



# 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.**



*Epiphany of the Lord*  
*January 8, 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**

**January 9 – January 15**

**MONDAY, January 9**

*Baptism of the Lord*

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

**TUESDAY, January 10**

*St. Paulinus*

6:30 p.m. ~ Guy & Jean Doucette

**WEDNESDAY, January 11**

*St. Hyginus*

8:00 a.m. + Frances Coughlin

(The Kimball Family)

**THURSDAY, January 12**

*St. Marguerite Bourgeoys*

*St. Aelred of Rievaulx*

8:00 a.m. + Special Intention

**FRIDAY, January 13**

*St. Hilary, St. Kentigern*

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

7:00 p.m. + Thomas & Katherine Turpin

(Roddy)

**SATURDAY, January 14**

*St. Felix of Nola, St. Sava*

8:00 a.m. +

Special Intention

**SUNDAY, January 15**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. + Jean & Peter Malloy

(The Family)

10:30 a.m. + Bernice Young

(Bud & Muriel Monahan)

For he that acknowledges Christ the King of the universe brings gold from the treasure of his heart: he that believes the Only-begotten of God to have united man's true nature to Himself, offers myrrh; and he that confesses Him in no wise inferior to the Father's majesty, worships Him in a manner with incense.

Pope St. Leo the Great

**Pope Benedict XVI on the Epiphany** <http://www.ewtn.com>

On the Solemnity of the Epiphany, 8 January ... the Church presents a very important passage from the Prophet Isaiah: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising" (Is 60:1-3)

It is an invitation addressed to the Church, the community of Christ, but also to each one of us, to acquire an ever livelier awareness of the mission and of the responsibility to the world in witnessing to and bringing the new light of the Gospel. At the beginning of the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, we find the following words: "Christ is the light of humanity; and it is, accordingly, the heartfelt desire of this sacred Council, being gathered together in the Holy Spirit, that, by proclaiming his Gospel to every creature, it may bring to all men that light of Christ which shines out visibly from the Church" (n. 1). The Gospel is not a light to hide but to set upon a stand. The Church is not light but receives the light of Christ, receives it to be illuminated by it and to radiate it in its full splendour. And this must also happen in our personal life. Once again, I cite St Leo the Great who said on Holy Night: "Recognize, O Christian, your dignity and, enabled to share in the divine nature, do not wish to relapse into your former base condition with unworthy conduct. Remember who is your Head



and to which Body you belong. Remember that you were snatched from the power of darkness and transferred into the light and into the Kingdom of God" (*Sermon 1 on the Nativity*, 3, 2: CCL 138, 88).

Dear brothers and sisters, Christmas means pausing to contemplate that Child, the Mystery of God who became man in humility and poverty, but above all it means welcoming within us once again that Child who is Christ the Lord, to live of his own life, to ensure that his sentiments, his thoughts and his actions are our sentiments, our thoughts and our actions. Celebrating Christmas is therefore showing the joy, the newness and the light that this Birth brought to the whole of our life, so that we too may be heralds of joy, of true newness, of the light of God to others.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 15, 2017**

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Rose Rabishaw

Colleen Petersen

Paul & Catherine Kelly

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Gladys Fowler

Pat Clancy

Joanne Walker & Dorothy O'Brien

10:30 a.m.

Sue Livings

Carolyn Doris

Joanne & Sarah Nelson



**Birthright**

Birthright is a non-profit charitable organization that has been providing love and support for over 45 years to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

During Advent and Christmas our parish collected \$476 for Birthright. Thank you for your generosity.

**C.W.L. News**



**Membership for 2017**

Won't you join us!

Membership envelopes are in your collection box or at the back of the church, include your dues of \$25, and don't forget your email address.

Thanks to those who have already paid their dues.

## Knights of Columbus News



General Meeting Tuesday Jan 10/17  
6:30 Mass, 7:00 pm meeting

### Development and Peace Share Lent Workshop

#### Women At The Heart Of Change Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

In this Jubilee year, we have decided to put forward a theme, "Women at the heart of change", that is dear to us, a theme that is both a source of hope and a catalyst for change. This Lent, Development and Peace will be joining its voice to that of Pope Francis, who in his video message of May 3rd, 2016, invited us to pray with him "that in all countries of the world, women may be honoured, respected and valued for their essential contribution to society."

