



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: 5:00 p.m. in the spring & summer.
4:00 p.m. in the fall & winter and
(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 of Lent
March 12th, 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

March 13 – March 19

MONDAY, March 13

St. Roderick

8:00 a.m. + Special Intention

TUESDAY, March 14

St. Matilda

6:30 p.m. + Vince Kennedy

(Mike & Noreen Malloy)

WEDNESDAY, March 15

St. Louise de Marillac

8:00 a.m. + Sonny Johnson

(Coughlin & Kimball Families)

THURSDAY, March 16

St. Herbert

8:00 a.m. + John Shine

(Mom & Christine)

FRIDAY, March 17

St. Patrick

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

7:00 p.m. ~ Hannah & Joe Witney

(Anne Sheridan)

SATURDAY, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

SUNDAY, March 19

3rd Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Marg Caley

(Delores O'Malley)

9:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

(Fowler Family)

10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

The Transfiguration

This Sunday, the second of Lent is called Transfiguration Sunday because the Gospel reading recounts this mystery of the life of Christ. He, after having foretold his passion to the disciples, “took Peter, James and John, the brother of James, with him to a high mountain. He was transfigured before them: his face shined like the sun and his garments became bright as light” (Matthew 17:1-2). In the realm of the senses the light of the sun is the most intense that there is in nature, but in the realm of the spirit the disciples experience, for a brief time, a splendour that is still more intense, that of Jesus’ divine glory, which illumines the whole of

salvation history. St. Maximus the confessor says that “the garments having become white symbolized the words of Sacred Scripture, which became clear and transparent and luminous” (“Ambiguum” 10: PG 91, 1128 B).

According to the Gospel, alongside the transfigured Jesus “there appeared Moses and Elijah who conversed with him” (Matthew 17:3); Moses and Elijah, the figure of the Law and the Prophets. It was then that Peter, in ecstasy, exclaimed: “Lord, it is good for us to be here! If you wish, I will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah” (Matthew 17:4). But St.



Augustine comments saying that we have but one dwelling place: Christ. He is “the Word of God, the Word of God in the Law, the Word of God in the Prophets” (Sermo De Verbis Ev. 78,3: PL 38, 491). In fact, the

Father himself proclaims: “This is my Son, the Beloved, in whom I take delight. Listen to him” (Matthew 17:5). The transfiguration did not change Jesus but it is a revelation of his divinity: “the profound interpenetration of his being with God, which then becomes pure light. In his oneness with the Father, Jesus is himself ‘light from light’” (“Jesus of Nazareth,” San Francisco, Ignatius Press, 2008). Peter, James and John, contemplating the divinity of the Lord, are prepared to face the scandal of the cross, as is sung in an ancient hymn: “You were transfigured on the mountain and your disciples, so far as they were able, contemplated your glory, seeing you crucified, they understood that your passion was voluntary and they proclaimed to the world that you are truly the splendour of the Father” (“Kontakion eis ten Metamorphosein,” in Menaia, t. 6, Roma 1901, 341). Dear Friends, we also participate in this vision and this supernatural gift, giving room to prayer and listening to the Word of God. Moreover, especially in this time of Lent, I exhort you, as the Servant of God, Paul VI writes, “to respond to the divine precept of penance with some voluntary act beyond that self-denial imposed by the burden of daily life” (apostolic Constitution “Pænitemini,” Feb. 17, 1966, III, c: AAS 58 [1966], 182). We invoke the Virgin Mary so that she might help us always to listen to and follow the Lord Jesus Christ even unto the passion and the cross, to participate in his glory also.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

3rd Sunday of Lent

LAY MINISTRY

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic

Rose Rabishaw

Judy Lukes

Bud Monahan

Lector

Helen Vozza

Pat Clancy

Anna Marie Bolin

March 19, 2017

Gift Bearers

Leon & Trish Dorff

Mike & Noreen Malloy

Raphael & Casandra Dunne

C.W.L NEWS Evening of Reflection



The Spirituality of the Pascal Mystery with
Sister Rosemary O'Toole, CSJ

Mon, Mar 20th 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Assumption Hall

To register call Valerie Collicutt 748-5237 by Mar. 15th



Knights of Columbus News

The next K of C General meeting is March 14.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for singers and music to help with choir for the following dates: Sat April 8th 5pm Mass and Sat April 15th 8:00 p.m. Mass. Please call or see Wanda 705-748-3075

Development & Peace – Caritas Canada

This week D & P is taking you to Indonesia to meet Risya, a 22 yr. old Indonesian woman who has been blind since adolescence. Thanks to a workshop in journalism offered by our partner the Association of Independent Journalists (AJI), this courageous young woman started to use her blog to write about the discrimination faced by women with disabilities and to encourage these women to believe in their potential. AJI has offered media workshops to 170 women and now they can make their voices heard!

Please keep Risya in your prayers this week.

