



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.**



1st Sunday of Advent
December 3, 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: Please speak with Fr. Michael about
 this after any of the Masses. Preparation
 course is required.

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. & 3:30 – 3:50 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. In addition, an address
 change is required for sending out the year’s tax
 receipts.



MASS INTENTIONS

December 4 – December 10

MONDAY, December 4

St. Barbara
St. John Damascene
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, December 5

St. Sabbas, St. Gerald
6:30 pm. + Loretta Bolin

(Joe & Judy Lukes)

WEDNESDAY, December 6

St. Nicholas
8:00 a.m. ~ Kevin & Michelle Sullivan
(Anne Fitzgerald & Mike Sullivan)
11:30 a.m. ~ Living & deceased members of the C.W.L.
(C.W.L.)

THURSDAY, December 7

St. Ambrose
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

FRIDAY, December 8

Immaculate Conception
9:45 a.m. St. Patrick School Mass at the Church
6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m. + Bobby Marrocco
(Marrocco Family)

SATURDAY, December 9

St. Juan Diego
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

SUNDAY, December 10

2nd Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Lorraine Donoghue
(Marjorie, Marie & Tom Shaughnessy)
9:00 a.m. + Peter & Jean Malloy
(The Family)
10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

Birthright

For all of Advent you will find a *gold-coloured box* in the church for your donation to Birthright. Birthright believes that, "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born. Birthright is here to be the friend that a pregnant woman needs as she navigates an unplanned pregnancy."



"Healing Mass – Dec. 6th at Mount St. Joseph @1:30 p.m. All are invited to come and pray for healing. Opportunity for anointing and healing prayer."

Let the word of the Lord come to us

We know that the coming of the Lord is threefold: the third coming is between the other two and it is not visible in the way they are. At his first coming the Lord was seen on earth and lived among men, who saw him and hated him. At his last coming *All flesh shall see the salvation of our God, and They shall look on him whom they have pierced.* In the middle, the hidden coming, only the chosen see him, and they see him within themselves; and so their souls are saved. The first coming was in flesh and weakness, the middle coming is in spirit and power, and the final coming will be in glory and majesty.

This middle coming is like a road that leads from the first coming to the last. At the first, Christ was our redemption; at the last, he will become manifest as our life; but in this middle way he is our rest and our consolation.

If you think that I am inventing what I am saying about the middle coming, listen to the Lord himself: *If anyone loves me, he will keep my words, and the Father will love him, and we shall come to him.* Elsewhere I have read: *Whoever fears the Lord does good things.* – but I think that what was said about whoever loves him was more important: that whoever loves him will keep his words. Where are these words to be kept? In the heart certainly, as the Prophet says *I have hidden your sayings in my heart so that I do not sin against you.* Keep the word of God in that way: *Blessed are those who keep it.* Let it penetrate deep into the core of your soul and then flow out again in your feelings and the way you behave; because if you feed your soul well it will grow and rejoice. Do not forget to eat your bread, or your heart will dry up. Remember, and your soul will grow fat and sleek.

If you keep God's word like this, there is no doubt that it will keep you, for the Son will come to you with the Father: the great Prophet will come, who will renew Jerusalem, and he is the one who makes all things new. For this is what this coming will do: *just as we have been shaped in the earthly image, so will we be shaped in the heavenly image.* Just as the old Adam was poured into the whole man and took possession of him, so in turn will our whole humanity be taken over by Christ, who created all things, has redeemed all things, and will glorify all things. (St. Bernard of Clairvaux)

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

LAY MINISTRY	Eucharistic	Lector	Gift Bearers
Sat 4:00 p.m.	Joanne Bolton	Mary Anne Bernie	Paul Heffernan & Kievan Lonergan
Sun 9:00 a.m.	Mary Pat Goodridge	Gladys Fowler	Wava Brown & Lynda DeNoble
10:30 a.m.	Sue Livings	Rose Wornoff	Henrietta Duff

C.W.L. News



LADIES join us for our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON on **Wed, Dec 6th** at the Parish Hall. **Mass is at 11:30 a.m.**

with the luncheon to follow. Come enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. The cost is \$17.00. This is a catered event so it is necessary to know how many will be attending - PLEASE contact Valerie at 748-5237. COME & ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH YOUR FRIENDS. At the luncheon, we will be having a draw for \$25. All who have paid the membership by Dec 6th will have their names entered in the draw. Membership envelopes come in your 2018 envelope box set or use any envelope - mark CWL Membership, your full name and mailing address.

Knights of Columbus News



Next meeting will take place on December 12th at 7:00 p.m. Please note that there will be no Mass prior to this meeting.

Are you able to help?

One Roof Diner, a community from St. John's Anglican Church which provides meals & food for the poor & homeless of Peterborough **ASKED FOR OUR HELP.** They are in desperate need of basic essentials: **Hats, mitts, scarves, socks, baby clothes, women & men's hygiene products, mugs, cutlery etc.** There will be a box in the alcove of both churches and a box at our annual CWL Christmas luncheon for donations. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS.** Any concerns please call Joanne at 313-6750



The Return of the Flying Fathers

The Peterborough Vocations Office announces the return of the Flying Fathers! A new generation of hockey playing priests will compete at the **Ennismore arena on Mon, Jan. 29th at 6pm**, featuring two priests from our diocese, Fr. John Perdue & Fr. Paul Patrick. Tickets can be purchased at www.ptbovocations.ca/hockey or at the Vocations Office on Tues. or Thurs. 8:30-4:30. Tickets - \$15 each, under 12 free Call [705-874-1871](tel:705-874-1871)

Chalice

Please consider giving gifts from the Chalice catalogue this Christmas. Your purchase would aid families living in poverty. Visit their website at <http://www.chalice.ca> under 'Ways to Give'.