If you would like to lend a hand in your parish or find out more, please join us on Saturday, January 21st, at Immaculate Conception Church, 386 Roger Street, Peterborough, On., registration 9:00 am workshop 9:30 am to 2:30 pm Lunch provided RSVP [kstaunton@cogeco.ca](mailto:kstaunton@cogeco.ca) or call 705 745 0034.

### Retreats at Villa St Joseph

#### Retreat Day – "You are Worthy"

**Wednesday January 25 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Villa St Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg ON

"You Are Worthy" will use directed discussion, meditation and sharing to help us touch the core of our being where we are loved wholly and completely by God – the core of our being where we are worthy. Facilitated by Dr. Bridget Campion To register, call 905-372--2741, email:

[villa@csjcanada.org](mailto:villa@csjcanada.org)

#### Day of Stillness

**Wednesday January 11 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Villa St Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg ON

A gathering prayer invites you into silence and solitude. This unstructured day offers opportunity for personal prayer, relaxation and connection with God's creation, from 9:30am to 4:00pm. Cost is \$30.00 includes lunch and snacks. To register, call 905-372--2741, email:

[villa@csjcanada.org](mailto:villa@csjcanada.org)

### Build confidence with the Christopher Leadership Course!

This course will develop your leadership, communication and public speaking skills, while improving your self-confidence. Join us for three hours, one night a week, for 11 weeks. Classes are appropriate for those 16 years of age and older. Call us at 1-800-418-8925, or visit our website [www.clctorontoeast.com](http://www.clctorontoeast.com) to learn more about us and this positive, supportive course.

Monsignor Paul Dwyer High School

700 Stevenson Road, Oshawa

Tues. evenings, 7 – 10 pm from Feb. 21st to May 16th, 2017 (no classes March 14th or May 2nd)

### Camp Northern Lights

The annual collection for Camp Northern Lights will be January 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Special envelopes will be available prior to that weekend. This camp provides a wilderness camping experience for children from the Peterborough, Bowmanville, Port Hope, Cobourg and Lindsay areas. The camp also provides a leadership experience for high

school students from the same locales, as



volunteer counselors. For further information call Jim Gibson, Chairman of the Board, at 705-742-5578. All cheques should be made payable to Camp Northern Lights.

### 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*)

### FIAT Retreat for Young Women

Young women from 18-35 are invited to the annual FIAT discernment retreat hosted by the Vocations Office. This retreat features awesome guest speakers from the married vocation and from religious life who will share about how young women can discover their calling in life. The retreat will be **Jan. 20-22** at the

Villa retreat centre in Cobourg (carpooling available from Peterborough) and a donation of \$25 is suggested. Register by emailing [vocations@peterboroughsiocese.org](mailto:vocations@peterboroughsiocese.org)

**Sacred Heart College** is offering 3 courses from Jan 9 - Apr 7

- The Ethics of Leadership Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:50p.m.
- Canadian History I: Becoming Canadian (Origins to 1867) 11:00a.m. – 1:50 p.m.
- Religion and the Rise of Modern Science 7:00-10:00 p.m

For registrations visit [www.shofp.ca](http://www.shofp.ca) or call [745 5549](tel:7455549).

**Serviam Ministries** are hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** on Sat., **Feb. 18** with **Fr. Larry Richards**, and **Archbishop Christian Lépine of Montreal**. The theme of the event is "Step Up".

Topics for the day: Be A Man Who Repents, The Family, The Spirit Makes Us Strong, Loving & Wise See link <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/step-up/schedule/>

It is a great opportunity for men to grow in faith and virtue, and to encourage each other in this pursuit. The day will strengthen men in their faith while challenging them to become the men God created them to be. There will be an opportunity to meet the speakers, visit booths showcasing local Catholic organizations/ministries, purchase Catholic items, Mass, Adoration and Confessions.

