



Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish

Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pastor: Fr. David West

~ MAY 3, 2009 ~

Weekend Masses:

Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist

Keene, Ontario

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Our Lady of the Assumption

Monday 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Thursday No Mass

Friday 6:30 p.m.

Parish Office:

Office Phone: 741-1018

Secretary Hours: Mon 1 - 4, Tues & Thurs 10 - 2, Fri 10 - 1

Secretary: Judy Lukes

Finance Chairperson:

► Bill Larocque - 742-9127

Catholic Womens' League President:

► Anna Marie Bolin - 742-8249

Knights of Columbus - Grand Knight

► Rick Stankiewicz - 295-6158

Parish Hall:

► Call Parish Office (741-1018)

Marriage: Registered Parishioners must contact the parish office six months before the proposed wedding date. No date for a wedding can be set before a couple has met with the priest.

Baptism: Registered Parishioners must contact the parish office one month before the desired baptism date.

Baptisms will usually be scheduled for the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Reconciliation: Each Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 pm or by *appointment. *Call Fr. David beforehand to set up appointment or to meet at the church.

First Fridays:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:15 p.m.

Benediction at 6:15 p.m.

Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of
Prayer for Vocations

May 3, 2009

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS - MAY 4 - 9, 2009			
Monday	@ 9:00 a.m.	+	Harry Shaughnessy (Jackaline Duffus & Family)
Tuesday	@ 6:30 p.m.	+	Peter McNamara (Rick and Joanne Bolton)
Wednesday	@ 9:00 a.m.	-	Intentions of Bill and Mary Connolly (John & Mary Paquette)
Thursday	NO MASS		
Friday	@ 6:30 p.m.	+	Harry Shaughnessy (Lorraine Donohue)

SAINTS MON: BLESSED MARIE LEONIE PARADIS, WED: BLESSED FRANCOIS DE MONTMORENCY LAVAL, FRI: BLESSED CATHERINE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS			
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		~~~~~	MAY 10, 2009
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+	Harry Shaughnessy (Lavada and Frank Crowley)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	-	Pro Populo
	10:30 a.m.	+	John Verhoeven (Jo and Family)
	12:00 noon	-	In Appreciation of our Mother, Nora (Elaine and the Girls)

LAY MINISTRY		FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~~~ MAY 10, 2009		
		<u>Eucharistic</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Judy Pinto	Jonathan Pinto	Bernard and Leona Sheehan
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Joanne Bolton	Bob Holland	Wayne and Bev Harrington
	10:30 a.m.	Rose Wornoff	Christy Ironside	Carolyn & Peter Doris & Family
	2:00 noon	Valerie Collicutt	Nick Powers	Tom and Colleen Petersen

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**FINANCE CORNER - LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION**

Offertory: \$2745.00,  
Initial Env. \$10.00, Fuel: \$30.00,  
Pope's Pastoral Works \$100.00

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 10, 2009**  
ACTS 9: 26 - 31  
1 JOHN 3: 18 - 24  
JOHN 15: 1 - 8

in Grafton, as they continue in their journey of living faith.

**KNIGHTS NOTES**

Please check out our updated Council website: <http://www.assumption-stjohns.ca/> and click on Knights of Columbus on the left to open it.

**CWL NEWS**

**May is the Month of our Mother,**  
the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Prior to each of the weekend Masses in May, our CWL ladies will lead

**DIOCESAN PRAYER CORNER**

Please pray for clergy and parishioners of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

the prayer of the rosary.

If you wish to pray with us, please arrive about 20 minutes before Mass begins.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The following children will be receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time on **Sunday May 17**.