St. Martin's Parish Ennismore presents....

Our 13th Annual Christmas Concert
In support of Brock Mission & Cameron House
Sun Dec 10th - 2pm
All proceeds of our freewill offering will be given directly to Brock Mission to help bring the spirit of Christmas to those most in need.
Tax receipts avail - refreshments following
Cheques should be payable to Brock Mission

Offertory Thank you for your generosity

Nov. 26th Offertory: Env. \$1594.00 + Loose
\$659.00 = \$2253.00 Fuel: \$20.00 St.
Vincent de Paul: \$5.00
Needs of Canadian Church: \$20.00
Myanmar: \$907.00

Advent mission at Immaculate Conception Church Theme: MARY, MODEL OF CONTEMPLATION

Day 1: **Wed, Dec 6th** @ 1 p.m. and repeated at 7 p.m.
a) Personal Witness of his devotion to Mary
b) What is Contemplation + Contemplative Prayer?
Day 2: **Thurs. Dec. 7th** @ 1 p.m. & repeated at 7 p.m.
a) Mary as model of Contemplative Prayer
b) How St. Anne, mother of Mary prepared her young daughter to be mother of Jesus and model of Contemplative Prayers
Everyone is invited. There will be a free will offering.

Cookie Exchange with a Twist

Needed: 100 people to bake 6 dozen cookies to donate to the struggling families. Bring your cookies or squares to Sacred Heart Church in the basement on **Mon, Dec 18th from 4:00 till 7:00 p.m.** Join us to make packages of baked goods for St. Vincent DePaul food banks. For info call 743-0113 or 743-3186

Music for Advent and Christmas

Sacred Heart Church, **Wed, Dec 6th at 7:00 pm**
Solos by Fr Andrew Ayala and Sacred Heart Youth Choir
Bell pieces by the Johnson Ringers, Trinity College School and Sacred Heart Youth Ringers. Good will offering.

In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mass will be offered in Spanish on Sun, Dec 10th

@ **6:00 p.m.** at St. John the Baptist Church
Potluck Dinner after the Mass. For info 745-7631

Sacred Heart Memorial Wish Tree:

The Annual Candlelight Memorial Mass is on **Sat, Dec 16th at 5p.m.** at Sacred Heart Church. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Miehm. Please consider lighting a candle in honour of your friends & family. Donations for Sacred Heart Building Fund. Phone 745-7631

SACRED HEART COLLEGE WINTER 2018

COURSE OFFERING (begin January 8th)
Introduction to the New Testament
Dr. Douglas Finbow, Tuesdays 4:15 - 7:15 p.m.
Learn about the origins, literary forms and influential interpretations of the one of the most important collections of writings the world has ever known. Learn rhetorical, historical and textual ways to enrich your understanding of this early Christian text. Register online at: www.sacredheartcollege.ca or e-mail registar@sacredheartcollege.ca or call 705-745-5549.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Dec. 8th

On Dec 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX, in the bull Ineffabilis Deus, proclaimed: We declare, pronounce and define that the doctrine which holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace of the Omnipotent God, in virtue of the merits of



Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind, was preserved immaculate from all stain of original sin, has been revealed by God, and therefore should firmly and constantly be believed by all the faithful.(1)
Prayer given to St. Catherine Labouré by Mary:
"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

News from the Parish Vocation Team

I hope you have had a chance to read the Catholic Herald and in particular Fr John Perdue's writing on Parish Vocation Teams as well as his summer adventures to Cross Lake. The Life of a priest today certainly has its challenges but also can be exciting and fulfilling. Just look at Fr. John! There is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament between the 7:30 Am and the Noon Mass every First Friday and an hour before First Saturday 9 AM Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains.. St Joseph pray for all who God is calling to serve Him on these paths!

Join the Peterborough & District Italian Club on our annual Christmas shopping bus trip.

When: Saturday 9th December

Departing at 8 AM from TBD Stops planned:

1. Vaughan Mills Premiere Outlet Mall
2. Coppa's Fresh Market
3. The Seafood Depot
4. Grace Textile
5. Grande Cheese

Price: \$35/PDIC member or \$40/person

Please RSVP with Deb Malandrino at 536-2906

Readings:

Dec. 3rd: 1st Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 63: 16 – 17, 64: 1, 3 – 8

Psalm 80

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3 – 9

Gospel: Mark 13: 33 – 37

Dec. 10th: 2nd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1- 5, 9 – 11

Psalm 85

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 8 – 14

Gospel: Mark 1:1 – 8

Holy Father's Intentions: December

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

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

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

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**

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)

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.**

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

Thurs. September 14: 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



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/>

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.

"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

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

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 **from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** John Paul II House.

Quo Vadis for this year: December 2, January 13, February 10, March 3, April 7, May 12, June 23

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.

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.



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. 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."

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).

“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)

“The reason for loving God is God Himself. The measure is to love Him beyond measure.” St. Bernard of Clairvaux