



# Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish

Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario



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

## **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.

**(Fourth and (Fifth) Tuesdays of the Month at 8:00 a.m.)**

Friday 7:00 p.m.

## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with 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 at 705 – 741 – 1018.**



**Palm Sunday**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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:** Registered Parishioners must contact the Parish Office one month before the desired Baptism date.

## **Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. & 3:30 – 4:00 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**April 10 – April 16

MONDAY, April 10

St. Ezekiel

7:00 p.m. Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

TUESDAY, April 11

St. Stanislaus

6:30 p.m. + Elmer Gosselin

(Mike &amp; Noreen Malloy)

WEDNESDAY, April 12

St. Julius

8:00 a.m. ~ Alexander Marrocco

(Marrocco Family)

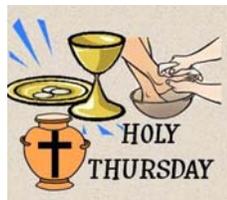
THURSDAY, April 13

Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. ~ Living &amp; deceased

clergy of the Diocese of

Peterborough and for vocations



FRIDAY, April 14

Good Friday

3:00 p.m. ~ Celebration of the

Passion of the Lord

7:00 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross



SATURDAY, April 15

Holy Saturday

8:00 a.m. No Mass

SUNDAY, April 16

Easter Sunday

8:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

**Divine Mercy Novena**

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a **Novena** to the Divine Mercy which would begin on **Good Friday**.

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "On each day of the novena you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

**During the Solemn Novena, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy should be offered each day for the specific day's intentions.**

For the novena, please visit the website - <https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/novena.htm>

**The Passion of Christ and His Mercy**

**W**here can the weak find a place of firm security and peace, except in the wounds of the Saviour? Indeed, the more secure is my place there the more He can do to help me. The world rages, the flesh is heavy, and the devil lays his snares, but I do not fall, for my feet are planted on firm rock. I may have sinned gravely. My conscience would be distressed, but it would not be in turmoil, for I would recall the wounds of the the Lord: He was wounded for our iniquities. What sin is there so deadly that it cannot be pardoned by the death of Christ? And so if I bear in mind this strong, effective remedy, I can never again be terrified by the malignancy of sin.

Surely the man who said: My sin is too great to merit pardon, was wrong. He was speaking as though he were not a member of Christ and had no share in His merits, so that he could claim them as his own, as a member of the body can claim what belongs to the head. As for me, what can I appropriate that I lack from the Heart of the Lord who abounds in mercy? They pierced His hands and feet and opened His side with a spear. Through the openings of these Wounds I may drink honey from the rock and oil from the hardest stone: that is, I may taste and see that the Lord is sweet.

He was thinking thoughts of peace, and I did not know it, for who knows the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor? But the piercing nail has become a key to unlock the door, that I may see the good will of the Lord. And what can I see as I look through the hole? Both the nail and the wound cry out that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. The sword pierced His soul and came close to His heart, so that He might be able to feel compassion for me in my weaknesses.



Through these sacred wounds we can see the secret of His heart, the great mystery of love, the sincerity of His mercy with which He visited us from on high. Where have Your love, Your mercy, Your compassion shone out more luminously than in Your wounds, sweet, gentle Lord of mercy? More mercy than this no one has than that He lay down His life for those who are doomed to death.

My merit comes from His mercy; for I do not lack merit so long as He does not lack pity. And if the Lord's mercies are many, then I am rich in merits. For even if I am aware of many sins, what does it matter? Where sin abounded grace has overflowed. And if the Lord's mercies are from all ages for ever, I too will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever. Will I not sing of my own righteousness? No, Lord, I shall be mindful only of Your justice. Yet that too is my own; for God has made You my righteousness.

*This excerpt from St. Bernard's homilies on the Song of Songs (Sermo 61, 3-5: Opera omnia, 2, 150-1)*

LAY MINISTRY	Eucharistic	Lector	Gift Bearers
<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> 7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus	Knights of Columbus	Knights of Columbus
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 3:00 p.m.	Martin Corkery Valerie Collicutt Noreen Malloy	Mary Pat Goodridge (1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Colleen Petersen Judy Lukes	Bob & Ruth O'Brien
<b>EASTER VIGIL</b> Saturday 8:00 p.m.	C.W.L.	C.W.L.	Dolly Kylie & Barb Lynch
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m.	Bob O'Brien Sue Livings	Pat Clancy Julia Davis	Jim & Nora Zister Bonnie & John Kuharski

#### C.W.L NEWS



#### STEP INTO SPRING FASHION SHOW

featuring Fashion Plus (Portage Place) spring & summer lines on Wed, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. at

Assumption Hall. Admission is \$5. Tickets are available by calling Joanne Bolton 313-6750 or Anna Marie Bolin 742-8249 or get them following the weekend Masses. Tickets are also available at the parish office.

Proceeds to Hospice Peterborough

#### Knights of Columbus News



Meeting: Tues. April 11th after 6:30 p.m. Mass Clergy Appreciation Dinner **Friday on April 28/17** Hosted by Ennismore parish. Limited tickets ...

