas Mass Schedule



### Christmas Day Sunday, Dec. 24

Masses at Assumption at 4 & 7 p.m.

### Monday, Dec. 25

Mass at Assumption at 9 a.m.

Mass at St. John's, Keene at 10:30 a.m.

### Mary, the Mother of God Sunday, Dec. 31

Mass at Assumption at 4 p.m.,

### Monday, January 1, 2018

Mass at Assumption at 9 a.m.

Mass at St. John's, Keene at 10:30 a.m.

### The Return of the Flying Fathers

The Peterborough Vocations Office announces the return of the Flying Fathers! A new generation of hockey playing priests will compete at the Ennismore arena on **Mon, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**, featuring two priests from our diocese, Fr. John Perdue & Fr. Paul Patrick. Tickets can be purchased at [www.ptbovocations.ca/hockey](http://www.ptbovocations.ca/hockey) or at the Vocations Office on Tues. or Thurs. 8:30-4:30. Tickets - \$15 each, under 12 free Call [705-874-1871](tel:705-874-1871)

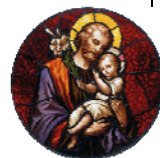


### Cookie Exchange with a Twist

Needed: 100 people to bake 6 dozen cookies to donate to the struggling families. Bring your cookies or squares to Sacred Heart Church in the basement on **Mon, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 till 7:00 p.m.** Join us to make packages of baked goods for St. Vincent DePaul food banks. For info call 743-0113 or 743-3186

### The Second Annual St. Joseph Dinner

Tickets are available for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Joseph Dinner in support of campus ministry. Funds raised support Catholic ministry to students at Trent University and Fleming College. The dinner will take place Sat, Feb. 3 at the Evinrude Centre Banquet Hall in Peterborough. Cocktail hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Students from Trent, Fleming and Sacred Heart College will speak, as will keynote speaker Bishop Daniel Mieh. Tickets are \$100 and are eligible for a \$50 charitable tax receipt. They can be purchased online at [www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner](http://www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner) or by visiting the Vocations Office (820 Frank Street) on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Contact Fr. John Perdue [vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org) 705-874-1871



### SACRED HEART COLLEGE WINTER 2018 COURSE OFFERINGS (begin January 8th)

#### C.S. Lewis & J.R.R. Tolkien:

Fiction, Thought and Imagined Worlds  
Dr. Cameron Wybrow, Mondays 7:10 - 9:50 p.m.  
What does speculative fiction have to do with God, the soul, ethics, warfare and technology? What possible relevance and value can the imagined worlds of two modern genius writers have for the messy world we inhabit today? Take this course to find out. Register online at: [www.sacredheartcollege.ca](http://www.sacredheartcollege.ca) or e-mail [registar@sacredheartcollege.ca](mailto:registar@sacredheartcollege.ca) or call us 705-745-5549.

*Offertory Thank you for your generosity*

*Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Offertory: Env. \$1720.50 + Loose \$339.50 + = \$2060.00 Fuel: \$55.00 St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00*

#### **The Christmas Mass on TV**

For those who cannot make it to church, please join the Catholic Community this Christmas. Watch the Daily TV Mass: Christmas Eve on VisionTV at 9:00 pm ET yesTV at 10:00 pm ET Christmas Day at 8:00 am and 12:00 pm ET on VisionTV 11:00 pm ET on Salt + Light. 1:00 pm on yesTV You can also watch on the web at [www.dailytvmass.com](http://www.dailytvmass.com) [info@ncbc.ca](mailto:info@ncbc.ca) 1 888 383-6277

#### **Men's Conference**

On February 24<sup>th</sup> join Hector Molina and Bishop of St. Catharines Gerard Bergie along with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries' 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Manly Virtue". It is a one day intensive men's retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: 1-888-522-2070 or <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/virtue/>, [info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com)

