



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 22 - - January 28

MONDAY, January 22

St. Vincent

8:00 a.m. + Gerry Doherty
(Carol Whiteside)

TUESDAY, January 23

8:00 a.m. - Special Intention
(Fr. Michael)

WEDNESDAY, January 24

St. Francis de Sales
8:00 a.m. - Special Intention
(Family)

THURSDAY, January 25

Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
8:00 a.m. - Hallam Welch
(Fr. Damien)

FRIDAY, January 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus
6:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m. + Special Intention
(Michael & Cristi Doris)

SATURDAY, January 27

St. Angela Merici
8:00 a.m. - The Homeless
(Parishioners)

SUNDAY, January 28

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + James and Bernadette Crough + 18th
Anniversary of + Sr. Eileen Crough CSJ
(Allan & Shirley O'Neill)

9:00 a.m. + Peter Keating
(Family)

10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

Do something, get moving, risk new things,
stick with it, get on your knees, then be ready
for BIG SURPRISES.

- St. Angela Merici

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 weekends of **February 4 and 11, 2018**. Thank you for living our faith!

C.W.L. News

The CWL is drafting its **budget for 2018**. If you wish to suggest any donations or expenditures for 2018, please contact Judy Lukes at 705-740-2062 or Anna Marie Bolin at 705-742-8249 by January 22nd.

The budget will be finalized at the February 6th general meeting.

Membership for 2018

Won't you join us!

Envelopes for your dues are in your collection envelope box and also at the back of the church. Members will be at the back of the church next weekend, if you have any questions. Thanks to those who have already paid their dues.

As part of the **Ontario CWL initiative on Homelessness** this year, the CWL is again providing a meal for *the Out of the Cold* program on February 10th at the One Roof Diner. Anyone wishing to contribute or volunteer, please call Joanne at 705-313-6750 or Anna Marie at 705-742-8249.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LAY MINISTRY Eucharistic
Sat 4:00 p.m. Joanne Bolton
Sun 9:00 a.m. Valerie Collicutt
 10:30 a.m. Bud Monahan

January 28, 2018

Lector
Helen Vozza
Gladys Fowler
Rose Wornoff

Gift Bearers
Roddy Turpin
Bob and Ruth O'Brien
Carolyn & Peter Doris & Family

Thank you for your generosity
Jan. 14, 2018 Offertory: 2160.00
Fuel: \$60.00

THE BOOK OF JONAH

The story of Jonah has great theological import. It concerns a disobedient prophet who **rejected his divine commission**, was cast overboard in a storm and **swallowed by a great fish**, rescued in a marvelous manner, and returned to his starting point. Now **he obeys** and goes to Nineveh, the capital of Israel's ancient enemy. The **Ninevites listen** to his message of doom and repent immediately. All, from king to lowliest subject, humble themselves in sackcloth and ashes. **Seeing their repentance, God does not carry out the punishment** planned for them. At this, **Jonah complains, angry because the Lord spares them.**

This fascinating story caricatures a narrow mentality which would see God's interest extending only to Israel, **whereas God is presented as concerned with and merciful to even the inhabitants of Nineveh** (4:11), the capital of the Assyrian empire which brought the Northern Kingdom of Israel to an end and devastated Jerusalem in 701 B.C. **The Lord is free to "repent" and change his mind.** **Jonah** seems to realize this possibility and **wants no part in it** (4:2; cf. Ex 34:6). But the story also conveys something of the ineluctable character of the prophetic calling. The book is replete with irony, wherein much of its humor lies. **The name "Jonah" means "dove" in Hebrew**, but Jonah's character is anything but dove-like. Jonah is commanded to go east to Nineveh but flees toward the westernmost possible point (1:2-3), only to be swallowed by a great fish and dumped back at this starting point (2:1, 11). The sailors pray to their gods, but Jonah is asleep in the hold (1:5-6). **The prophet's preaching is a minimum message of destruction, while it is the king of Nineveh who calls for repentance and conversion** (3:4-10); the instant conversion of

the Ninevites is **greeted by Jonah with anger and sulking** (4:1). He reproaches the Lord in words that echo Israel's traditional praise of his mercy (4:2; cf. Ex 34:6-7). **Jonah is concerned about the loss of the gourd not about the possible destruction of 120,000 Ninevites** (4:10-11).
from United States Conference of Catholic Bishops site

The Second Annual St. Joseph Dinner in support of campus ministry.

Funds raised go to support Catholic ministry to students at Trent University and Fleming College. The dinner is on **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; 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

Immaculate Conception Church Roast Beef Dinner
Sat. January 27 -- social at 5:30 following the 4:30 pm. Mass. Dinner is served beginning at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$8 for those 12 and under. Call parish office at 705-742-5466 to reserve tickets or drop by office at 386 Rogers St. from Tues. to Fri. between 9 am - 4 pm.

Job Posting for Part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator

The parish of St. Mary's (Lindsay) has an opening for a Part-time 15hrs/wk Youth Ministry Coordinator Responsible for developing a parish based pastoral ministry with youth. Reaches out to all youth/young adults in the community, Develops close communication with and mutual support from families of youth and collaborates with other community and parish youth organizations.

The ideal candidate will be an active member of a Roman Catholic parish faith community along with Youth Ministry experience in a Catholic parish. -- Must have reliable transportation since the job would require driving from one location to the other especially for the school visits. Please contact the St. Mary's Lindsay office by phone 705 324-4828 or email for a complete job description prior to applying. Although we thank all who apply, only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.

Qualified and interested candidates should e-mail resume to office@stmaryslindsay.ca no later than January 24th 2018.

Fiat Retreat for Women:

A semi-silent weekend of prayer (and fun).

Basic Info:

When: January 26 (evening)- 28 (after lunch time) 2018

Where: Vari Residence Sacred Heart College

Who: Catholic women ages 18-35

Cost: \$30

Contact Mother Parousia at m.parousia@servidoras.org

To sign up: visit www.ptbovocations.ca/Fiat

Mary gave when approached by the angel Gabriel. (See the Gospel of Luke 1:38). The goal of this retreat is to learn to respond to God's prompting in our daily lives with the docility of Our Lady.

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.



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.

The Return of the Flying Fathers

The Peterborough Vocations Office - 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)



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. 21

Knights of Columbus News



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

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.

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

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

Description of event:

What is it about? This "semi" silent retreat will combine quiet prayer time and spiritual learning with fun; together with other Catholic young women seeking to take their faith seriously.

What will we do? Introduction to the basics of Ignatian Spirituality. Learn Methods of Prayer. Quiet time for reflection. Daily Mass. Opportunities for confession and individual spiritual guidance. Plus time for fun and games!

Re: Retreat for Women:

What does "Fiat" mean? "*Fiat mihi voluntas tua*—Let it be done to me according to your word," was the response

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

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*

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. 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.



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?)

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

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

