



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.**



*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 15, 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**January 16 – January 22**MONDAY, January 16***St. Marcellus, St. Joseph Vaz*

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, January 17*St. Anthony*

8:00 a.m. + Peter & Jean Malloy

(The Family)

WEDNESDAY, January 18*St. Prisca, St. Volusian*

8:00 a.m. + Don & Madeline Keating

(Paul & Maureen Driscoll)

THURSDAY, January 19*St. Marius, St. Canute*

8:00 a.m. + Special Intention

FRIDAY, January 20*St. Fabian, St. Sebastian*

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

10:45 a.m. ~ Mass at Monsignor O'Donoghue

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

7:00 p.m. ~ Janice Dunne

(The Dunne Family)

SATURDAY, January 21*St. Agnes*

8:00 a.m. + Souls in Purgatory

(Roddy)

SUNDAY, January 22*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + James & Bernadette Crough &

Sr. Eileen Crough CSJ

(Allan & Shirley O'Neill)

9:00 a.m. ~ Jason & Megan Ironside

(The Family)

10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place the week of January 18th – 25th. The theme is:

"Reconciliation. The love of Christ compels us"

(cf. 2 Corinthians 5: 14 – 20).

Fr. Michael has asked that the gift bearers greet the community as they enter the doors of the Church ... only if it is within your comfort level. Thank you.

St. Agnes

Baptism gives us the grace of giving witness, and sometimes that might lead to the ultimate witness of laying down our very lives because we are associated with and

marked by Jesus Christ. A martyr is a person who, for the Christian faith, freely and patiently suffers death at the hands of a persecutor. Martyrs choose to die rather than deny their faith by word or deed.

They suffer patiently after the example of Christ. True martyrs die for holy causes. False martyrs die for the most unholy of causes. The era of martyrdom is not something of the past. It is still taking place today. In fact, the last century was one of incredible Christian martyrdom.

The early Christians, who bore witness to the truth of those facts upon which Christianity rests, were liable at any time to be given a choice between death and denial of their testimony. Many of them, refusing to deny Christ, actually suffered death.



Martyrdom gives credibility to authentic Christian witnesses who do not seek power or gain, but give their own lives for Christ. They show to the world the power that is given to those who follow Christ to the point of the total donation of their existence. Thus Christians, from the dawn of Christianity until our own time, have undergone persecution on account of the Gospel, as Jesus proclaimed beforehand: "If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you" (John 15:20).

This coming week, on January 21, the Church remembers St. Agnes of Rome, only a 13-year-old girl when she died for her faith. She was one of the victims of Diocletian's persecution of Christians. The Church of St. Agnes in the famous Piazza Navona in Rome is located on the spot of her martyrdom. The young Agnes responded with total generosity and an undivided heart and made her existence an eloquent and fascinating example of a life totally transfigured by the splendour of truth. Her

example has encouraged many believers over the centuries to follow in her footsteps. St. Agnes was martyred for refusing to marry a rich Roman citizen. She declared that she would never accept any spouse except Jesus Christ. "For a long time I have been engaged to a celestial and invisible spouse; my heart belongs to him and I will be faithful to him until my death," she said. Her life, her heroism and her death inspire us to purity and holiness. Her name means "pure" in Greek and "lamb" in Latin.

As a saint, Agnes is a person who imitated Christ. As a martyr she died like Christ; as a virgin, she kept her faith, hope, and love alive even in the midst of horror. That she is remembered today is continuing proof that imitating Christ is possible, in the specific circumstances of every person's own unique life. Agnes took her baptism seriously. She was baptized into the death of Christ so that she might share his new life. May it be the same for us as well.
<http://saltandlighttv.org>

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Colleen Petersen

Joanne Bolton

Wayne & Bev Harrington

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Bob O'Brien

Bob Holland

Al & Val Collicutt

10:30 a.m.