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

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 **March 18th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** John Paul II House.

WHAT IS YOUR VOCATION IN LIFE? Come and hear dynamic speaker Fr. John Perdue address - "What Is A Vocation? - the 4 vocations with an emphasis on family life". **Thurs. March 16th at 7 p.m.** at St. Anne's Parish.

Assumption Softball Registration 2017

Registration will take place on **March 25th**
from

Noon to 2:00 p.m. at Assumption Hall,
1834 Keene Rd
Any inquiries, please phone Betty Clark
742-2803

Offertory Thank you for your generosity

March 5th Offertory: Env. \$1739.00 + Loose
\$171.00

+ P.A.P. \$560.00 = \$2470.00

Fuel: \$268.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$399.00

St. Joseph

The feast of St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, will be celebrated on **March 20th** this year. **Mass is at 8 a.m.** St. Joseph is patron of the Universal Church and is principal patron of Canada. The novena to St. Joseph begins on March 10th but you can begin it now and just "double up" on some days.

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 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*

Petition on Palliative Care

Those who have not signed the petition asking for palliative care to be made a defined medical service covered under Canada Health Act so that all provinces and territories will provide accessible and available hospice care for all residents of Canada, you will find the petition on the white table at the back of the Church. **Please support this important initiative.**

ST PATRICK'S DAY MUFFIN PARTY

Sacred Heart Church Tues, Mar 14th 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Admission \$3:00. A variety of homemade muffins, jams and marmalade, tea and coffee. Bake table and a new to you table, 50/50 draw. Please join us and bring a friend.

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

Thurs. March 9th: 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)



Retreat is at Villa St Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg. To register call 905-372--2741, email: villa@csjcanada.org

Retreat Day: "St Joseph: Vocation of Protector"

Thursday March 16 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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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.



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.

Readings:

March 12th: 2nd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 12: 1 – 4

Psalm 33

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 8 – 10

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1 – 9

March 19th: 3rd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Exodus 17: 3 – 7,

Psalm 95

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1 – 2, 5 – 8

Gospel: John 4: 5 – 42

Holy Father's Intentions: March Support for Persecuted Christians. That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

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 7days a week, 24 hours a day from coast to coast.

Toll free: 1-855-675-8749

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

COLF

It is a pleasure to invite you to COLF's upcoming Seminar on Life and Family, which will be held on March 30-31, 2017, in Gatineau (just across the river from Ottawa).

In his recent Apostolic Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis points to the various forms of an "ideology of gender" as constituting one of the greatest challenges confronting contemporary society. Inspired by the Holy Father and by recent developments in Canadian law and society, we have chosen as our theme: "Sex, Gender and Ideology". An impressive roster of Canadian, American and European speakers will be addressing different facets of this issue. The presentations, as well as the exchanges, will be made in both official languages by means of simultaneous translation.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: (613) 241-9461, extension 161, or by email (colf@colf.ca).

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**

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)

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.

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

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)

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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/>



From the Pastor's Desk

■ Fr. Michael





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.

“Seedy Saturday”: Cobourg Heritage Seed Exchange

Saturday March 18 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Free Admission - Everyone is Welcome
 Bring seeds; Exchange seeds; Take seeds; Buy seeds;
 Learn about seeds. A presentation by Mary Brittain from The Cottage Gardener in Newtonville.(11am)
 Vendors include: Cottage Gardener / Mountain Grove / Turtle Back Hollow / Terra Edibles / The Cottage Gardener / Seeds of Diversity
 Contact: David Brister, 905-372-5528, wintertime23@hotmail.com

Day of Stillness

Wednesday March 22 9:30 a.m. 4 p.m.
 Villa St Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg ON
 A gathering prayer invites you into silence and solitude. This unstructured day offers opportunity for personal prayer, relaxation and connection with God’s creation, from 9:30am to 4:00pm. Cost is \$30.00 includes lunch and snacks. To register, call 905-372--2741, email: villa@csjcanada.org

Earth Hour Vigil

Saturday March 25, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Villa St Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg ON
 Earth Hour is a time set aside during which people around the world gather to celebrate the gifts and attend to the needs of the Earth. Over the past 11 years, this event has raised awareness and made a real impact on our global reality.
 All are welcome to join the Sisters of St Joseph and friends for an Earth Hour Vigil prepared by members of the United Church and Roman Catholic Ecumenical Dialogue. To register, call 905-372--2741, email: villa@csjcanada.org

Need a Time Out?

Life can be complicated. There are times that we need to step away from the noisy hustle and bustle of every day, times when we need to sit quietly in the presence of the Lord.



We remind you that the **St. Alphonsus Adoration Chapel** (1066 Western Ave.) is open seven days a week, Monday to Saturday, 7am to midnight and Sunday 12 noon to midnight.

Drop in for five minutes or spend an hour with Jesus. The chapel entrance is off the main parking lot, near the Parish Office.

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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>