



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

January 8 – January 14

MONDAY, January 8
Baptism of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, January 9
St. William of Bourges
 6:30 p.m. ~ Veronica Marrocco
 (Marrocco Family)

WEDNESDAY, January 10
St. Paulinus
 8:00 a.m. + Gerry Doherty
 (Anne Fitzgerald & Mike Sullivan)

THURSDAY, January 11
St. Hyginus
 8:00 a.m. + Alan Wittet
 (Ironside Family)

FRIDAY, January 12
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys
 6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 p.m. ~ Lee Ann Corkery
 (Marrocco Family)

SATURDAY, January 13
St. Hilary
 8:00 a.m. + Elizabeth Szwierczk
 (Marrocco Family)

SUNDAY, January 14
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Gerry Doherty
 (Ken & Loretta English)
 9:00 a.m. + Vince Torpey
 (Knights of Columbus)
 10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

The Epiphany

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . .” The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel. We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the



Gentiles’ search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the

meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death. The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.”

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LAY MINISTRY	Eucharistic	Lector
Sat 4:00 p.m.	Colleen Petersen	Mary Ann Bernie
Sun 9:00 a.m.	Martin Corkery	Bob Holland
10:30 a.m.	Rose Wornoff	Aileen Doris

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Gift Bearers
Paul Heffernan
Dolly Kylie & Family
Elaine & Gary Lambe

C.W.L. News

Do you save cancelled stamps? If so, the CWL is happy to receive them and to pass them to Scarborough 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

The next meeting of the Knights will take place on Jan 9th at 7 p.m. following the Mass at 6:30 p.m.



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.

Quo Vadis brings together young men (18-35yrs.) who are on the journey to the question ‘what is my vocation?’ We will have Mass, adoration, confessions, talk and lunch. Join us on Jan. 13th from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the John Paul II House.

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE CAMPAIGN

The Call for Conscience 2018 Campaign is underway. Most Rev. Bishop Miehm and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address and/or postal code from every Catholic family in their community. This information will be used to communicate periodically on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide.

Please provide your contact information at the back of the church on the weekends of February 4 and 11, 2018. Thank you for living our faith!

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)



The Second Annual St. Joseph Dinner

Tickets are available for the 2nd 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 Miehm. Tickets are \$100 and are eligible for a \$50 charitable tax receipt. They can be purchased online at www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner or by visiting the Vocations Office (820 Frank Street) on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Contact Fr. John Perdue vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org 705-874-1871



Men's Conference

On February 24th join **Hector Molina** and **Bishop of St. Catharines Gerard Bergie** along with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries' 3rd 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

The Baptism of the Lord

On **January 8th** this year, the Church celebrates the feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Though this event hearkens to and foreshadows the Church's Sacrament of Baptism, we shouldn't confuse the two. Christ does not receive the Sacrament of Baptism, and what John imparts is not what the Church is doing when people are baptized.

The baptism of John was a ritual act of purifications which was much like the *mikvah* that a faithful Israelite accepted before they entered the precincts of the Temple. John presented his mikvah or baptism as an act by which one would be prepared to receive the Messiah and enter with him into the Messianic Age.

It is mysterious as to why Christ would himself accept this kind of baptism.

Perhaps it is to show the depth of his identification with Israel and that, as their Messiah, he would not expect or ask anything of his chosen people that he would not at first undergo himself.

Or maybe it is to foreshadow his immersion into sin and death in the terrifying event of the cross. As he descends into the depths of the Jordan River and then emerges, so will it be in his Paschal Mystery.

The Fathers of the Church presented the insight that as Christ immersed

himself in the waters of John's baptism, he sanctified all the waters of the world for use in the Church's



Sacrament of Baptism.

These are all interesting and helpful insights, but none in itself is the revelation or the theophany that today's liturgy presents.

The great revelation of the Lord's Baptism is discerned, not in the reason that he accepts Baptism, but that in that moment something about God's identity was revealed that was not fully known or even believed to be possible. The Baptism of Christ is the occasion when the Trinity is revealed- the Son makes himself known, the Father speaks, and the Holy Spirit descends. It is this mystery, the mystery of the Trinity that brings the revelations or the theophanies of the holy season of Christmas to their fulfillment.

The lesson?

Remember Christians, you do not believe that God is merely an idea in your mind or a projection of your best self. God is not for you some unknown and unknowable force in the universe or a feeling that you contain in your heart. The one, true God has revealed himself in Christ as the Trinity- the mysterious communion of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a communion of Divine Love "in which we live and move and have our being." It is this Divine Love that brought all into existence, and because of Christ, it is to this Divine Love that we will all one day return.

(Excerpt from Fr. Steve Grunow .. Word on Fire)

Offertory Thank you for your generosity
Dec 17th Offertory: Env. \$2726.00+ Loose
\$738.00 + + PAP \$470.00= \$3934.00
Fuel: \$20.00
St. Vincent de Paul: \$135.00
Christmas: PAP \$110.00 & Env \$135.00

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.



Readings:

Jan. 7th: The Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1- 6

Psalms 72

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 2 – 3, 5 – 6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1 – 12

Jan. 14th: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 3 – 10, 19

Psalms 40

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 13 – 15, 17 – 20

Gospel: John 1: 35 – 42

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.**

Holy Father's Intentions: January

Evangelization: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

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.



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

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>



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

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 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



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

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.**

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.

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



