



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.



*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 22, 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 23 – January 29

MONDAY, January 23

St. Raymond

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, January 24

St. Francis de Sales

8:00 a.m. + Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, January 25

Conversion of St. Paul

8:00 a.m. ~ Holy Mother Church

THURSDAY, January 26

St. Timothy & St. Titus

8:00 a.m. + Madeline Keating

(The Family)

FRIDAY, January 27

St. Angela Merici

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

7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention

SATURDAY, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00 a.m. ~ Scott Ironside

(Ironside Family)

SUNDAY, January 29

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Diane O'Brien

(Bill & Lilly Cavanaugh)

9:00 a.m. + Joe Kylie

(Dolly & Family)

10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

Thus the effect proper to the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is the conversion of a man into Christ, so that he may no longer live, but Christ lives in him; consequently, it has the double effect of restoring the spiritual strength he had lost by his sins and defects, and of increasing the strength of his virtues." St. Thomas Aquinas

Healing Mass

"Healing Mass –Wed. Feb. 1st at Mount St. Joseph @1:30 pm. All are invited to come and pray for healing. Opportunity for anointing and healing prayer." Celebrant Father Leo Coughlin.

The Cross exemplifies every virtue

Why did the Son of God have to suffer for us? There was a great need, and it can be considered in a twofold way: in the first place, as a remedy for sin, and secondly, as an example of how to act.

It is a remedy, for, in the face of all evils which we incur on account of our sins, we have found relief through the passion of Christ. Yet, it is no less an example, for the passion of Christ completely suffices to fashion our lives. Whoever wishes to live perfectly should do nothing but disdain what Christ disdained on the cross and desire what He desired, for the cross exemplifies every virtue.

If you seek the example of love: "Greater love than this no man has, than to lay down his life for his friends."

Such a man was Christ on the cross. And if he gave his life for us, then it should not be difficult to bear whatever hardships arise for his sake.

If you seek patience, you will find no better example than the cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid.

Christ endured much on the cross, and did so patiently, because when he suffered he did not threaten; he was led like a sheep to the slaughter and he did not open his mouth. Therefore, Christ's patience on the cross was great. In patience let us run for the prize set before us, looking upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who, for the joy set before him, bore his cross and despised the shame.

If you seek an example of humility, look upon the crucified one, for God wished to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to die.

If you seek an example of obedience, follow him who became obedient to the Father even unto death. For just as by the disobedience of one man, namely, Adam, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man, many were made righteous.

If you seek an example of despising earthly things, follow him who is the King of kings and the Lord of lords, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Upon the cross he was stripped, mocked, spat upon, struck, crowned with thorns, and given only vinegar and gall to drink.

Do not be attached, therefore, to clothing and riches, because "they divided my garments among themselves."

Nor to honours, for he experienced harsh words and scourgings. Nor to greatness of rank, for "weaving a crown of thorns they placed it on my head." Nor to anything delightful, for "in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink." From a conference by St. Thomas Aquinas, priest (Collatio 6 super Credo in Deum)

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2017

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Joanne Bolton

Gladys Fowler

Leon & Trish Dorff

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Martin Corkery

Valerie Collicutt

Bob & Ruth O'Brien

C.W.L. News

The CWL is drafting its budget for 2017. If you wish to suggest any donations or expenditures for 2017, please contact Anna Marie Bolin at 705-742-8249 by January 23rd. The budget will be finalized at the February 7th general meeting.

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.

Knight's of Columbus

The Knights are having a spaghetti dinner on February 11th. Please keep that date open. Details will be made available soon.

Upcoming Events at the JP II House

The Carpenter's Cup retreats, named in honour of St. Joseph, intertwine meaningful talks, adoration and Holy Mass with a fun competition. In this case, the challenge will be gaming! Guys will compete on Xbox 360, PS4 and NES consoles to determine who walks away with the Carpenter's Cup trophy. **The retreat will be from February 3-5 at JP II House** (820 Frank Street) and you can find more details and register at www.ptbovocations.ca/carpenterscup

I know life is busy and you may have other commitments that weekend, so please talk to me if your son would like to come but can only make a portion of the retreat. God bless, and please say a prayer fore the fruitfulness of the retreat!
Fr. John Perdue (705-874-1871)

Quo Vadis (Where are you going?)

Quo Vadis brings together young men (18-35yrs.) who are on the exciting, once-in-a-lifetime journey toward the answer to the question 'what is my vocation?' What is God calling me to do with my life - I only have one, after all! Is He calling me to generous service to the community in the single state? To the priesthood? To marriage? Or maybe to consecrated religious life? If this is a question that you are serious about answering, this group is for you!

We will have Mass, adoration, confessions, talk and lunch.

Join us one Saturday a month from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the John Paul II House. **The next meeting will be on February 11th. The theme for this year is 'Authentic Christian Manliness'.**

Retreat at Villa St Joseph (445 Monk St, Cobourg, ON)**Retreat Day - "You are Worthy"**

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

"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

All are welcome!

