



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.



Share the Good News, sing joyfully
His death is Victory!
Lord Jesus, Victor King, show us mercy.

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. & 4:30 – 4:50 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. Also, an address change
 is necessary for sending out the year’s tax
 receipts. Call 705-741-1018.



MASS INTENTIONS

April 2 – April 8

MONDAY, April 2

St. Francis of Paola

8:00 a.m. ~ Thanksgiving Mass

(Bernard & Fran Ironside & family)

TUESDAY, April 3

6:30 p.m. + Rosaleen Wilson

(C.W.L.)

WEDNESDAY, April 4

Saint Isidore

8:00 a.m. + David Sullivan

(Mike Sullivan)

THURSDAY, April 5

St. Vincent Ferrer

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

FRIDAY, April 6

First Friday

6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration & Benediction

7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention

SATURDAY, April 7

First Saturday

St. John Baptist de la Salle

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

SUNDAY, April 8

Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Wilf Gravelle

(Knights of Columbus)

9:00 a.m. + Gerard Malloy

(Mike & Noreen Malloy & Family)

10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo



who came after the third hour be grateful to join in the feast, and those who may have come after the sixth, let them not be afraid of being too late; for the Lord is gracious and He receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes on the eleventh hour as well as to him who has toiled since the first: yes, He has pity on the last and He serves the first; He rewards the one and praises the effort. Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. You the first and you the last, receive alike your reward; you rich and you poor, dance together; you sober and you weaklings, celebrate the day; you who have kept the fast and you who have not, rejoice today. The table is richly loaded: enjoy its royal banquet. The calf is a fatted one: let no one go away hungry. All of you enjoy the banquet of faith; all of you receive the riches of his goodness. Let no one grieve over his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed; let no one weep over his sins, for pardon has shone from the grave; let no one fear death, for the death of our Saviour has set us free: He has destroyed it by enduring it, He has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom, He has angered it by allowing it to taste of his flesh. When Isaias foresaw all this, he cried out: "O Hades, you have been angered by encountering Him in the nether world." Hades is angered because frustrated, it is angered because it has been mocked, it is angered because it has been destroyed, it is angered because it has been reduced to naught, it is angered because it is now captive. It seized a body, and, lo! it encountered heaven; it seized the visible, and was overcome by the invisible. O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are abolished. Christ is risen and the demons are cast down. Christ is risen and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen and life is freed. Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead: for Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

Jesus is Risen, Alleluia

Easter Homily by St. John Chrysostom

Let all pious men and all lovers of God rejoice in the splendor of this feast; let the wise servants blissfully enter into the joy of their Lord; let those who have borne the burden of Lent now receive their pay, and those who have toiled since the first hour, let them now receive their due reward; let any

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 8, 2018

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Rose Rabishaw

Mary Anne Burnie

Cesare & Anne Mauro

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Bob O'Brien

Mary Pat Goodridge

Bob & Betty Brown

10:30 a.m.

Bud Monahan

Julia Davis

Dana & Brent Bidgood & Family

that many families would make the effort to attend the ordination ceremony.

Healing Mass – April 4th at Mount St. Joseph at 1:30 pm. All are invited to come and pray for healing. Opportunity for anointing and healing prayer. Father Leo Coughlin.

C.W.L. News



Mark your calendars for the CWL meeting **May 1st**. There will be a presentation by **Osteoporosis Canada**.

Step into Spring

Women's Fashion Show on Wed, April 18th 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall Admission \$5.00
Featuring Fashion Plus Spring and Summer lines

Fashions, Refreshments & Door prizes

Sponsored by Our Lady of the Assumption / St. John the Evangelist CWL

Proceeds to Hospice Peterborough

Tickets available by contacting Joanne Bolton
313-6750 or Anna Marie Bolin 742-8249

The Catholic Women's League Diocesan Convention will be held on **May 5th & 6th** in Bowmanville. 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 **Apr 2nd**.

The Saint John Paul II House of Discernment

A fantastic new promotional video has been released to spread awareness about Peterborough's 'Saint John Paul II House of Discernment', our residence for young men discerning the priesthood.

Parishioners please watch the video and share it with your friends and family, especially with young men who may be interested. It can be accessed at

www.ptbovocations.ca/jp2.

Project Rachel

Project Rachel is a ministry that facilitates healing and reconciliation for women and men who have suffered due to an abortion. Are you hurting as a result of an abortion? Healing is possible.

Please contact them, in confidence, by telephone at 416 629 8264 or by e-mail

ProjectRachel@StmarysRefuge.org

The next retreat date for women is May 4th – 6th



Deacon Stephen DeCarlo Ordination

It is with great joy that we announce that Deacon Stephen DeCarlo will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Daniel Miehm on **Friday, May 25th at 7p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains**.

Please pray for Deacon Stephen, and it is hoped



MEN IN BLACK (+PLUS) Back by popular demand. The talented Priests of the Peterborough Diocese along with some special guests. Join us for a fun, musical evening at Sacred Heart Church **Fri, May 4th @7:00 pm**. Tickets \$12 and available at parish offices

Invitation to Disciples of All Nations Conference — Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa invites you to attend the Disciples of All Nations 20th Annual Healing and Reconciliation Conference being held May 18-20, 2018.

