



# *Our Lady of the Assumption*

## *Roman Catholic Church*

*Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario*



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

*Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. Paul Dunford*

### **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.**



*2nd Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 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 11 – December 17****MONDAY, December 11***St. Damasus I*

8:00 a.m. + Paul Larkin

(Anne Sheridan)

**TUESDAY, December 12***Our Lady of Guadalupe*

8:00 am. ~ Respect &amp; sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death

**WEDNESDAY, December 13***St. Lucy*

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

**THURSDAY, December 14***St. John of the Cross*

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

**FRIDAY, December 15***St. Christiana*

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

7:00 p.m. ~ Paul Marrocco

**SATURDAY, December 16***St. Adelaide*

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

**SUNDAY, December 17***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Gerry Doherty

(Paul and Liz Heffernan)

9:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

10:30 a.m. ~ Michael &amp; Cristy Doris and family

(Family)

**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."

**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'.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

The feast in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honour of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the



roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

**Reflection**

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—accept all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for the indigenous population. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves. According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself. [www.franciscanmedia.org](http://www.franciscanmedia.org)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent****LAY MINISTRY**

Sat 4:00 p.m.

Sun 9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

**Eucharistic**

Colleen Petersen

Martin Corkery

Bud Monahan

**Lector**

Helen Voza

Judy Lukes

Julia Davis

**December 17, 2017****Gift Bearers**

Roddy Turpin

Diane Deighan &amp; Betty Clark

Raphael &amp; Casandra Dunne &amp; Family

### C.W.L. News



Do you have cancelled stamps? If so, the CWL is happy to receive them and to pass them to Scarborough



Foreign Missions. Just bundle them up and leave on display counter at back of Assumption or Keene church. Stamps should be cut with 1/4 inch border. Any questions call Diane at 742-9625. Thank you.

### Knights of Columbus News



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

### 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. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**, featuring two priests from our diocese, Fr. John Perdue & Fr. Paul Patrick. Tickets can be purchased at [www.ptbovocations.ca/hockey](http://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)



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

Our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert  
In support of Brock Mission & Cameron House  
**This 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

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

**In honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mass will be offered in Spanish on this Sun ... Dec 10<sup>th</sup> @ 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Offertory Thank you for your generosity*

*Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> Offertory: Env. \$1673.00 + Loose \$398.35 + P.A.P. \$610.00 = \$2681.35*

*Fuel: \$300.00*

*St. Vincent de Paul: \$406.15*

*Myanmar: \$140.00*



### Confession schedule for Advent

**Fr. Michael** will be available for confession on the dates listed from **7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

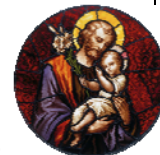
Mon. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, Tues. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>,  
Wed. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, Thurs. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> and

Fri. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

On Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, **St. Alphonsus** will have all day confession from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### The Second Annual St. Joseph Dinner

Tickets are available for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Joseph Dinner in support of campus ministry. Funds raised support Catholic ministry to students at Trent University and Fleming College. The dinner will take place Sat, Feb. 3 at the Evinrude Centre Banquet Hall in Peterborough. Cocktail hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Students from Trent, Fleming and Sacred Heart College will speak, as will keynote speaker Bishop Daniel Miehm. Tickets are \$100 and are eligible for a \$50 charitable tax receipt. They can be purchased online at [www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner](http://www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner) or by visiting the Vocations Office (820 Frank Street) on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Contact Fr. John Perdue [vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org) 705-874-1871



### SACRED HEART COLLEGE WINTER 2018 COURSE OFFERINGS (begin January 8<sup>th</sup>)

#### *Elementary Latin, Part II*

**Mother Parousia Tuesdays 2:30 - 3:45 p.m.**

**Fridays 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.**

This course is the second part introduction to the grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of Latin as presented in Hans Oberg's, *Lingua Latina per se Illustrata*. Classroom instruction will be a modified version of Oberg's natural acquisition method. The course consists of two weekly lectures based on Latin readings, new grammatical content, vocabulary to be memorized, drills to practice forms and concepts, and regular quizzes to ensure retention and comprehension of material.

Prerequisite: Elementary Latin, Part I

Register online at: [www.sacredheartcollege.ca](http://www.sacredheartcollege.ca)

### Men's Conference

On **February 24<sup>th</sup>** join **Hector Molina** and **Bishop of St. Catharines Gerard Bergie** along with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries' 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Manly Virtue". It is a one day intensive men's retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: 1-888-522-2070 or

<https://www.serviamministries.com/events/virtue/>,  
[info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com)

"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

### Readings:

#### Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40: 1- 5, 9 – 11  
Psalm 85

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3: 8 – 14

Gospel: Mark 1:1 – 8

#### Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 61: 1 – 2, 10 – 11  
Luke 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 – 24

Gospel: John 1: 6 – 8, 19 – 28

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.CompassionateCommunityCare.org)



Compassionate  
Community Care

### 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**

### 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.



### 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. December 14: 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.



### 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>



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

### **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."

### **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

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.

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

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)

*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