16 left \$20.00 each

Contact Pete Clancy 748-3075

#### Parish Vocations Team News

As we enter Holy Week with the Chrism Mass, Mon, April 10, 7pm, the liturgy will be celebrated by Bishop Plouffe and the priests of our Diocese. It is, so to speak, a manifestation of the priests' communion with the Bishop. As our Diocesan priests renew their priestly promises during this Mass, let us the communion of the faithful gathered from throughout the Diocese, pray that the Holy Spirit will bless them, Christ's servants. Let us pray, also, that the youth of our Diocese will heed the voice of the Shepherd as He calls them to follow Him to the priesthood and to religious life.

The National Association of Vocations and Foundation Directors' (NAVFD) Canadian survey of vocations is now underway. The first of its kind in Canada, the NAVFD had been awarded a grant by the Hilton Foundation to initiate this study. Sr. Mary Rowell, President of NAVFD, and a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Peterborough, with Bishop Douglas Crosby, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, presented an overview of this research study in the Catholic Register of March 19, (pg.9). We ask for your prayers in support of this study that will guide the mission of the Vocations Ministry in our Diocese and in those across Canada.

#### Good Friday collection

Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, head of the Vatican's Congregation for Eastern Churches has called on **Catholics around the world to give generously to the Good Friday collection that traditionally goes to support the Church in the Holy Land.**

In an interview with the news agency of the Italian Bishops Conference (SIR) the cardinal talks about the importance of contributing to the upkeep of the sacred sites, while at the same time supporting the search for peace in the land where Jesus lived.

Also, by taking part in this annual collection for the Holy Land, he says, Catholics can personally contribute to combat "war, poverty, terrorism, violence, division". <http://en.radiovaticana.va>

#### Easter Flowers/Plants

Donations of plants would be appreciated.

You can bring them to the church anytime before Easter. You may dedicate your flowers in the name of your loved ones and a Mass will be offered for them after Easter.



#### FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

**Thurs. April 13: 12 -2 p.m., & 4 - 6 p.m.**

Donations of goods can be dropped off at Three Roads Farm and other Keene locations. (295-6952)



*The death of the Lord our God should not be a*

*cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory.*

*In taking upon Himself the death that He found in us, He has most faithfully*

*promised to give us life in Him, such as we cannot have of ourselves.*

*— St. Augustine*



*Offertory Thank you for your generosity*

*April 2<sup>nd</sup> Offertory: Env: \$1890.10 + Loose*

*\$195.90 + P.A.P. \$560.00 = \$2646.00*

Fuel: \$279.00      St. Vincent de Paul:  
\$444.00  
Development & Peace: \$740.00  
Other Lenten Charities: \$390.00

The participation of representatives from parishes throughout the Diocese displays the unity of the body of Christ which gathers to worship God in spirit and in truth.

### Watch Salt and Light TV!

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are supporting Salt and Light TV to broadcast, livestream and tape the Installation Mass for Most Reverend Bishop D. Miehm on April 19th at 2:00 p.m.

Salt + Light Television (French: Télévision Sel + Lumière) is a Canadian Catholic channel. Owned by the not-for-profit Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation and based in Toronto, Ontario, Salt + Light Television is supported by St. Joseph Communications. It is the first national Catholic TV channel in Canada.

WEBSITE: [www.saltandlighttv.org](http://www.saltandlighttv.org)

**One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies** - this year's **One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies** global prayer event will be on 5-7 May and the Diocese of Peterborough is invited to participate. People can participate from wherever they are at the time by praying at least one rosary for an end to abortion. To register see

[www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org](http://www.saintmichaelthearchangelorganization.org)  
The World Health Organization estimates that 40-50 million abortions are carried out each year worldwide; 125,000 human lives destroyed each day; more than 40 since you commenced reading this email. Amid this gloom there is some cause for hope though. The number of abortions in the United States has fallen to its lowest level since 1980 and in Italy to the lowest in 40 years. Saint John Paul II once called pro-life efforts such as the One Million Rosaries campaign "the most important work on earth".

### CHRISM MASS

**Monday, April 10th at 7:00pm**

at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter-in-Chains  
Bishop Jean-Louis Plouffe (Bishop Emeritus of Sault Sainte Marie) will bless the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and Sacred Chrism which will be used in the celebration of the Sacraments in the Diocese of Peterborough.

The Holy Chrism consecrated by the Bishop is used to anoint the newly-baptized, to seal the faithful in Confirmation, and to anoint the hands of Priests and the heads of Bishops at their Ordination. In addition, the Chrism is used in the rites associated with the dedication of churches and altars. The Oil of Catechumens is used to bring strength to those preparing for Baptism. The Oil of the Sick is used to bring comfort and support to the sick in their infirmity.

### March for Life

The annual March for Life will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup> this year on Parliament Hill, Ottawa. The Rally and March run from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please come and witness to the sanctity of human life.