Maddie Fee, Molly Magnus,  
Emma Hancock, Maggie Doris,  
Jenessa Cunningham, Allison Jones,  
Liam Leahy, Tyler Condon, Ajay Hynes  
Delaney Lagana, Abby Matway,  
Renee Howard, Larissa Crough,  
Ian Malloy, Ben Crowley, Dawson Overwijk  
*Keep all of these little ones and their families  
in your prayers.*

### Adult Learning Opportunity

*The Internet is everywhere* these days and it is used for playing, learning and business. Are you worried about whom our children and grandchildren are encountering while on the Internet ?

How do we try to keep our most precious ones safe while they are exposed to the Internet ?

Who is out there luring our children and how do they do this ?

To get some answers to your questions, come out **Wednesday, May 13th** at 7 p.m., to hear Constable Iain McEwan of the OPP, who will be making a presentation on

~~ *Internet Luring* ~~

**at our Assumption Parish Hall.**

All are welcome.

*This information session is sponsored by  
Our Lady of the Assumption/St. John Evangelist  
Catholic Women's League*

one who firmly guides her in the pathways of time towards the definitive fulfillment of the Kingdom is He, the Lord, who freely chooses persons of every culture and of every age and invites them to follow Him according to the mysterious plans of His merciful love. ...

‘The Church’, my beloved predecessor, John Paul II, wrote ‘has received the Eucharist from Christ, her Lord, not as a gift – however precious – among so many others, but as the *gift par excellence*, for it is the gift of Himself, of His person in His sacred humanity, as well as the gift of His saving work’ (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 11). ...

It is priests who are called to perpetuate this salvific mystery from century to century until the Lord’s glorious return, ... .

In the celebration of the Eucharist it is Christ Himself who acts in those whom He chooses as His ministers; ...

The awareness of being saved by the love of Christ, which every Mass nourishes in the faithful and especially in priests, cannot but arouse within them a trusting self-abandonment to Christ who gave His life for us. ...

... the freedom of man who responds in love, hearing the words of Jesus echoing in his soul, ‘You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit that your fruit should abide’ (*Jn 14: 16*) ...

*This intertwining of love between the divine initiative and the human response* is present also, in a wonderful way, in the vocation to the consecrated life. ...

Once more, Jesus is the model of complete and trusting adherence to the will of the Father, to whom every consecrated person must look. ... The witness of these, our brothers and sisters, in contemplative monasteries, religious institutes and congregations of apostolic life, reminds the people of God of ‘that mystery of the Kingdom of God is already at work in history, even as it awaits its full realization in heaven’ (*Vita Consecrata*, 1). ...

An emblematic human response, full of trust in God’s initiative, is the generous and unmitigated ‘Amen’ of the Virgin of Nazareth.... Mary, after the first ‘*fiat*’ had to repeat it many times, even up to the culminating moment of the crucifixion of Jesus, when ‘standing by the cross of Jesus’ as the Evangelist John notes, she participated in

## Message (Excerpts) of the Holy Father for the 46<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations ~ May 3, 2009

**Theme: Faith in the divine initiative – the human response.**

“...Pray! The urgent call of the Lord stresses that prayer for vocations should be continuous and trusting. ...

While it is undoubtedly true that a worrisome shortage of priests is evident in some regions of the world, and that the Church encounters difficulties and obstacles along the way, we are sustained by the unshakable certitude that the

the dreadful suffering of her innocent Son....  
That Jesus, while dying, gave her to us as  
Mother... I want to entrust to her all those who  
are aware of God's call to set out on the road of  
the ministerial priesthood or consecrated life.

Dear friends, do not become  
discouraged in the face of  
difficulties and doubts;  
trust in God and follow Jesus  
faithfully and you will be  
witnesses of the joy  
that flows from intimate  
union with Him. ...”

From the Vatican,  
20 January 2009

*Benedict XVI*

**Are You Hungry for the Truth? The Four Last Things: Judgment, Purgatory, Hell & Heaven**  
Input materials from Fr. John Corapi, with Sister Therese Roddy facilitating. Sacred Heart Parish Hall from 7-8:30 PM Sunday evenings, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. No registration fee. Please call 745-1309 ext. 277 to register.

