



*Our Lady of the Assumption*  
**Roman Catholic Church**  
*Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario*



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*Pastor: Monsignor Michael Heffernan C.H.F.*

**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.**



*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent*  
*March 4, 2018*

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**

March 5 – March 11

MONDAY, March 5

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, March 6

6:30 p.m. + Gerry Doherty

(Thomas Coughlin)

WEDNESDAY, March 7

*St. Perpetua & St. Felicity*

8:00 a.m. ~ Scott Moses

(Ironside Family)

THURSDAY, March 8

*St. John of God*

8:00 a.m. + Peter & Jean Malloy

(Family)

FRIDAY, March 9

*St. Frances of Rome*

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

7:00 p.m. + Brian Linnen & deceased members of the Linnen Family

(Marrocco Family)

SATURDAY, March 10

8:00 a.m. + Vicky Marcinek

(Joe & Judy Lukes)

SUNDAY, March 11

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Gerry Doherty

(Carl & Janet Doherty)

9:00 a.m. + Lorne Brown

(Wava & Family)

10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

**Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (St. Augustine)**

A woman came. She is a symbol of the Church not yet made righteous. Righteousness follows from the conversation. She came in ignorance, she found Christ, and he enters into conversation with her. Let us see what it is about, let us see why a Samaritan woman came to draw water. The Samaritans did not form part of the Jewish people: they were foreigners. The fact that she came from a foreign people is part of the symbolic meaning, for she is a symbol of the Church.

The Church was to come from the Gentiles, of a different race from the Jews.

We must then recognise ourselves in her words and in her person, and with her give our own thanks to God. She was a symbol, not the reality; she foreshadowed the reality, and the reality came to be. She found faith in Christ, who was using her as a symbol to teach us what was to come. She came then to draw water. She had simply come to draw water; in the normal way of man or woman. Jesus says to her: Give me water to drink. For his disciples had gone to the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman therefore says to him: How is it that you, though a Jew, ask me for water to drink, though I am a Samaritan woman? For Jews have nothing to do with Samaritans.

The Samaritans were foreigners; Jews never used their utensils. The woman was carrying a pail for drawing water. She was astonished that a Jew should ask her for a drink of water, a thing that Jews would not do. But the one who was asking for a drink of water was thirsting for her faith.

Listen now and learn who it is that asks for a drink. Jesus answered her and said: If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", perhaps you might have asked him and he would have given you living water.

He asks for a drink, and he promises a drink. He is in need, as one hoping to receive, yet he is rich, as one about to satisfy the thirst of others. He says: If you knew the gift of God. The gift of God is the Holy Spirit. But he is still using veiled language as he speaks to the woman and gradually enters into her heart. Or is he already teaching her? What could be more gentle and kind than the encouragement he gives? If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", perhaps you might ask and he would give you living water.

What is this water that he will give if not the water spoken of in Scripture: With you is the fountain of life? How can those feel thirst who will drink deeply from the abundance in your house?

He was promising the Holy Spirit in satisfying abundance. She did not yet understand. In her failure to grasp his meaning, what was her reply? The woman says to him: Master, give me this drink, so that I may feel no thirst or come here to draw water. Her need forced her to this labour, her weakness shrank from it. If only she could hear those words: Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you. Jesus was saying this to her, so that her labours might be at an end; but she was not yet able to understand. (1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny)

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**March 11, 2018**

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Sat 4:00 p.m.

Colleen Petersen

Mary Anne Bernie

Paul Heffernan & Kievan Lonergan

Sun 9:00 a.m.

Bob O'Brien

Bob Holland

Terry & Marlene Fitzgerald

10:30 a.m.

Bud Monahan

Rose Wornoff

Henrietta Duff

**CWL News**



The next CWL meeting will be on **Tues, March 6<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 p.m.** following the 6:30 Mass.

**Healing Mass – March 7<sup>th</sup> at Mount St. Joseph 1:30 pm.**

All are invited to come and pray for healing. Opportunity for anointing and healing prayer. (Fr. Leo Coughlin)

**The Office of Tenebrae of Holy Thursday**

The Office of Tenebrae of Holy Thursday (The Office of Darkness) will be anticipated on **Tues, March 27, 2018 at 7:30 pm** as part of this year's schedule of Holy Week services at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. We invite everyone to attend this moving service during the most important and significant week of the liturgical year.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE presents...

