



Our Lady of the Assumption
Roman Catholic Church
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. for the first two Tuesdays
 of the month and 8:00 a.m. for all others
 Friday 7:00 p.m.

Adoration and Benediction

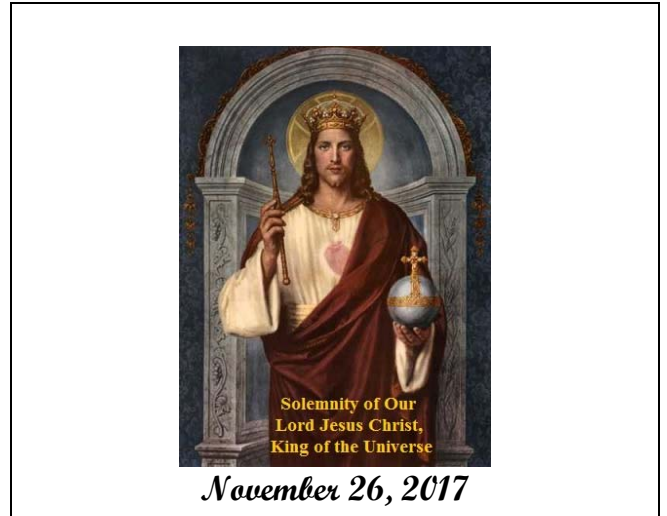
Every Friday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.

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.



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

November 27– December 3

MONDAY, November 27

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, November 28

St. Catherine Labouré

8:00 a.m. ~ Bill & Mary O'Neill

(Mike & Noreen Malloy)

WEDNESDAY, November 29

St. Saturninus

8:00 a.m. ~ Mike Malloy

(Bernard & Pat Clancy)

THURSDAY, November 30

St. Andrew the Apostle

8:00 a.m. + James Ironside

(Family)

FRIDAY, December 1 *First Friday*

St. Edmund Campion

Bl. Charles de Foucauld

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

7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention

SATURDAY, December 2 *First Saturday*

St. Viviana

8:00 a.m. ~ In reparation for the outrages, offences & blasphemies against Christ in the Holy Eucharist and insults to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

SUNDAY, December 3

1st Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + David Girard

(Norm & Sharon Malloy)

9:00 a.m. + Michael O'Toole

(Knights of Columbus)

10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

**SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we are celebrating the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We know from the Gospels that Jesus refused the title of king when it was meant in the political sense, by the standards of the "rulers of the Gentiles" (Mt 20: 25). On the other hand, during his Passion, he claimed a unique kingship before Pilate, who explicitly asked him "So you are a king?", and Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king" (Jn 18: 37);

however just previously he had declared, "My kingship is not of this world" (Jn 18: 36). Christ's kingship is in fact a revelation and actuation of that of God the Father, who governs all things with love and justice. The Father entrusted to the Son the mission of giving mankind eternal life by loving it to the point of supreme sacrifice and, at the same time, conferred upon him the power of judging humanity, since he made himself Son of man, like us in all things (cf. Jn 5: 21-22, 26-27).



Today's Gospel insists precisely on the universal kingship of Christ the Judge, with the stupendous parable of the Last Judgment, which St Matthew placed immediately before the Passion narrative (25: 31-46). The images are simple, the language is popular, but the message is extremely important: it is the truth about our ultimate destiny and about the criterion by which we will be evaluated. "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25: 35) and so forth. Who does not know this passage? It is part of our civilization. It has marked the history of the peoples of Christian culture: the hierarchy of values, the institutions, the multiple charitable and social organizations. In fact, the Kingdom of Christ is not of this world, but it brings to fulfilment all the good that, thank God, exists in man and in history. If we put love for our neighbour into practice in accordance with the Gospel message, we make room for God's dominion and his Kingdom is actualized among us. If, instead, each one thinks only of his or her own interests, the world can only go to ruin.

Dear friends, the Kingdom of God is not a matter of honours and appearances but, as St Paul writes, it is "righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rm 14: 17). The Lord has our good at heart, that is, that every person should have life, and that especially the "least" of his children may have access to the banquet he has prepared for all. Thus he has no use for the forms of hypocrisy of those who say: "Lord, Lord" and then neglect his commandments (cf. Mt 7: 21). In his eternal Kingdom, God welcomes those who strive day after day to put his Word into practice. For this reason the Virgin Mary, the humblest of all creatures, is the greatest in his eyes and sits as Queen at the right of Christ the King. Let us once again entrust ourselves to her heavenly intercession with filial trust, to be able to carry out our Christian mission in the world.

(Angelus by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Nov. 23rd, 2008)

1st Sunday of Advent

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

December 3, 2017

Gift Bearers

Sat 4:00 p.m.

Rose Rabishaw

Brittany Roelofs

Colleen Petersen & Roddy Turpin

Sun 9:00 a.m.

Valerie Collicutt

Bob O'Brien

Dolly Kylie & Family

10:30 a.m.

Bud Monahan

Aileen Doris

Sue & Tom Livings

C.W.L. News



LADIES join us for our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON on **Wed, Dec 6th** at the Parish Hall. **Mass is at 11:30 a.m.**

with the luncheon to follow. Come enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The cost is \$17.00. This is a catered event so it is necessary to know how many will be attending - PLEASE contact Valerie at 748-5237. COME & ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH YOUR FRIENDS. At the luncheon, we will be having a draw for \$25. All who have paid the membership by Dec 6th will have their names entered in the draw. Membership envelopes come in your 2018 envelope box set or use any envelope - mark CWL Membership, your full name and mailing address.

Knights of Columbus News



Next meeting will take place on December 12th at 7:00 p.m. Please note that there will be no Mass prior to this meeting.

