



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

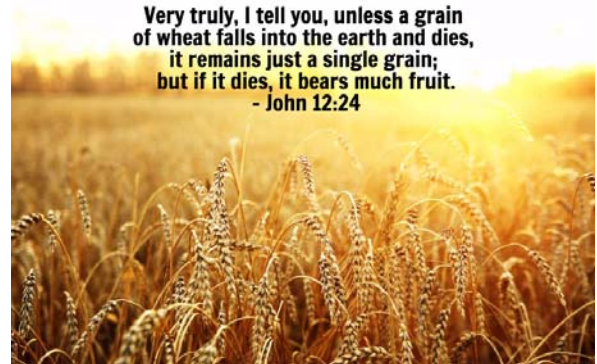
Every Friday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.

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.**



Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain
of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain;
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- John 12:24

*5th Sunday of Lent
March 18, 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 19 – March 25

MONDAY, March 19

St. Joseph

8:00 a.m. For our Church leaders & parents that they will be faithful to their vocations & the proclamation of the message of God.

TUESDAY, March 20

8:00 a.m. + Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, March 21

8:00 a.m. + Mart & Wayne Guerin

(Paul, Anne Charlie & Adam Beebe)

THURSDAY, March 22

8:00 a.m. Special Intention

FRIDAY, March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

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

7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention

(Claudette Vanderploeg)

SATURDAY, March 24

8:00 a.m. ~ Our godchildren

(Bernard & Fran Ironside)

SUNDAY, March 25

Palm Sunday

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Hazel O'Brien

(Vicki, Shelley, Justin & Brett)

9:00 a.m. + John Shilton

(St. Patrick School Council)

10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

Easter Flowers/Plants

Donations of plants would be appreciated. You can bring them to the church during Holy Week. You may dedicate your flowers in the name of your loved ones and a Mass will be offered for them after Easter.



Knitters and crocheters and those wanting to learn ...

We would like to start a group with the idea of knitting items for our C.W.L. Bazaar. If this is something you would like to do, please call Gladys Fowler at 748-6438. When and how often we meet will depend upon interest shown. We have wool that has been donated to the C.W.L.

Thank you for your generosity

Offertory March 11: Enr. \$1493.00 +

Loose \$412.00 = \$1905.00 Fuel: \$5.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$55.00

Stations of the Cross

(www.passionistnuns.org)

Following Jesus along the Way of the Cross, we realize how His Passion continues in the hardships and sufferings of our lives, as we take up our daily cross and follow Him in the midst of the challenges of a world filled with deceptions and temptations to sin. (Gal 2:19-21; I Peter 2:22-24 and 3:13-17 and 4:12-13, etc., etc.)

As we make the Way of the Cross, we look for the *inward meaning* of each scene. We ask: Jesus, show me how this relates to my life. Show me how this relates to the life of the Church in our time. As we gaze at Jesus in each station, we can be present to the *way in which the power of Jesus' love and His "yes" to the Father, transformed the suffering of each station*. Then consider how love for God and neighbour can transform the suffering of your life. From the Passion of Jesus and the Sorrows of Mary we can learn that our suffering



need not be mere "meaningless misery". When offered in union with Jesus and Mary in the Passion, it can become a precious sacrificial gift offered God for the salvation of souls who may be on a path to perdition. St. Paul of the Cross said that in this school of the Passion, we learn the

science of the saints. Praying the Stations of the Cross and uniting our own sufferings to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, releases more of the transforming power of Christ's love into our own hearts, and the hearts of others!

When the Stations are prayed reflectively, particularly in union with the Sorrowful Heart of Mary, one can enter into intimate contact with Our Lord in each scene. This quiet meditative walking with Jesus along His way to the cross can leave a lasting impression in one's heart. In this way, His Passion begins truly to become our spiritual strength in the sufferings, frustrations and hardships of daily life. We can also become deeply aware of how His suffering continues in all who bear a more intense share in His Passion: the ill, the elderly, the bereaved, the unemployed, the poor, those in war-torn areas, those locked in abusive relationships, victims of violence and so on.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

For those interested in the pilgrimage to the Holy Land this November 11th-20th there will be an information meeting **Thursday, March 22nd 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.

Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018

LAY MINISTRY	Eucharistic	Lector	Gift Bearers
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Rose Rabishaw	Roddy Turpin	Paul & Catherine Kelly
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Valerie Collicutt	Joanne Bolton & Sarah Grills	Wava Brown & Lynda DeNoble
10:30 a.m.	Bud Monahan	Gladys Fowler	Joanne & Sarah Nelson
		Judy Lukes, Mary Pat Goodridge	
		Maggie Doris, Anna Marie Bolin	

C.W.L. News



Mark your calendars.

The CWL will host the **Step into**

Spring Fashion Show featuring the fashions of Fashion Plus on **Wednesday, April 18th at 7 p.m.**

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 Chrism Mass

On Monday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m., Bishop Meihm, joined by the priests of the diocese, will gather at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains to celebrate the chrism Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. Here the bishop blesses three oils - the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrism which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year.

As Bishop Meihm blesses these three oils at the chrism Mass this year, let us turn our hearts to our gracious Lord who bestows His infinite Love and Mercy to us through these sacraments. Let us also pray for our bishop and the priests who are the ministers of the sacraments in the parish, that they may be the humble and generous servants of the Lord. (www.catholiceraid.com) **Please plan to attend.**

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. The Cathedral Choir will lead the Gregorian Chant, under its Music Director Claudio Engli. Our guest cantor for the evening will be Mark Jurgenson. We invite everyone to attend this moving service during the most important and significant week of the liturgical year.

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



Solemnity of St. Joseph: March 19 (Mass: 8 a.m.)

Pope John Paul II: What emanates from the figure of St. Joseph is faith. Joseph of Nazareth is a 'just man'

because he totally 'lives by faith.' He is holy because his faith is truly heroic. Sacred Scripture says little of him. It does not record even one word spoken by Joseph, the carpenter of Nazareth. And yet, even without words, he shows the depth of his faith, his greatness. St. Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God. We see how the word of the Living God penetrates deeply into the soul of that man. And we, do we know how to listen to the word of God? Do we know how to absorb it into the depths of our human personalities? Do we open our conscience in the presence of this word?

St. Joseph, patron saint of the universal Church, Canada and the domestic Church, pray for us.

— excerpted from St. Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation *Redemptoris Custos*: "On the Person and Mission of Saint Joseph in the Life of Christ and in the Church"

Development & Peace

We wish to thank you for your generosity on this Development and Peace Solidarity Sunday. Your donation will be used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world — from Lebanon to Cambodia, to Nigeria and beyond! The theme of our Share Lent campaign Together for Peace, invites us to build peace through dialogue and

reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future. This is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

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:

March 11th: 4th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14 – 17, 19 – 23
Psalm 137

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 4 – 10

Gospel: John 3: 14 – 21

March 18th: 5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34

Psalm 51

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 7 – 9

Gospel: John 12: 20 – 33

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.

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

Pope Francis shared that "The Eucharistic Celebration is much more than a simple banquet: it is exactly the memorial of Jesus' Pascal Sacrifice, the mystery at the centre of salvation...every time we celebrate this Sacrament we participate in the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Christ."

You are invited to watch the National Catholic Mission 2018, The Mass: The Mystery at the Centre of Salvation with Father Michael Coutts S.J. which will be broadcast during Holy Week on the following networks across Canada:

VisionTV: Part 1 Monday March 26; Part 2 March 27th at 8 pm ET

Salt + Light: Part 1 March 27th; Part 2 March 28th at 8 pm ET

The 2018 Mission will be rebroadcast: Part 1 on Good Friday and Part 2 Holy Saturday at the times of the regular Daily TV Mass.

The Mission will also be available at www.dailytvmass.com.

For more information please call the NCBC toll-free 1-888-383-6277 or by e-mail at info@ncbc.ca.

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

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, May 12th, June 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to Noon** at the John Paul II House.

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

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 25 at 1pm
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.

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 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



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)

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:

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

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)

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

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 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 (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."

Please add to the Prayers of the Faithful
For the women and men at home and from other
countries who engage in dialogue through peace and
reconciliation processes, let us pray to the Lord.

