



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.**



**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 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 30 – February 5

MONDAY, January 30

St. Martina

8:00 a.m. ~ Anne Sheridan

(Marrocco Family)

TUESDAY, January 31

St. John Bosco

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

(Family)

WEDNESDAY, February 1

St. Brigid of Ireland

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

THURSDAY, February 2

Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. ~ Hallam Welch

(Ironside Family)

FRIDAY, February 3

St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

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

7:00 p.m. + Albert Ryan

(Robin & Diane Creeden)

SATURDAY, February 4

St. Andrew Corsini

8:00 a.m. ~ In reparation for the outrages, offences & blasphemies against Christ in the Holy Eucharist and insults to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

SUNDAY, February 5

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Jim Lynch

(Lane & Anita Verzyden)

9:00 a.m. + Marg Caley

(Bob & Rhonda Holland)

10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

Presentation of Jesus

Mary is, finally, the Virgin presenting offerings. In the episode of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (cf. Lk. 2:22-35), the Church, guided by the Spirit, has detected, over and above the fulfillment of the laws regarding the offering of the firstborn (cf. Ex. 13:11-16) and the purification of the mother (cf. Lv. 12:6-8), a mystery of salvation related to the history of salvation. That is, she has noted the continuity of the fundamental offering that the Incarnate Word made to the Father when He entered the world (cf. Heb. 15:5-7). The Church has seen the universal nature of salvation proclaimed, for Simeon, greeting in the Child the light to enlighten the peoples and the glory of the people Israel (cf. Lk. 2:32), recognized in Him the Messiah, the Saviour of all. The Church has understood the prophetic reference to the Passion of Christ: the fact that Simeon's words, which linked in one prophecy the Son as "the sign of contradiction" (Lk. 2:34) and the Mother, whose soul would be pierced by a sword (cf. Lk. 2:35), came true on Calvary.



A mystery of salvation, therefore, that in its various aspects orients the episode of the Presentation in the Temple to the salvific event of the cross. But the Church herself, in particular from the Middle Ages onwards, has detected in the heart of the Virgin taking her Son to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (cf. Lk. 2:22) a desire to make an

offering, a desire that exceeds the ordinary meaning of the rite. A witness to this intuition is found in the loving prayer of Saint Bernard: "Offer your Son, holy Virgin, and present to the Lord the blessed fruit of your womb. Offer for the reconciliation of us all the holy Victim which is pleasing to God" (St. Bernard, Homily on the Purification, III). This union of the Mother and the Son in the work of redemption reaches its climax on Calvary, where Christ "offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God" (Heb. 9:14) and where Mary stood by the cross (cf. Jn. 19:25), suffering grievously with her only-begotten Son. Pope Paul VI St. Pope Paul VI, Apost. exhort. *Marialis cultus*, no. 20
Father Michael will be blessing candles at the Mass on February 2. There will be some candles available but you are also welcome to bring your own.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2017

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Rose Rabishaw

Joanne Bolton

Cesare and Anne Mauro

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Valerie Collicutt

Judy Lukes

Terry & Marlene Fitzgerald

10:30 a.m.

Bud Monahan

Julia Davis

Henrietta Duff

Feast of St. Blaise

On Feb. 3rd, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Blaise. Fr. Michael will conduct the Blessing of the throats after the Mass ... two blessed candles, held slightly open, are pressed against the throat of the person while a blessing is prayed.

C.W.L. News

Once again the CWL is providing a meal for the **Out of the Cold program** on Feb. 11th at noon at One Roof Community Centre, St. John's Anglican Church Brock St. Anyone wishing to contribute please call Anna Marie at 705-742-8249.

The next **CWL meeting** will be on **Tues. February 7th** following the 6:30 Mass.



Knight's of Columbus

***** NOW AVAILABLE *****

Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday Feb. 11, 2017

Hosted by your Knights of Columbus

Spaghetti, Caesar Salad, Bun and Apple Crisp

Cost: \$ 10.00 per person, children \$5 see a Knight after Mass to reserve/get your tickets.

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.

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 for 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'*.

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.

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.

COLF

It is a pleasure to invite you to COLF's upcoming Seminar on Life and Family, which will be held on March 30-31, 2017, in Gatineau (just across the river from Ottawa).

In his recent Apostolic Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis points to the various forms of an "ideology of gender" as constituting one of the greatest challenges confronting contemporary society. Inspired by the Holy Father and by recent developments in Canadian law and society, we have chosen as our theme: "Sex, Gender and Ideology". An impressive roster of Canadian, American and European speakers will be addressing different facets of this issue. The presentations, as well as the exchanges, will be made in both official languages by means of simultaneous translation.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: (613) 241-9461, extension 161, or by email (colf@colf.ca).

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.

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



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.

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

Offertory Thank you for your generosity

Jan. 22nd Offertory: Envr. \$1653.00 + Loose \$277.00
= \$1930.00

Fuel: \$40.00 St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00

A pedagogy for peacemakers

7. In the end, we see clearly the need to propose and promote a pedagogy of peace. This calls for a rich interior life, clear and valid moral points of reference, and appropriate attitudes and lifestyles. Acts of peacemaking converge for the achievement of the common good; they create interest in peace and cultivate peace. Thoughts, words and gestures of peace create a mentality and a culture of peace, and a respectful, honest and cordial atmosphere. There is a need, then, to teach people to love one another, to cultivate peace and to live with good will rather than mere tolerance. A fundamental encouragement to this is "to say no to revenge, to recognize injustices, to accept apologies without looking for them, and finally, to forgive", [Z] in such a way that mistakes and offences can be acknowledged in truth, so as to move forward together towards reconciliation. This requires the growth of a pedagogy of pardon. Evil is in fact overcome by good, and justice is to be sought in imitating God the Father who loves all his children (cf. Mt 5:21-48). This is a slow process, for it presupposes a spiritual evolution, an education in lofty values, a new vision of human history. There is a need to renounce that false peace promised by the idols of this world along with the dangers which accompany it, that false peace which dulls consciences, which leads to self-absorption, to a withered existence lived in indifference. The pedagogy of peace, on the other hand, implies activity, compassion, solidarity, courage and perseverance. Jesus embodied all these attitudes in his own life, even to the complete gift of himself, even to "losing his life" (cf. Mt 10:39; Lk 17:33; Jn 12:25). He promises his disciples that sooner or later they will make the extraordinary discovery to which I originally alluded, namely that God is in the world, the God of Jesus, fully on the side of man. Here I would recall the prayer asking God to make us instruments of his peace, to be able to bring his love wherever there is hatred, his mercy wherever there is hurt, and true faith wherever there is doubt. Pope Benedict (2013)

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

Closing Date: Until filled

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

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)

Readings:

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

February 5th 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 58: 6 – 10

Psalm 112

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 5

Gospel: Matthew 5: 13 – 16

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 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 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.

"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.

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

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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