The Catholic Church teaches, "Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, Who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being" (Donum Vitae, 5)

### Readings:

**April 9<sup>th</sup> : Palm Sunday**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 50: 4 – 7

Psalm 22

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 2: 6 – 11

Gospel: Matthew 26: 14 – 27.66

**April 16<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10.34a: 37 – 43

Psalm 118

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3: 1– 4

Gospel: John 20: 1 – 18

### 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: April Young people

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

**Mass of installation of Bishop-elect Daniel Miehm will take place at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Immaculate Conception Parish**  
ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER  
**Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> by CHEF ENZO**



Social hour ~ 5:30 p.m. Dinner ~ 6:30 p.m.  
Tickets are \$15 per person

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

Every Tuesday evening from 7 pm to 8 pm, we gather at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral rectory for prayerful reading, reflection and discussion of the readings for the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome. All that is needed is a desire to come closer to the Lord and to discover what it means to be His follower. Call Tom (705 243 4133).

### 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.

For information: **Paul 741- 4000 or Tom 243-4133**

**STOCKDALE CENTRAL CONCERT** - Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m at Market Hall. Adults \$20. Students \$10. Assigned seating. Wheelchair accessible. Fundraiser for St. Joseph's Church, Douro. For tickets please call Carmella LeMoire 652-7776 or Mary Carlow 295-6494.

### Euthanasia Prevention Coalition



The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has set up a special help line (**Compassionate Community Care**) to help anyone who needs help with end of life issues etc. The number operates 7days a week, 24 hours a day from

coast to coast.

**Toll free: 1-855-675-8749**

### Message by Pope Francis for Lent 2017

In 2017, the Message of Pope Francis for Lent is "**The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift.**" Based on the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Luke 16:19-31), the Holy Father invites Catholics to find "inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion."

### 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*)

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.

### The National Catholic Broadcasting Council (NCBC) has some exciting news with respect to the Daily TV Mass.

The goal of the NCBC is to insure that Catholics are able to experience the Mass each day when they are unable to attend their local parish. The primary way we enable this across Canada is through our Broadcast Partners at [Salt + Light Television](#), VisionTV and yesTV.

Now the NCBC's Daily TV Mass (Monday-Saturday) is available anytime and anyplace on our new website, on our new YouTube Channel and in the near future on an APP for use on Apple or Android devices.

If you have any questions about this announcement or about the Daily TV Mass in your area please contact Deacon Mike Walsh, our Executive Director, at 1-884-6899 or by e-mail at [mike.walsh@ncbc.ca](mailto:mike.walsh@ncbc.ca).

### 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.**

### 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)

### 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>



*"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)**

Church Cleaning Ministry



### **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. They are located at 192 B Hunter St. West. Phone: (705) 748 6680

### **FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH**

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[osmfoodcupboard@nexicom.net](mailto:osmfoodcupboard@nexicom.net) or 295-6952

**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

**April<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** John Paul II House.

### **Flower Committee**



Volunteers needed to help with flower decor for the Assumption Church Sanctuary. If interested please call Judy at 705-740-2062 or Joanne at 705-313-6750.

### **Lent**

In our present liturgy for Ash Wednesday, we use ashes made from the burned palm branches distributed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. The priest blesses the ashes and imposes them on the foreheads of the faithful, making the sign of the cross and saying, "Remember, man you are dust and to dust you shall return," or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." As we begin this holy season of Lent in preparation for Easter, we must remember the significance of the ashes we have received: We mourn and do penance for our sins. We again convert our hearts to the Lord, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation. We renew the promises made at our baptism, when we died to an old life and rose to a new life with Christ. Finally, mindful that the kingdom of this world passes away, we strive to live the kingdom

of God now and look forward to its fulfillment in heaven. <http://www.ewtn.com>

### **Working for God (St. Josemaría Escrivá)**

Rest assured that it is not difficult to convert work into a prayerful dialogue. As soon as you offer it up and then set to work, God is already listening and giving encouragement. We acquire the style of contemplative souls, in the midst of our daily work! Because we become certain that He is watching us, while He asks us to conquer ourselves anew: a little sacrifice here, a smile there for someone who bothers us, beginning the least pleasant but most urgent job first, carefulness in little details of order, perseverance in the fulfillment of our duty when it would be so easy to abandon it, not leaving for tomorrow what should be finished today: and all this, to please Him, our Father God! On your desk or in some inconspicuous place that nobody notices, you perhaps place your crucifix to awaken in you a contemplative spirit and to act as a textbook for your mind and soul where you learn the lessons of service. If you make up your mind to follow these ways of contemplation, in the midst of your ordinary work, without doing anything odd or withdrawing from the world, you will immediately feel that you are a friend of the Master, with the God-given task of opening up the divine ways of the earth to the whole of mankind. Yes. With your work you will help to spread Christ's kingdom in every continent. You will offer up hour after hour of work for far-off lands which are being born to the faith, for the peoples of the East who are being cruelly forbidden to profess their faith, and for the traditionally Christian nations where it seems that the light of the Gospel has grown dim and souls are struggling in the obscurity of ignorance ... Then, how valuable your work becomes as you persevere with the same effort a little longer, a few minutes more, until the job is finished! In a simple and practical way you are converting contemplation into apostolate, seeing it as an imperative necessity of your heart, which beats in unison with the most sweet and merciful Heart of Jesus, Our Lord. *Friends of God, 67*