#### **Readings:**

##### **Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 61: 1 – 2, 10 – 11

Psalm: Luke 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 24

Gospel: John 1: 6 – 8, 19 – 28

##### **Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Samuel 7: 1- 5, 8 – 12, 14, 16

Psalm 89

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 16: 25 – 27

Gospel: Luke 1:26 – 38

##### **Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 52: 7- 10

Psalm 98

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 1: 1 – 6

Gospel: John 1: 1 – 18

#### **Holy Father's Intentions: December**

##### **The Elderly**

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

#### *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*

#### **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](mailto:Angelina@SecondChanceMinistry.ca)

#### **The Compassionate Community Care**

(CCC) helpline is a national service for people who are seeking advice, help & support regarding euthanasia & assisted suicide prevention, and all end-of-life treatment issues or concerns. They can be reached toll free at 1-855-675-8749 ... The number operates 7 days a week, 24 hours a day from coast to coast. [www.CompassionateCommunityCare.org](http://www.CompassionateCommunityCare.org)



#### **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. Paul 741- 4000 or Tom 243-4133

#### **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.



#### **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)



#### **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.**

#### **FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH**

**Thurs. December 14: 12 -2 p.m., & 4 – 6 p.m.** Donations of goods can be dropped off at Three Roads Farm or at the back of the Church.



#### **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](mailto: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/>

**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 **from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** John Paul II House. Quo Vadis schedule: January 13, February 10, March 3, April 7, May 12, June 23



#### 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 705-813-6750.

#### 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. 192 B Hunter St. West. Phone: (705) 748 6680

*"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)**

St. Jean-Marie Vianney, the Cure of Ars once asked one of his parishioners who spent hours in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, "My good father, what do you say to our Lord in those long visits you pay Him every day?" "I say nothing to Him," was the man's moving reply; "I look at Him and He looks at me."

#### St. Anthony Mary Claret:

The Christian who desires to follow Jesus carrying his cross must bear in mind that the name "Christian" means "bearer or imitator of Christ" and that if he wishes to bear that noble title worthily, he must above all do as Christ charges us in the Gospel; we must oppose or deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow him.

*"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man."*

*St. John Vianney, Cure d'Ars*

In danger, in distress, in uncertainty, think of Mary, call upon Mary. She never leaves your lips, she never departs from your heart; and so that you may obtain the help of her prayers, never forget the example of her life. If you follow her, you cannot falter; if you pray to her, you cannot despair; if you think of her, you cannot err. If she sustains you, you will not stumble; if she protects you, you have nothing to fear; if she guides you, you will never flag; if she is favourable to you, you will attain your goal... (Hom. II *super Missus est*, 17: PL 183, 70-71).

— St. Bernard of Clairvaux from his homily on the Incarnation of Christ.

**"The reason for loving God is God Himself. The measure is to love Him beyond measure."** St. Bernard of Clairvaux

**WHAT IS THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION?** The Catholic devotion of First Saturdays was given to the Church by Our Lady of Fatima and the Child Jesus through the children of Fatima. In 1925, Mary and the Child Jesus appeared to Lucia, the sole surviving Fatima visionary, at a convent in Spain and promised her that she would "...assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months confess, receive Holy Communion, pray a Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries with the intention of offering me reparation." **HOW TO DO THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS:** There are 4 requirements to faithfully fulfill the five first Saturdays: Go to Confession. Receive Holy Communion. Say five decades of the Holy Rosary. Meditate for fifteen minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary (separate from saying the Rosary).

*"Bring me the sign of true humility by being not overly ambitious in your position, but lowly. Don't be impatient over any pain or abuse you might suffer, but endure within the body of holy Church by the firm power of patience, even to the point of death. When you speak and proclaim the truth, whether in giving counsel or in any other role, do it fearlessly, looking only to God's honour, the salvation of souls, and the advancement of holy Church, as her true son, nurtured by so tender a Mother. In this way you will*

*demonstrate gentle divine charity and  
patience as well.” (Saint Catherine of Siena)*

*Clearly, what God wants above all is our will which  
we received as a free gift from God in creation and  
possess as though our own. When a man trains  
himself to acts of virtue, it is with the help of grace  
from God from whom all good things come that he  
does this. The will is what man has as his unique  
possession.* St. Joseph of Cupertino

“Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and  
difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often  
desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not  
tried by ease and satisfaction.” St. John of the  
Cross