**Douro Knights of Columbus Annual Euchre Tournament**  
**Fri Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – 7pm Sharp!**

Tickets \$10 each ... \$300, \$200, \$100 Prizes!  
Guaranteed to beat the January blah's!

**FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH**  
**Thurs. January 12<sup>th</sup>: 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](mailto:osmfoodcupboard@nexicom.net) or 705-295-6952



### 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.

*Offertory Thank you for your generosity*

*Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas: Env.: \$3721.00 + Loose  
\$794.00= \$4515.00 P.A.P. Offertory: \$550.00  
Fuel: \$50.00*

*Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Offertory: Env.: \$2016.00 + Loose \$370.00=  
\$2386.00*

*St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00*

### Readings:

#### January 8<sup>th</sup>: Epiphany of the Lord

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60: 1 – 6

Psalm 72

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3: 2 – 3, 5 – 6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1 – 12

#### January 15<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5 – 6

Psalm 40

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 3

Gospel: John 1: 29 – 34

#### Holy Father's Intentions: January

**That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.**

### 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).

### 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

### 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 7 days a week, 24 hours a day from coast to coast. **Toll free: 1-855-675-8749**

### 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**

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**At St Alphonsus Oratory 7am-Midnight and Noon-Midnight (Sunday) "Come to me all you who labour and are burdened and I will give you rest." (Mt. 11:28) INFO: Bernadette 705-742-3055**

### 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).

LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT re: Bill C-277 – An act providing for the development of a framework on palliative care in Canada

**Object: Bill C-277 – An act providing for the development of a framework on palliative care in Canada**

As an organization committed to the development of a culture of life and a civilization of love, the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) is firmly convinced that Canadians approaching the end of life will be assured of receiving the kind of life-affirming care and the respect they deserve only through the establishment of a national palliative care strategy. We write today to communicate our support for the intent of Bill C-277 – An act providing for the development of a framework on palliative care in Canada. In our opinion, this is a decisive direction that will make it possible to concretely support patients requiring palliative care.

Indeed, where it exists, this care is of great benefit to patients suffering from severe health challenges. Patients receiving palliative care feel safer; they welcome with joy and hope the accompaniment they receive; they are moved by all the signs of affection as well as the moral, human and spiritual support given to them so generously. The simple humanity of it all touches them and comforts them, as they experience respect for their bodies and for their human dignity at a moment of great fragility and vulnerability. It is with confidence and insistence that we encourage all members of the House of Commons and Senators to adopt Bill C-277- An act providing for the development of a framework on palliative care in Canada.

In 2010, [COLF presented a brief before the Parliamentary Committee on Palliative and Compassionate Care](#), an all-party group of MPs dedicated to improving care for the elderly, dying and vulnerable Canadians. It is a matter of record that this group was unique in the history of the Canadian Parliament, in that it was formed by Members of Parliament on their personal initiative and funded out of their office budgets. Such was the level of concern which animated the Committee. When its final report, "Not to be Forgotten, Care of Vulnerable Canadians", appeared in 2011, it recognized an urgent need for the expansion of palliative care.

The issue remains urgent. It is estimated that only about thirty per cent of Canadians who need palliative care have access to it.

We urge you to lend your support to Bill C-277.

<http://www.colf.ca/index.php/en/news/item/281-bill-c-277-an-act-providing-for-the-development-of-a-framework-on-palliative-care-in-canada>

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every

group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

– Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae), n. 100.  
When we ask, we receive. We should invite our people to join the ongoing worldwide novena to end abortion, at [www.PrayerCampaign.org](http://www.PrayerCampaign.org).

### 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

### 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

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**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/>

### World Youth Day

The Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life has announced that Pope Francis has chosen the themes for the next three years: for 2017, "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Lk 1:49); for 2018, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God" (Lk 1:30); and for World Youth Day, 2019, "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:30).

The themes set forth the itinerary for the three-year World Youth Day journey that will culminate at the international celebration of the event to be held in Panama in 2019. <http://press.vatican.va>



### From the Pastor's Desk

■ Fr. Michael



