



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.**



Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind
John 9

4th Sunday of Lent

March 26th, 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**March 27 – April 2

MONDAY, March 27

St. John Damascene

8:00 a.m. ~ Marie Eckert

(Mike & Noreen Malloy)

TUESDAY, March 28

St. Guntram

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, March 29

St. Gundleus

8:00 a.m. + Deanna O'Neill

(Her Family)

THURSDAY, March 30

St. John Climacus

8:00 a.m. ~ Julia Holmquist

(Mom & Dad)

FRIDAY, March 31

St. Benjamin

6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration and Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. ~ Wayne Condon

SATURDAY, April 1

St. Hugh

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, April 2

5th Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Jim Lynch

(John & Marie Harrison)

9:00 a.m. + Madeline Keating

(The Family)

10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

If neither they nor we prevent Christ from curing our blindness, if we let our Lord apply the clay which, in His hands, becomes a cleansing salve, we shall come to know earthly realities and we shall look upon the divine realities with new vision, with the light of faith. Our outlook will have become Christian.

This is the vocation of a Christian. We are called to the fullness of charity which "is patient, is kind. Charity feels no envy; charity is never perverse or proud, never insolent, does not claim its rights, cannot be provoked, does not brood over an injury; takes no pleasure in wrongdoing, but rejoices at the victory of truth; sustains, believes, hopes, endures, to the last."

St. Josemaria Escriva

We confess our blindness

On these Sundays in Lent the liturgy takes us on a true and proper baptismal route through the texts of John's Gospel: last Sunday, Jesus promised the gift of "living water" to the Samaritan woman; today, by healing the man born blind, he reveals himself as "the light of the world"; next Sunday, in raising his friend Lazarus, he will present himself as "the resurrection and the life". Water, light and life are symbols of Baptism, the Sacrament that "immerses" believers in the mystery of the death and Resurrection of Christ, liberating them from the slavery of sin and giving them eternal life.

According to the common mentality of the time, the disciples take it for granted that his blindness was the result of a sin committed by him or his parents. Jesus, however, rejects this prejudice: "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him" (Jn 9: 3).

What comfort these words offer us! They let us hear the living voice of God, who is provident and wise Love! In the face of men and women marked by limitations and suffering, Jesus did not think of their possible guilt but rather of the will of God who created man for life. And so he solemnly declares: "We must work the works of him who sent me.... As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" And he immediately takes action: mixing a little earth with saliva he made mud and spread it on the eyes of the blind man. This act alludes to the creation of man, which the Bible recounts using the symbol of dust from the ground, fashioned and enlivened by God's breath (Gn 2: 7). In fact, "Adam" means "ground" and the human body was in effect formed of particles of soil. By healing the blind man Jesus worked a new creation.

But this healing sparked heated debate because Jesus did it on the Sabbath, thereby in the Pharisees' opinion violating the feast-day precept. Thus, at the end of the account, Jesus and the blind man are both cast out, the former because he broke the law and the latter because, despite being healed, he remained marked as a sinner from birth.

Jesus reveals to the blind man whom he had healed that he had come into the world for judgement, to separate the blind who can be healed from those who do not allow themselves to be healed because they consider themselves healthy. Indeed, the temptation to build himself an ideological security system is strong in man: even religion can become an element of this system, as can atheism or secularism, but in letting this happen one is blinded by one's own selfishness.

Let us allow ourselves to be healed by Jesus, who can and wants to give us God's light! Let us confess our blindness, our shortsightedness, and especially ...the "great transgression" (cf. Ps 19[18]: 13): pride.

5th Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

LAY MINISTRY

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic

Rose Rabishaw
Martin Corkery
Anna Marie Bolin

Lector

Mary Anne Burnie
Valerie Collicutt
Carolyn Doris

Gift Bearers

Roddy Turpin
Betty Clark & Joanne Bolton
Dana & Brent Bidgood & Family

C.W.L NEWS



The next CWL meeting will be on **Tues, April 4th** after the 6:30 Mass.

STEP INTO SPRING FASHION SHOW

featuring Fashion Plus (Portage Place) spring & summer lines on **Wed, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.** at Assumption Hall. Admission is \$5. Tickets are available by calling Joanne Bolton 705-313-6750 or Anna Marie Bolin 705-742-8249. Tickets are also available at the parish office. Proceeds to Hospice Peterborough
The Catholic Women's League **Diocesan Convention** will be held on **April 29 & 30** in Huntsville. Registration will be paid by our League and ladies will be responsible for meal fees. Contact Anna Marie at 742-8249 for more information or if you wish to attend. Deadline for registration is April 10.

Knights of Columbus News



Clergy Appreciation Dinner **Friday on April 28/17**
Hosted by Eninismore parish. Limited tickets ...
16 left \$20.00 each
Contact Pete Clancy 748-3075

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for singers and musicians to help with the choir for: **Sat April 8th 5pm Mass and Sat April 15th 8:00 p.m. Mass.** Please call or see Wanda 748-3075

Development & Peace-Caritas Canada Share Lent Collection April 1st & 2nd

While both men and women suffer when they live in poverty, we know that women are disproportionately disadvantaged by their poverty. Gender discrimination means that women have far fewer resources and freedom to challenge and overcome their difficult circumstances. They are likely to be the last to eat or the ones least likely to access healthcare. Women have more limited options for education and employment, and they may have difficulty accessing land or property. In addition to these many challenges, a great number also face domestic and sexual violence. While we have seen many advances in the human rights of women around the world, poor women face extra marginalization, and their voices are rarely heard. Please take a few minutes as a family to pray and reflect on your Share Lent Donation to be taken up next weekend. Maybe you could become a monthly donor, call Karen at 705-745-0034 for more information.