**Come celebrate with Fr. Ray Heffernan the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood** on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Cathedral  
Fr. Ray will celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Mass  
Reception to follow at Bishop Doyle Hall

#### **LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS**

*Lift Up Your Hearts* is a new book by Alex Duketow, designed to help families and small groups grow in their appreciation of the Mass and various celebrations of the Church. It bears the Imprimatur of Bishop De Angelis and would make a suitable gift for First Communion, among other occasions. See the article in the current issue of the *Catholic Herald*, p. XXIII, for ordering information.

#### **RETRouvaille**

Retrouvaille is a world-leading programme designed to provide help and support to married couples who are undergoing stress and difficulties in their relationship. It has also led to reconciliation for couples who are separated or divorced but who wish to restore and rebuild their marriage.

For more information or to register, please call 416-281-6007 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org). See the article about Retrouvaille in the current issue of the *Catholic Herald*, p. VII.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** to be held MAY 15-17 in PETERBOROUGH. Changes impact married couples – everything from new homes & children to being empty-nesters and retirees. These are all opportunities to draw closer together. Come and learn the skills to deeper communication (and more joy) on this marriage enrichment weekend. Contact Ken & Kathy Reid, 905-372-5097, or email [ravensreid@sympatico.ca](mailto:ravensreid@sympatico.ca) More info at [www.wwmecanada.org](http://www.wwmecanada.org).

**Faith Formation Session** - An evening of catechesis, reflection, prayer and discussion on the topic of “The Resurrection”, with guest speaker Fr. Norbert Glasmacher, will begin at 7pm on Monday, May 4th at the VEYO Centre. For more information contact [yac@veyopeterboro.org](mailto:yac@veyopeterboro.org).

FR. STAN FORTUNA

In a collaborative effort by the Diocese of Peterborough and PVNCC District School Board, the rapping Franciscan priest from the Bronx in New York will be in the Peterborough Diocese from May 5th-9th. He will be visiting a number of our local high schools as well as leading through a Day of Recollection hosted by VEYO on Saturday May 9th. For more information please contact VEYO at (705) 749-0330 or email [veyo@veyopeterboro.org](mailto:veyo@veyopeterboro.org)

**Youth Summit** - Youth & Young adults (18-35) are invited to make the pilgrimage to the 2009 Youth Summit in Quebec City. Come find renewal among the great witnesses of the Gospel who built our country and who invite us to be witnesses in turn, during this beautiful year honouring St. Paul. This year's event will take place May 15-18 at Laval University in Quebec City. Registration is only \$100 and includes transportation on the VEYO bus, accommodations, and all meals except for dinner Sunday evening. For more information or to register please call the Youth Office at (705) 749-0330.

**WYD 2011** - World Youth Day is now in the hands of Spanish youth; preparations have begun in Madrid and locally for World Youth Day 2011! Anyone hoping to organize a group in any of our parishes and schools are asked to please contact the Youth Office at (705) 749-0330 for preliminary planning.

## Pilgrimages

**1. October 5 – 20, 2009** ~ Spiritual leadership of Fr. Ken Rae, 16 days; fly to **Rome, tour south Italy** (incl. visit to shrine of St. Padre Pio) Cost: \$3795.00 all inclusive but lunches. See Marg Caley for full itinerary and to register – 742-7065.

**2. July 4 - 6, 2009 to Cap de la Madeleine, Quebec.** Call Beth Lariviere 1-800-259-9991 or Maria Andreoli 745-0110 to book. Also visiting St. Anne de Beaupre, St. Joseph's Oratory. 2 nights at Madonna House.

### Year for Priests

On Mar. 18 Pope Benedict XVI announced that a Year for Priests will begin on 19 June 2009 (Feast of the Sacred Heart), concluding exactly one year later with a World Meeting of Priests in St. Peter's Square.

