



Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Parish

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.

(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.**



*The Lord has risen from the dead, as
He said; let us all exult and rejoice,
for He reigns for all eternity, alleluia.*

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**

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 16



MASS INTENTIONS

April 17 – April 23

MONDAY, April 17

Easter Octave

8:00 a.m. ~ Emilia Mazzarolo

(Marrocco Family)

TUESDAY, April 18

Easter Octave

8:00 a.m. + Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, April 19

Easter Octave

8:00 a.m. ~ Mark & Jillien Ironside & family

(Marrocco Family)

THURSDAY, April 20

Easter Octave

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

FRIDAY, April 21

Easter Octave

6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. + Brian Johnston

(Karen & Larry Brintnell)

SATURDAY, April 22

Easter Octave

8:00 a.m. + Johannah & Bill Lane

(The Family)

SUNDAY, April 23

Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. + Pat Johnson & her parents Bob & Helen Garvey

(Family)

10:30 a.m. + John Verhoeven

(Family)



Christ's Resurrection Was a Concrete Event

1. In the liturgical season running from Easter to Pentecost, the Church is recollected in contemplation of the risen Christ. Thus she relives the primordial experience that lies at the basis of her existence. She feels imbued with the same wonder as Mary Magdalen and the other women who went to Christ's tomb on Easter morning and found it empty. That tomb became the womb of life.

Whoever had condemned Jesus, deceived himself that he had buried His cause under an ice-cold tombstone. The disciples themselves gave in to the feeling of irreparable failure. We understand their surprise, then, and even their

distrust in the news of the empty tomb. But the Risen One did not delay in making himself seen and they yielded to reality. They saw and



believed! Two thousand years later, we still sense the unspeakable emotion that overcame them when they heard the Master's greeting: "Peace be with you."

2. The Church is based on their extraordinary experience. The first

proclamation of the Gospel was nothing other than the testimony of this event: "This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses!" (Acts 2:32). The Christian faith is so linked with this truth that Paul did not hesitate to declare:

"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Cor 15:14). Along these lines the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community, handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, n. 638).

Christ's Resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity. It is not a question of mythology or of mere symbolism, but of a concrete event. It is confirmed by sure and convincing proofs. The acceptance of this truth, although the fruit of the Holy Spirit's grace, rests at the same time on a solid historical base. On the threshold of the third millennium, the new effort of evangelization can begin only from a renewed experience of this Mystery, accepted in faith and witnessed to in life.

3. *Regina caeli, laetare!* Rejoice, Holy Virgin, because He whom you bore in your womb is risen! Dear brothers and sisters, let us try to relive the joy of the Resurrection with Mary's heart. Even in the darkness of Good Friday she prepared herself to receive the light of Easter morning.

Let us ask her to obtain for us a deep faith in this extraordinary event, which is salvation and hope for the world.

From an address given by Pope John Paul II on April 21, 1996.

"The Cross had asked the questions; the Resurrection had answered them...The Cross had asked: "Why does God permit evil and sin to nail Justice to a tree?" The Resurrection answered: "That sin, having done its worst, might exhaust itself and this be overcome by Love that is stronger than either sin or death."

(Archbishop Fulton Sheen, *Lent and Easter Wisdom*, 110)

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23, 2017

LAY MINISTRY

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Rose Rabishaw
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Valerie Collicutt
10:30 a.m. Bud Monahan

Eucharistic

Lector

Colleen Petersen
Bob O'Brien
Aileen Doris

Gift Bearers

Leon & Trish Dorff
Pat Scott & Diane Deighan
Elaine & Gary Lambe

C.W.L. NEWS



Happy Easter greetings to everyone!

STEP INTO SPRING FASHION SHOW

featuring Fashion Plus (Portage Place) spring & summer lines on **Wed, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.** at Assumption Hall. Admission is \$5. For tickets, phone 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



Wishing you all a very happy Easter!

Clergy Appreciation Dinner **Friday, April 28th** hosted by Ennismore parish. Limited tickets ... \$20.00 each. Contact Pete Clancy 705-748-3075

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy service will take place at the Cathedral, Sun, April 23rd at 2:30 pm. All are welcome.