**“Theology of the Body Certificate Series” with Sr. Helena Burns, fsp**

Today's culture is all about love, sex, the body, beauty and relationships. So is God. Through JPPII's original and dynamic synthesis, we will unpack God's story of love, sex, the body, beauty and relationships.

Spring 2018 Mar. 17th, Apr. 7th, 14th, 21st, May 5th & 12th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sadleir House, 751 George St. N., Peterborough \$75 for Audit \$150 for Certificate (book included)



St. Josemaria said: “Lent should suggest to us these basic questions: Am I advancing in

my faithfulness to Christ, in my desire for holiness, in a generous apostolate in my daily life, in my ordinary work among my colleagues? Each one of us, silently, should answer these questions, and we will see that we need to change again if Christ is to live in us, if Jesus' image is to be reflected clearly in our behaviour.” (Christ is Passing By, 58)

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIME**

Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> will be the last 4:00 p.m. until the fall 'turn back of time'.

Starting on March 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday evening Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Thank you for your generosity

*Offertory Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. Env. \$1286.00 + Loose \$170.0+ = \$1456.00 Fuel: \$44.00 St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00*

**The Euthanasia Deception**

Can you spare one hour this Lent to educate yourself on the dangers of euthanasia? Become more informed regarding the importance of conscience rights. Come out **Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.** for the one hour documentary, *The Euthanasia Deception* at Our Lady of the Assumption Church. All are welcome!

**A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – November 11-20, 2018**

Have you ever dreamt of being alive 2,000 years ago and walking side by side with Jesus? To have actually witnessed the miracles or heard the parables first hand. If that is the case, Faith Journey is offering an excursion of a lifetime. Visit Nazareth, Cana, the River Jordan, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, Bethsaida, Mount Tabor, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and many more of these sacred spaces. The price is \$2695 plus \$695 for airport tax and fuel surcharge.

**WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS**

For those interested in the pilgrimage to the Holy this November 11-20 there will be an information meeting **Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall** in Peterborough. Feel free to contact Fr. Bill Moloney, the spiritual leader for the pilgrimage @ 705-768-0844.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION**

Please join us at **St. Paul the Apostle's Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>**. Full dinner at 5:00 pm & entertainment to follow by our very talented youth and adults. Cost \$14 for adults, \$6 for children 6-12, under 6 free. Tickets are available at the church office on Wednesdays and Fridays. All are welcome!!

**Development & Peace Corner**

In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently & without warning or providing alternative housing. SERAC, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, a Development and Peace partner, has worked for over 20 years with slum communities in Lagos to promote and protect the socio-economic rights of inhabitants, including their rights to adequate housing/shelter, livelihood, water, food, access to electricity and education.

Come out to meet Felix Morka, Founder & Executive Director of SERAC on **Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall and to hear how SERAC is training community leaders with the



knowledge and tools they need to engage in effective dialogue with the government.

### FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

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**In our catechesis on the Mass**, we now turn from the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Following the Lord's command at the Last Supper to "do this in memory of me", the Church at every Mass makes sacramentally present the sacrifice of the New Covenant sealed by Jesus on the altar of the cross. The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the Preparation of the Gifts of bread and wine which will then be consecrated in the Eucharistic Prayer and received by the faithful in Holy Communion. The rite of the Preparation of the Gifts invites us to present our own lives as a spiritual offering together with the gifts we bring to the altar. The Prayer which concludes this rite voices our confidence that the Church's offering will be transformed by the Holy Spirit and become a sacrifice pleasing to the Father, in union with the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. At every Mass, may we experience the Preparation of the Gifts as an invitation to offer our lives completely to the Lord, in order to receive from him the grace to live ever more fully our vocation to grow in holiness and to serve the coming of his Kingdom.

General Audience Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

### 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 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:

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

**LENTEN WALK WITH THE LORD 2018  
– 40 ACTS OF KINDNESS**

Our Diocese is presenting you with an additional or optional way to enhance and enrich your Lenten commitment and experience. Very often, Lent consist in denying oneself and/or abstaining from certain items, activities, and/or benefits/enjoyments. Optionally, "**Lenten Walk with the Lord**" invites you to do one (1) simple act of kindness for each of the 40 days of Lent. For example , kindness can be as simple as a smile and often begins at home. God bless you in your efforts!