Bud Monahan

Maggie Doris

Elaine & Gary Lambe

C.W.L. News



The CWL is drafting its budget for 2017. If you wish to suggest any donations or expenditures for 2017, please contact Anna Marie Bolin at 705-742-8249 by January 23rd. The budget will be finalized at the February 7th general meeting.

Membership for 2017

Won't you join us! Membership envelopes are in your collection box or at the back of the church, include your dues of \$25, and don't forget your email address.

Thanks to those who have already paid their dues.

Knight's of Columbus



The Knights are having a spaghetti dinner on February 11th. Please keep that date open. Details will be made available soon.

Upcoming Events at the JP II House

The Carpenter's Cup retreats, named in honour of St. Joseph, intertwine meaningful talks, adoration and Holy Mass with a fun competition. In this case, the challenge will be gaming! Guys will compete on Xbox 360, PS4 and NES consoles to determine who walks away with the Carpenter's Cup trophy. **The retreat will be from February 3-5 at JP II House** (820 Frank Street) and you can find more details and register at www.ptbovocations.ca/carpenterscup

I know life is busy and you may have other commitments that weekend, so please talk to me if your son would like to come but can only make a portion of the retreat. God bless, and please say a prayer fore the fruitfulness of the retreat!

Fr. John Perdue (705-874-1871)

Quo Vadis (Where are you going?)

Quo Vadis brings together young men (18-35yrs.) who are on the exciting, once-in-a-lifetime journey toward the answer to the question 'what is my vocation?' What is God calling me to do with my life - I only have one, after all! Is He calling me to generous service to the community in the single state? To the

priesthood? To marriage? Or maybe to consecrated religious life? If this is a question that you are serious about answering, this group is for you!

We will have Mass, adoration, confessions, talk and lunch.

Join us one Saturday a month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the John Paul II House. **The next meeting will be on February 11th. The theme for this year is 'Authentic Christian Manliness'.**

FIAT Retreat for Young Women

Young women from 18-35 are invited to the annual FIAT discernment retreat hosted by the Vocations Office. This retreat features awesome guest speakers from the married vocation and from religious life who will share about how young women can discover their calling in life. The retreat will be **Jan. 20-22** at the

Villa retreat centre in Cobourg (carpooling available from Peterborough) and a donation of \$25 is suggested. Register by emailing vocations@peterboroughsiocese.org

Retreat at Villa St Joseph

Retreat Day - "You are Worthy"

Wednesday January 25 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Villa St Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg ON

"You Are Worthy" will use directed discussion, meditation and sharing to help us touch the core of our being where we are loved wholly and completely by God - the core of our being where we are worthy. Facilitated by Dr. Bridget Campion To register, call 905-372--2741, email:

villa@csjcanada.org

Camp Northern Lights

The annual collection for Camp Northern Lights will be January 21st - 22nd. Special envelopes will be available prior to that weekend. This camp provides a wilderness camping experience for children from the Peterborough, Bowmanville, Port Hope, Cobourg and Lindsay areas. The camp also provides a

leadership experience for high school students from the same locales, as volunteer counselors. For further information call Jim Gibson, Chairman of the Board, at 705-742-5578. All cheques should be made payable to Camp Northern Lights.

Development and Peace Share Lent Workshop

In this Jubilee year, we have decided to put forward a theme, "Women at the heart of change", that is dear to us, a theme that is both a source of hope and a catalyst for change. This Lent, Development and Peace will be joining its voice to that of Pope Francis, who in his video message of May 3rd, 2016, invited us to pray with him "that in all countries of the world, women may be honoured, respected and valued for their essential contribution to society."

If you would like to lend a hand in your parish or find out more, please join us on **Saturday, January 21st**, at Immaculate Conception Church, registration 9:00 am workshop 9:30 am to 2:30 pm Lunch provided RSVP kstaunton@cogeco.ca or call 745 0034.