Mass of installation of Bishop-elect

Daniel Miehm will take place at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains at **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19th**

Healing Mass

"Healing Mass – April 5th at Mount St. Joseph @1:30 pm. All are invited to come and pray for healing. Opportunity for anointing and healing prayer." Celebrant Fr. Leo Coughlin.

Taize Night of Reflection & Prayer

Monday, March 27 at 7p.m. at St. Anne's
Time to reflect & be still with the Lord. Enjoy spiritual readings, prayer & spiritual music. Theme "The Gifts of the Holy Spirit Are With Us." Prepare yourself for Holy Week.

St. Joseph Dinner to Support Campus Ministry



Join us for the 1st annual Saint Joseph Dinner in support of campus ministry! Fr. John Perdue has begun ministering at both Trent University and Fleming College, and is maintaining a connection with Sacred Heart College. **To support programming and materials for these ministries, the St. Joseph Dinner is being held on Tues. April 18th at the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough.** Cocktail hour will be at 5:30, dinner at 6:30. The night will feature live music and speeches from students involved with campus ministry and from Fr. Eric Mason. Tickets are \$100 each (available from Fran in the office) and are eligible for a \$50 charitable donation receipt. For more info, contact Fr. John at 874-1871 or vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH Thurs. April 13: 12 -2 p.m., & 4 – 6 p.m.

Donations of goods can be dropped off at Three Roads Farm and other Keene locations. (295-6952)



Offertory Thank you for your generosity
March 19th Offertory: Env: \$1782.00 +
Loose \$370.00 + P.A.P. \$470.00 = \$2622.00
Fuel: \$25.00 St. Vincent de Paul:
\$5.00
Development & Peace \$80.00 Other Lenten
\$20.00

Share Lent Collection

The collection for "Lenten Charity" will take place next weekend. Please indicate whether you would like your contribution to go to Development & Peace OR Diocesan Charity - Relief Fund. 100% of money collected for the Diocesan Charity goes directly into the Diocesan Charitable Discretionary Fund used for external charity given at fiscal yearend by Bishop.

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.

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, X 161, or by email (colf@colf.ca).

March for Life

The annual March for Life will take place on May 11th this year on Parliament Hill, Ottawa. The Rally and March run from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please come and witness to the sanctity of human life.

The Catholic Church teaches, "Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, Who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being" (Donum Vitae, 5)



Readings:

March 26th : 4th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 6 – 7, 10 – 13

Psalm 23

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 8 – 14

Gospel: John 9: 1 – 41

April 2nd: 5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12 – 14

Psalm 130

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 8 – 11

Gospel: John 11: 1 – 45

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

Holy Father's Intentions: March Support for Persecuted Christians.

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

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).

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**

STOCKDALE CENTRAL CONCERT - Sunday, June 11th at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m at Market Hall. Adults \$20. Students \$10. Assigned seating. Wheelchair accessible. Fundraiser for St. Joseph's Church, Douro. For tickets please call Carmella LeMoire 652-7776 or Mary Carlow 295-6494.

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

Message by Pope Francis for Lent 2017

In 2017, the Message of Pope Francis for Lent is **"The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift."** Based on the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. Luke 16:19-31), the Holy Father invites Catholics to find "inspiration in this meaningful story, for it provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion."

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)

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.



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.

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

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)

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

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

Thurs. April 13th : 12 -2 p.m., & 4 – 6 p.m.

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osmfoodcupboard@nexicom.net or 295-6952

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 **Aprilth from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** John Paul II House.

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.

struggling in the obscurity of ignorance ... Then, how valuable your work becomes as you persevere with the same effort a little longer, a few minutes more, until the job is finished! In a simple and practical way you are converting contemplation into apostolate, seeing it as an imperative necessity of your heart, which beats in unison with the most sweet and merciful Heart of Jesus, Our Lord. *Friends of God, 67*

Lent

In our present liturgy for Ash Wednesday, we use ashes made from the burned palm branches distributed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. The priest blesses the ashes and imposes them on the foreheads of the faithful, making the sign of the cross and saying, "Remember, man you are dust and to dust you shall return," or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." As we begin this holy season of Lent in preparation for Easter, we must remember the significance of the ashes we have received: We mourn and do penance for our sins. We again convert our hearts to the Lord, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation. We renew the promises made at our baptism, when we died to an old life and rose to a new life with Christ. Finally, mindful that the kingdom of this world passes away, we strive to live the kingdom of God now and look forward to its fulfillment in heaven. <http://www.ewtn.com>

Working for God (St. Josemaría Escrivá)

Rest assured that it is not difficult to convert work into a prayerful dialogue. As soon as you offer it up and then set to work, God is already listening and giving encouragement. We acquire the style of contemplative souls, in the midst of our daily work! Because we become certain that He is watching us, while He asks us to conquer ourselves anew: a little sacrifice here, a smile there for someone who bothers us, beginning the least pleasant but most urgent job first, carefulness in little details of order, perseverance in the fulfillment of our duty when it would be so easy to abandon it, not leaving for tomorrow what should be finished today: and all this, to please Him, our Father God! On your desk or in some inconspicuous place that nobody notices, you perhaps place your crucifix to awaken in you a contemplative spirit and to act as a textbook for your mind and soul where you learn the lessons of service. If you make up your mind to follow these ways of contemplation, in the midst of your ordinary work, without doing anything odd or withdrawing from the world, you will immediately feel that you are a friend of the Master, with the God-given task of opening up the divine ways of the earth to the whole of mankind. Yes. With your work you will help to spread Christ's kingdom in every continent. You will offer up hour after hour of work for far-off lands which are being born to the faith, for the peoples of the East who are being cruelly forbidden to profess their faith, and for the traditionally Christian nations where it seems that the light of the Gospel has grown dim and souls are