### Readings:

#### March 4<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 17: 3 – 7

Psalm 95

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5: 1 – 2, 5 – 8

Gospel: John 4: 5 – 42

#### March 11<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14 – 17, 19 – 23

Psalm 137

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 2: 4 – 10

Gospel: John 3: 14 – 21

### 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*

### Holy Father's Intentions: March

#### Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

### Peterborough Pregnancy Support Services

#### 'All About Love Gala'

Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:Angelina@SecondChanceMinistry.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 begin with Mass or adoration, discussions, questions and prayer followed by lunch at noon. Join us on **Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to Noon** at the John Paul II House.

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.

All retreats/events will be at Villa St. Joseph, 445 Monk St., Cobourg  
Registration: email: [villa@csjcanada.org](mailto:villa@csjcanada.org) or call 905-372-2741

#### Interfaith Hour for Peace

Thursday March 15

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Come join us for an hour of prayer, as we come together to pray for healing in our fractured world. This will be a time of prayer, music and silent meditation for Peace in our World and the Healing of our Earth. All welcome!  
Refreshments to follow. Goodwill Offering.

#### Seedy Saturday Seed Exchange In Cobourg

Saturday March 17 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free Admission - Admission is free and everyone is able to take home seeds, even if they don't bring any to exchange. There will also be an opportunity to learn about seeds with a presentation by Jill Bishop of Urban Tomato. She will talk about Growing Seeds Indoors. Vendors include: Mountain Grove Seed Company, Terra Edibles, Turtle Back Hollow, Urban Tomato, Railway Creek Garlic Farm (some garlic products for sale but not garlic), Cobourg Seed Library, Seeds of Diversity. Homemade seedy muffins, coffee and tea will also be available (no registration required)

#### Art Retreat: "Art, Spirit, & Integral Ecology" (Sr. Pat St Louis CSJ)

Tuesday March 20 at 7pm to Thursday March 22 at 1pm

A gentle experience where process is more important than product. Previous art experience not required, just openness to perhaps something new.

Enter into the relaxing, unfolding mystery of spirit speaking through art.

Discover through color, images, shapes the Divine moving within.

Art connects us to our sense of wonder and prayer, a sense of deepest knowing. An excellent experience leading to healing and transformation. Just Come and Paint! Retreat Facilitator: Sr Patricia St. Louis, CSJ Cost \$160 with an additional material fee of \$25.

#### Lenten Sabbath Weekend

Friday March 23 at 7pm to Sunday March at 25 1pm

#### Development & Peace Corner

Peterborough Diocese will be hosting our Solidarity Visitor, Felix Morka on Mar 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. St. Alphonsus Parish Hall Felix is a Harvard educated lawyer and Executive Director of The Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, our partner in Nigeria. SERAC has worked for over 20 years with slum communities in Lagos and elsewhere in Nigeria to promote and protect the socio-economic rights of inhabitants, including their rights to adequate housing/shelter, livelihood, water, food, access to electricity, and education. SERAC's work in slums involves rights-based community organizing, empowerment, advocacy and litigation in response to threatened or forced evictions. Join us at St. Alphonsus and hear how SERAC is training community leaders with the knowledge and tools they need to engage in effective dialogue with the government. Share Lent Collection Mar. 17 & 18. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please pray for the Nigerian People.

Please add to the The Prayers of the Faithful for the weekend of **March 10th & 11th**

For peacemakers the world over who advocate for ecological justice in order to safeguard the Earth, our common home, and protect the environment, let us pray to the Lord

#### 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](http://chilaweetrails.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 7days a week, 24 hours a day from coast to coast. [www.CompassionateCommunityCare.org](http://www.CompassionateCommunityCare.org)



#### 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**

### 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*)

**God, of finding freedom by excluding moral truths and personal responsibility. (St. Pope John Paul II)**

### 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."

### 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](mailto:projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org). <http://www.stmarysrefuge.org>



*"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

**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/>

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.

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### 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

**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).

**The greatest deception, and the deepest source of unhappiness, is the illusion of finding life by excluding**

*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

(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."

*"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 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

### 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