Are you able to help?

One Roof Diner, a community from St. John's Anglican Church which provides meals & food for the poor & homeless of Peterborough **ASKED FOR OUR HELP.** They are in desperate need of basic essentials: **Hats, mitts, scarves, socks, baby clothes, women & men's hygiene products, mugs, cutlery etc.** There will be a box in the alcove of both churches and a box at our annual CWL Christmas luncheon for donations. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS.** Any concerns please call Joanne at 313-6750



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. 29th at 6pm**, featuring two priests from our diocese, Fr. John Perdue & Fr. Paul Patrick. Tickets can be purchased at 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)

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 **December 2nd from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Chalice

Please consider giving gifts from the Chalice catalogue this Christmas. Your purchase would aid families living in poverty. Visit their website at <http://www.chalice.ca> under 'Ways to Give'.



Saint Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

(To be prayed 15/day from November 30th until Christmas)

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."



"Healing Mass – Dec. 6th at Mount St. Joseph @1:30 p.m. All are invited to come and pray for healing. Opportunity for anointing and healing prayer."

Fr. Andre Boyer will preach an **Advent Mission** at Immaculate Conception Parish entitled:

MARY, MODEL OF CONTEMPLATION

Day 1: **Wed, Dec 6th @1 p.m.** and repeated at 7 p.m.

- a) Personal Witness of his devotion to Mary
 - b) What is Contemplation + Contemplative Prayer?
- Day 2: **Thurs. Dec. 7th @ 1 p.m.** & repeated at 7 p.m.

- a) Mary as model of Contemplative Prayer
- b) How St. Anne, mother of Mary prepared her young daughter to be mother of Jesus and model of Contemplative Prayers

Anyone interested in preparing their mind, heart & soul for celebrating the birth of Christ is more than welcome & strongly encouraged to attend. Feel free to bring a friend. There will be a free will offering.

Cookie Exchange with a Twist

Needed: 100 people to bake 6 dozen cookies to donate to the struggling families who won't be able to bake this year. Bring your cookies or squares to Sacred Heart Church in the basement on **Mon, Dec 18th from 4:00 till 7:00 p.m.** Join us to make packages of two dozen baked goods to be given out at the St. Vincent DePaul food banks. For info call 743-0113 or 743-3186



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

Philosophy I: The Journey to Knowledge of Reality
Dr. Robin Lathangue, Mondays 4:15 – 7:00 p.m.

What is there and how do we know? Appearance and reality – is there a difference? Can what you think affect your body? What is a "self", are they free? Who or what is God? Who were Plato and Socrates? The craggy shores of all these questions and more will be explored in this course. Call us at 705-745-5549 or Register online at: www.sacredheartcollege.ca or e-mail registar@sacredheartcollege.ca

Beginning on the 1st Week of Advent, the Church will be using the Sunday Cycle B readings. As such, we will be using the second response for "The Mystery of Faith".

November: the month dedicated to the souls in Purgatory. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen

Offertory Thank you for your generosity

Nov. 19th Offertory: Envr. \$1633.00 + Loose
\$600.00 + P.A.P. \$470.00 = \$2703.00
Fuel: \$22.00
St. Vincent de Paul: \$50.00 Myanmar
Crisis: \$75.00

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

In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mass
will be offered in Spanish on Sun, Dec 10th
@ 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church
Potluck Dinner after the Mass. For info 745-7631

Sacred Heart Memorial Wish Tree:

The Annual Candlelight Memorial Mass is on **Sat, Dec 16th at 5p.m.** at Sacred Heart Church. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Miehm. Please consider lighting a candle in honour of your friends & family. Donations for Sacred Heart Building Fund. Phone 745-7631

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



Upcoming Retreats at Villa St Joseph Ecology and Spirituality Centre, 445 Monk St., Cobourg, ON

Personal Retreat Days,

Wednesday Nov 29 at 9:00 a.m. to Fri Dec 1 at 4 p.m.

Villa St Joseph offers a quiet and relaxing environment that supports prayer and a deepening awareness of God's presence. The time and space is yours. You may choose to come for the entire time or for a shorter stay. The Sisters at the Villa are available for spiritual direction during these days. Delicious, homemade meals and snacks are provided. Coffee and tea available throughout the day (\$80/day). To register, call 905-372--2741, email: villa@csjcanada.org

Advent Sabbath Weekend,

Friday December 1, 2017 7 pm to Sun Dec 3 at 1 pm

Come away and embrace the gifts of silence in the spiritual journey. The prayerful stillness and beauty of nature offer a peaceful and life giving setting. Cost \$160.

To register, call 905-372--2741, email: villa@csjcanada.org

Join the Peterborough & District Italian Club on our annual Christmas shopping bus trip.

When: Saturday 9th December

Departing at 8 AM from TBD Stops planned:

1. Vaughan Mills Premiere Outlet Mall
2. Coppa's Fresh Market
3. The Seafood Depot
4. Grace Textile
5. Grande Cheese

Price: \$35/PDIC member or \$40/person

Please RSVP with Deb Malandrino at 536-2906

Readings:

Nov 26th: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11- 12, 15 – 17

Psalm 23

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20 – 26, 28

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31 – 46

Dec. 3rd: 1st Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 63: 16 – 17, 64: 1, 3 – 8

Psalm 80

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3 – 9

Gospel: Mark 13: 33 – 37

Holy Father's Intentions: November

Christians in Asia That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

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.

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

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. September 14: 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



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/>

Quo Vadis (Where are you going?)

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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 for this year: December 2, 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 705-313-6750.

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.



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."

"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

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

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.

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.

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)

Birthright