A plenary indulgence is granted (under the usual conditions of a sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and a prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for sin, even a venial sin, recite the Our Father and the Creed, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!). Additional provisions are offered for those who are impeded from fulfilling these requirements, but who wish to acquire a plenary indulgence. View the decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary: www.mercysunday.com.



Is God Calling You to Service as a Permanent Deacon?

From its earliest days, the church has selected and ordained individuals to minister within the faith community. Permanent deacons have served the community as sacramental signs of "Christ the Servant" in the world. The Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough invites eligible individuals to consider service as permanent deacons. If you are interested, speak with your parish priest and attend an open inquiry session for more detailed information. Inquiry sessions are open to everyone.

Sat. May 6: St. Anne, Peterborough, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Sat. May 13: St. Francis, Newcastle, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Sat. May 13: St. Mary's, Lindsay, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Sat. May 20: St. Paul, Gravenhurst, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

All are welcome!!!



Parish Vocations Team News

He is Risen! He is truly Risen! This week we celebrate the Octave of Easter. As we meet and greet, let us do so with this joyous scriptural message, enriching the lives of all whom we meet with its blessing; and offer it as our Vocations' prayer for the Easter Octave.

We, the flock of the faithful, welcome our new Shepherd, Bishop Daniel Miehm, this Easter week (**Mass of Installation on April 19th at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral**). We bring to him our prayerful gratitude, our support, and our thanksgiving for him as, Gift. We pray that his episcopacy will renew the abundant blessings of the Holy Spirit. We add our blessings and congratulations to Sacred Heart College, on having received Degree Granting Status for the Bachelor of Arts Degree (Honours) in Catholic Studies. This milestone will strengthen the College's future and we express prayerful gratitude to the Board and staff for the diligence and perseverance that effected this success. The First Annual St. Joseph dinner on **Tuesday, April 18th**, at the Evinrude Centre, will allow you to show your support for this College milestone and the Campus Ministry through our Parish Vocation Team Ministry. Tickets can be purchased from Fr. John Perdue, 874-1871, email vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org.



Sisters in Christ 'No Greater Love'

High school-aged young women are invited to the Sisters in Christ 'No Greater Love' retreat from **May 5-7** at the George Vari women's residence of Sacred Heart College (105 Aylmer Street, Peterborough).

These discernment retreats are hosted by the Vocations Office and offer young women a chance to learn more about their faith, to discern their vocations and to have fun with friends. Talks will focus on the 4 types of love, as outlined in C.S. Lewis' 'The Four Loves.' Early bird registration (before April 30) is \$25 and registration is \$30 afterwards.

Register at www.ptbovocations.ca/sic & if you have questions, email vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org

Immaculate Conception Parish

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday April 29th by CHEF ENZO

Social hour ~ 5:30 p.m. Dinner ~ 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person



Offertory Thank you for your generosity

April 9th Offertory: Env: \$1807.00 + Loose

\$330.00 = \$2137.00

Fuel: \$23.00 St. Vincent de Paul:

\$155.00

help with end of life issues etc. The number operates 7 days a week, 24 hours a day from coast to coast.

Toll free: 1-855-675-8749

Readings:

April 16th:

1st Reading: Acts 10.34a: 37 – 43

Psalm 118

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1– 4

Gospel: John 20: 1 – 18

April 23rd : Divine Mercy Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2: 42 – 47

Psalm 118

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3 – 9

Gospel: John 20: 19 – 31

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

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

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".

March for Life

The annual March for Life will take place on May 11th 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)



Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has set up a special help line (**Compassionate Community Care**) to help anyone who needs



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.

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**

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)

STOCKDALE CENTRAL CONCERT - Sunday, June 11th 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.

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*)

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.



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 anywhere 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.

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

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>



"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

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

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*

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH



Thurs. April 13th : 12 -2 p.m., & 4 – 6 p.m. Donations of goods can be dropped off at Three Roads Farm and other Keene locations.

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

Aprilth 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.