His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop McGrattan will celebrate the Sunday Masses at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral on Feb. 18th & 19th.

Sat at 5:00 p.m. and Sun at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Farewell reception will be held from noon to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 19th at the Bishop Doyle Hall. This is a

gathering to thank His Excellency for his faith-filled leadership and send him forth with our love and prayers.

Actors and Actresses Needed for the Way of the Cross

Good news - the annual Way of the Cross through downtown Peterborough will be returning again this year, hosted by the Vocations Office of the Diocese. At this time, Fr. John Perdue is looking for young men and women of high school or university/college age to act in the production. Community service hours can be obtained. Rehearsals will take place on Fridays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at JP II House (820 Frank St.) beginning on Feb. 10, and the actual event will be on Good Friday, April 14th from 10AM to 1PM beginning at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. If you are interested, please call Fr. John (705.874.1871), text @wotc to 289-278-3338, or email vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org.

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.

Development & Peace - 50th Anniversary

On February 9, 2016 Development and Peace launched the solidarity quilt to prepare us for Development and Peace's 50th anniversary celebrations in October 2017.

The pilgrimage started in the west in Victoria and in the east in St. John's, as it travels across Canada each diocesan council has added their quilt patch to the suitcase. Peterborough Diocesan Council will be adding their quilt patch at a special **Mass being celebrated by Bishop William McGrattan on Saturday, February 11th, at 11:00 am, at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, in Peterborough.**

At the end of the pilgrimage, the patches will be sewn together, producing two large quilts to be used during activities organized on a national scale.

See you on Feb 11th refreshments to follow at Bishop Doyle Hall. R.S.V.P. kstaunton@cogeco.ca or call 705 745 0034.

Most Glorious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray for our Bishops.

You have appointed Jesus, Your only-begotten Son to be the eternal High Priest for the glory of Thy Majesty and the salvation of humankind; grant Your blessings upon Bishop McGrattan. Bless him for his faithful fulfillment of his ministry to the Diocese of Peterborough, and give us a new bishop who will lead us by his holiness of life and wisdom. Direct him to guide our diocesan family so that we may grow in your love.



O Mary, Virgin Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Hold all bishops close to your Immaculate Heart! Amen.

The 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues to run until January 25th. The theme is **"Reconciliation - the Love of Christ Compels Us"** (cf. 2 Corinthians 5: 14 - 20)

This year, we rejoice in the opportunity to pray with the Christians of Germany. They invite Christians around the world to celebrate God's reconciling grace, call us to recognize the pain of the deep divisions which afflict the

Church, and urge us to become ambassadors of Christ's message of reconciliation. www.councilofchurches.ca

Offertory Thank you for your generosity

Jan. 15th Offertory: Env. \$1671.50 + Loose \$208.50
+ P.A.P. \$470.00= \$2350.00
Fuel: \$45.00 St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00

Closing Date: Until filled
job posting link: <https://teopoli.com/2015/08/07/custodian-wanted-at-teopoli/>

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH
Thurs. February 9th: 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 705-295-6952



Serviam Ministries are hosting our 2nd 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.

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.



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 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)

Lift Jesus Higher Rally - With the New Year upon us, the 25th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally is fast approaching and will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017. The website for the event is www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca



PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

The Knights of Columbus Council of Assumption/Keene is holding a PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE TOURNAMENT on FRI., FEB. 17th starting at 7:00 p.m. at the ASSUMPTION HALL on the OLD KEENE RD. There will be cash prizes and a light lunch will be served. Refreshments will be available. Admission will be \$10.

Fro tickets or more information, phone Bob O'Brien at 745-3840. Tickets will be available at the door.

Custodian Job Posting for the Teopoli Catholic Spiritual Centre, Gravenhurst

The United Society is looking for a practicing Catholic family or an individual who can be a custodian at the Teopoli Catholic Spiritual Centre in Gravenhurst, Ontario. The requirements for this position are:

- 1) A basic knowledge of the Catholic Faith
- 2) The ability to communicate it to others
- 3) Live full time at Teopoli in Gravenhurst, Ontario
- 4) The ability to communicate in English with people visiting and working at Teopoli
- 5) Basic knowledge and skills of building maintenance and equipment for outdoor property maintenance

The Association is ready to negotiate the financial terms for this position.

Applicants are asked to send resume with references to info@teopoli.com

Readings:

January 22nd: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 9: 1 - 4

Psalm 27

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10 - 13, 17 - 18

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12 - 23

January 29th: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2: 3, 3: 12 - 13

Psalm 146

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 26 - 31

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1 - 12

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

When we ask, we receive. We should invite our people to join the ongoing worldwide novena to end abortion, at 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.**

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**

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

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**

Project Rachel

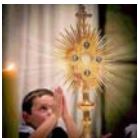
Project Rachel offers accompaniment, counselling, personal presence and support, and other services at any time they are needed by women or men. They also offer weekend retreats which provide opportunity for women who have suffered from an abortion experience to find healing, forgiveness and reconciliation.



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>

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*)

"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*

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.

"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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"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.

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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*



Life Chain