It has been twenty years since Kateri Native Ministry started its journey towards Healing and Reconciliation and we continue that tradition this May. Our founder John Corston experienced the healing touch of our Lord and during the conference we will share our calling and propel ourselves to move forward and bring the Good News to our people.

Our special guest for the conference will be Sister Ann Shields, internationally renowned speaker, author of numerous books on Catholic spirituality and host of the popular daily radio program Food for the Journey. Registration can be completed at (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/kateri-native-ministry-of-ottawa/events/20th-annual-healing-and-reconciliation-conference/>).

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

Mark your calendars! St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish will be showing the Summit live for the 2nd year.

It is being hosted in Ottawa and live-streamed via webcast to various locations all over North America!

People in Peterborough and area are invited to

St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish Hall on Fri. April 27th, 7-9:30pm & Saturday, April 28th, 9am to 4:30pm.

Get your tickets now. Go to www.newevangelization.ca, scroll down to 'Get Tickets', then select Peterborough from the drop-down menu.

Presenters this year will be George Weigel, Curtis Martin, Michael Dopp, Sr. Ann Shields, Patrick Madrid and Fr. Mark Goring. Cost is \$40 and includes snacks and lunch. For more information call the Parish office at 745-8623.

Telecare Distress Centre

Telecare Distress Centre of Peterborough is looking for caring, empathetic listeners. Volunteer training begins **Wednes. April 25th @ 7:30 pm at Trinity United Church**. Cost is \$50 (subsidies available). Training aims to develop listening skills and increase awareness of local social, emotional and psychological needs and resources. To register go to www.telecarepeterborough.org or email info@telecarepeterborough.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 begin with Mass or adoration, discussions, questions and prayer followed by lunch at noon. Join us on **April 7th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon** at the John Paul II House.

Thank you for your generosity

*Offertory March 25: Envr: \$1681.00 + Loose
\$666.00 + = \$2347.00 Heat \$120.00
Development & Peace \$280.00 Diocesan Charity
\$240.00*

Volunteer needed to assist with the hall



The parish is in need of someone who would be responsible for the running of the hall. Please ask Fr. Michael for details.

Eucharistic Adoration

Spend Some Time with Jesus

There is Eucharistic adoration at the Church each Friday beginning at 6:00 p.m. In addition, St. Alphonsus Adoration Chapel is open seven days a week, Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from noon to midnight. Drop in for five minutes or spend an hour with Jesus.

Our church is open during the day for anyone who wishes to visit Jesus present in the tabernacle.



The March for Life will take place on May 10th.

The 2018 theme logo encourages everyone to commit themselves to the pro-life movement by going **ALL IN**. **ALL IN** to defend human life at all its stages, **ALL IN** to speak the truth in the face of adversary, **ALL IN** without exceptions, without excuses, without compromises.

The logo depicts a smiling unborn child in a heart shaped womb, cradled by our loving hands. At that state of their life, there is only love. The hands symbolize the pro-life movement whose goal is to keep that child safe and surrounded by love from the time of conception until natural death.



Readings:

April 1st: Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37 – 43
Psalm 118

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1 – 4

Gospel: John 20: 1 – 18

April 8th: Divine Mercy Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 4: 32 – 35

Psalm 118

2nd Reading: 1 John 5: 1 – 6

Gospel: John 20:19 – 31

Holy Father's Intentions: April

Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

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*

Peterborough Pregnancy Support Services

'All About Love Gala'

Saturday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m. at The Venue. Enjoy a delicious meal,

entertainment by *The Next Generation Leahy* & silent auction. Tickets are \$125 which includes a \$50 tax receipt. To reserve your ticket online go to

www.eventbrite.ca/e/all-about-love-fundraising-gala-tickets-42541377405 or call 705-742-4015



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

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All retreats/events will be at Villa St. Joseph, 445 Monk St., Cobourg Registration: email:

villa@csjcanada.org or call 905-372-2741

Day of Stillness- Sisters of St. Joseph

Wednesday April 18th 9 am to 5 pm

A gathering prayer invites you into silence and solitude. This unstructured day offers opportunity for personal prayer, relaxation and connection with God's creation.

Cost \$30 includes lunch and refreshments.

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.

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/donate.aspx>

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



Compassionate
Community Care

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

Thurs. March 8: 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.



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)

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.**

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)

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/>

The Diocese of Peterborough parishes have twinned, in support of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas. All parishes are able to accept donations for the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas along with the ability for parishioners to donate online on the Diocesan website at:

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.

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

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

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

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).

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

“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)

“Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness

Flower Committee

Volunteers needed to help with flower decor for the Assumption Church Sanctuary for 2018. Volunteer weeks are negotiable. 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.



First Friday and First Saturday Devotions

The First Friday devotion is derived from the apparitions of Our Lord to St Margaret Mary in France, in 1673-5. "I promise you in the excessive mercy of my heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the first Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."

The First Saturday devotion is derived from the apparitions of Our Lady in 1917, to the children (Lucia, St. Francisco, and St. Jacinta) at Fatima, in Portugal. "I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to Me."