Serviam Ministries are hosting our 2nd Annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** on Sat., Feb. 18 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.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally – With the New Year upon us, the 25th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally is fast approaching and will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017. The website for the event is www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca



Douro Knights of Columbus Annual Euchre Tournament
Fri Jan 20th – 7pm Sharp!
Tickets \$10 each ... \$300, \$200, \$100 Prizes!
Guaranteed to beat the January blah's!

All are welcome!

His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop McGrattan will celebrate the Sunday Masses at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral on Feb. 18th & 19th. Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

A reception will be held following all the Masses on Feb 19th at the Bishop Doyle KoC Hall. This is a gathering to thank His Excellency for his faith-filled leadership and send him forth with our love and prayers.

Offertory Thank you for your generosity
Jan. 8th Offertory: Env. \$1752.00 + Loose \$318.00 = \$2070.00

Fuel: \$73.00 St. Vincent de Paul: \$55.00
Custodian Job Posting for the Teopoli Catholic Spiritual Centre, Gravenhurst

The United Society is looking for a practicing Catholic family or an individual who can be a custodian at the Teopoli Catholic Spiritual Centre in Gravenhurst, Ontario. The requirements for this position are:

- 1) A basic knowledge of the Catholic Faith
- 2) The ability to communicate it to others
- 3) Live full time at Teopoli in Gravenhurst, Ontario
- 4) The ability to communicate in English with people visiting and working at Teopoli
- 5) Basic knowledge and skills of building maintenance and equipment for outdoor property maintenance

The Association is ready to negotiate the financial terms for this position.

Applicants are asked to send resume with references to info@teopoli.com

Closing Date: Until filled

job posting link: <https://teopoli.com/2015/08/07/custodian-wanted-at-teopoli/>

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH
Thurs. February 9th: 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 705-295-6952



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Build confidence with the Christopher Leadership Course!

This course will develop your leadership, communication and public speaking skills, while improving your self-confidence. Join us for three hours, one night a week, for 11 weeks. Classes are appropriate for those 16 years of age and older. Call us at 1-800-418-8925, or visit our website www.clctorontoeast.com to learn more about us and this positive, supportive course. Monsignor Paul Dwyer High School, 700 Stevenson Road, Oshawa Tues. evenings, 7 – 10 pm from Feb. 21st to May 16th, 2017 (no classes March 14th or May 2nd)

Development & Peace – 50. Anniversary

Join us at the Cathedral

On Saturday, February 11, at 11:00 am

When the Development & Peace Solidarity quilt arrives in Peterborough

On February 9, 2016 Development and Peace launched the solidarity quilt to prepare us for Development and Peace's 50th anniversary celebrations in October 2017.

The pilgrimage started in the west in Victoria and in the east in St. John's, as it travels across Canada each diocesan council has added their quilt patch to the suitcase. Peterborough Diocesan Council will be adding their quilt patch at a special Mass being celebrated by Bishop William McGrattan on Saturday, February 11, at 11:00 am, at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, in Peterborough. At the end of the pilgrimage, the patches will be sewn together, producing two large quilts to be used during activities organized on a national scale.

See you at the Cathedral, on Saturday, February 11, refreshments to follow at Bishop Doyle Hall.

R.S.V.P. kstaunton@cogeco.ca or call 705 745 0034.

Readings:

January 15th: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5 – 6

Psalm 40

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 3

Gospel: John 1: 29 – 34

January 22nd: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 9: 1 – 4

Psalm 27

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 13, 17 – 18

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12 – 23

Holy Father's Intentions: January

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

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

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**

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 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*)

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 anyplace 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.

"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.

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

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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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/>

World Youth Day

The Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life has announced that Pope Francis has chosen the themes for the next three years: for 2017, "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Lk 1:49); for 2018, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God" (Lk 1:30); and for 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>

From the Pastor's Desk

■ *Fr. Michael*



The Season of Lent



Life Chain