The theme is to be "Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests."

**World Youth Day 2009 - *We Have Set our Hope on the Living God*** (1 Tim 4:10)

During this year's WYD celebration in Rome, representatives from Sydney will take part in the official handover of the WYD Cross and Icon, to the next international WYD host, Madrid.

This handover will mark the last WYD 2008 event for Sydney, and the first official event for Madrid, towards WYD 2011.

The Diocese of Peterborough will celebrate World Youth Day 2009 at SONfest '09 in Courtice, ON.

**Euchre Party in Support of Birthright** continues on

the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Stone Schoolhouse at the corner of Hunter and Rubidge streets. Admission is \$ 5.00. Refreshments are included and the party begins at 1:30 P.M

**Volunteers needed at St. Joseph's at Fleming** to assist residents to attend Mass in the chapel: Wednesday 9:45 am, and the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 2 pm. Please call Carol Rodd 743-4744 ext. 3008.

**YEAR OF ST. PAUL** - A reminder that in celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Paul, indulgences are being offered. For more information on the conditions; to find out more about the Jubilee Year; and for the Diocesan prayer, go to the Evangelization page on the VEYO web site, or contact the Evangelization Office at [evangelization@veyopeterboro.org](mailto:evangelization@veyopeterboro.org).

The name of the Catholic Sponsorship Organization is CHALICE and their internet site can be found at [WWW.chalice.ca](http://WWW.chalice.ca)

**NEW PARIHIONERS**--have you registered in our Parish? Forms can be found at the back of the Churches. Please introduce yourselves to me---and welcome!!

**YOUTH IN THE PARISH**--- I'm asking for some parents to consider dedicating themselves to forming a junior youth group---perhaps even one for the younger children as well. My thanks to Mary Macfarlane for doing so much for the youth these past 7 years-- but her work schedule makes it impossible for her to continue in this ministry. She has a lot of great ideas and experience, and has volunteered whatever time she can to helping any of you who are willing to take this on. Please let me know, and we can call a meeting to discuss ideas and plans.

### IN THE HOSPITAL OR ILL AT HOME??

Sometimes I find out that parishioners have been in the hospital or are seriously ill at home—and were afraid to “bother the priest”. Please let me know, and I will be in to see you. It drives us clergy crazy when people think that the priest is too busy to visit the sick!! That's what we were ordained for.

Usually if I don't see one of you for a while, and have no idea that you are sick, I just presume you're away on vacation. Phone the rectory day or night and let me know.

### **Volunteers are needed at Birthright.**

Who can be a volunteer? Any women of any faith who is a positive, kind and caring person and who wants to help a mother bring her baby to birth. Birthright Office is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Monday to Thursday and Friday from 1 to 4. If interested call 745-7167.

### *A Message by George Carlin:*

***Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.***

***Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.***

*Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.*

*Remember, to say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.*

*Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.*

*Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.*

**AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:**

*Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.*

*If you don't send this to at least 8 people.... Who cares?     George Carlin*

**First Friday:**  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @**  
**5:15 p.m.,**  
**Benediction @ 6:15 p.m.**  
**Mass                    @ 6:30 p.m.**

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters:

### **From the Pastor's Desk**

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 31st** at the regular 12:00 noon Mass. The following grade 7 and 8 students have indicated their wish to receive this Sacrament: Graham Ironside, Emma Ironside, Alexander Robertson, Dana Fulton, Morgan Kelly, Kaitlyn Kabinski, Katie Long, Justin St. Laurent, Riley Crough, Patrick Calqhoun, Jennifer Bell, Tyler Barker, Daniel Gibert, Kyle Roy, Holly Miller, Brody Heath and Ryan Heath.

**A MEETING** for these students and their parents will be held on **Monday, May 4th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.** Parents, please

bring a **copy** of your son/daughter's Baptismal certificate. Formal registration and information will take place at this meeting.

~ **Fr. David**