



# 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. for the first two Tuesdays  
of the month and 8:00 a.m. for all others

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.**



*Ascension of the Lord  
May 28, 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. & 4:30 – 4:50 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. Also, an address change is  
necessary for sending out the year's tax receipts.  
Call 705-741-1018.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

May 29 – June 4

**MONDAY, May 29**

*St. Maximinus, St. Olaf II*  
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

**TUESDAY, May 30**

*St. Joan of Arc*  
8:00 a.m. NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY, May 31**

*Visitation of Mary*  
8:00 a.m. NO MASS

**THURSDAY, June 1**

*St. Justin*  
8:00 a.m. NO MASS

**FRIDAY, June 2**

*St. Marcellinus & St. Peter*  
6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 p.m. NO MASS OR ADORATION

**SATURDAY, June 3**

*St. Charles Lwanga & Companions*  
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, June 4**

*Pentecost Sunday*  
5:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Anne Gostola  
(Bernard & Leona Sheehan)  
9:00 a.m. + Wilhelmina Minnema  
(Harman & Tracy Minnema and family)  
10:30 a.m. ~ Pro Populo

Remember to pray for our priests this week while they are on retreat.



motherhood in the Son's redeeming work, she becomes the model for those in the Church who set out to bring Christ's light and joy to the people of every time and place.

3. The meeting with Elizabeth has the character of a joyous saving event that goes beyond the spontaneous feelings of family sentiment. Mary bursts out with the joy of her quick and ready faith: "She entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth" (Lk 1:40). St Luke relates that "when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb" (Lk 1:41). Mary's greeting caused Elizabeth's son to leap for joy: Jesus' entrance into Elizabeth's house, at Mary's doing, brought the unborn prophet that gladness which the Old Testament foretells as a sign of the Messiah's presence.

At Mary's greeting, messianic joy comes over Elizabeth too and "filled with the Holy Spirit ... she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!'" (Lk 1:41-42).

By a higher light, she understands Mary's greatness: she is blessed among women because of the fruit of her womb, Jesus, the Messiah.

4. Elizabeth's exclamation shows a true religious enthusiasm, which continues to be echoed on the lips of believers in the prayer "Hail Mary", as the Church's song of praise for the great works accomplished by the

Most High in the Mother of his Son.



In proclaiming her "blessed among women", Elizabeth points to Mary's faith as the reason for her blessedness:

"And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken

to her from the Lord" (Lk 1:45). Mary's greatness and joy arise from the fact she is the one who believes.

In view of Mary's excellence, Elizabeth also understands what an honour her visit is for her: "And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:43). With the expression "my Lord", Elizabeth recognizes the royal, indeed messianic, dignity of Mary's Son. In the Old Testament this expression was in fact used to address the king (cf. I Kgs 1:13,20,21 etc.) and to speak of the Messiah King (Ps I 10: 1). The angel had said of Jesus: "The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David" (Lk 1:32). "Filled with the Holy Spirit", Elizabeth has the same insight. Later, the paschal glorification of Christ will reveal the sense in which this title is to be understood, that is, a transcendent sense (cf. Jn 20:28; Acts 2:34-36).

Mary is present in the whole work of divine salvation. With her admiring exclamation, Elizabeth invites us to appreciate all that the Virgin's presence brings as a gift to the life of every believer.

In the Visitation, the Virgin brings Christ to the Baptist's mother, the Christ who pours out the Holy Spirit. This role of mediatrix is brought out by Elizabeth's very words: "For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy" (Lk 1:44). By the gift of the Holy Spirit, Mary's presence serves as a prelude to Pentecost, confirming a co-operation which, having begun with the Incarnation, is destined to be expressed in the whole work of divine salvation. (Pope John Paul II)

**VISITATION IS PRELUDE TO JESUS' MISSION**

1. In the Visitation episode, St Luke shows how the grace of the Incarnation, after filling Mary, brings salvation and joy to Elizabeth's house. The Saviour of men, carried in his Mother's womb, pours out the Holy Spirit, revealing himself from the very start of his coming into the world.

In describing Mary's departure for Judea, the Evangelist uses the verb "anistemi", which means "to arise", "to start moving". Considering that this verb is used in the Gospels to indicate Jesus' Resurrection or physical actions that imply a spiritual effort, we can suppose that Luke wishes to stress with this expression the vigorous zeal which led Mary, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to give the world its Saviour.

2. St Luke seems to invite us to see Mary as the first "evangelist", who spreads the "good news", initiating the missionary journeys of her divine Son.

Also, the direction of the Blessed Virgin's journey is particularly significant: it will be from Galilee to Judea, like Jesus' missionary journey (cf. 9:51).

Mary's visit to Elizabeth, in fact, is a prelude to Jesus' mission and, in cooperating from the beginning of her

# Pentecost Sunday

June 4, 2017

### LAY MINISTRY

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

### Eucharistic

Colleen Petersen  
Noreen Malloy  
Bud Monahan

### Lector

Helen Vozza  
Bob Holland  
Anna Marie Bolin

### Gift Bearers

Leon & Trish Dorff  
Terry & Marlene Fitzgerald  
Raphael & Casandra Dunne

### CWL News



#### The CWL ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER

is fast approaching. Come for a fun filled evening on **Wed, June 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Assumption Hall. Social time begins at 6:00 and supper is at 6:30 pm. Please bring a plate, cutlery and either main course, salad or dessert for six. Anyone needing a ride contact Anna Marie at 742-8249. Come enjoy fellowship and delicious food.

### Humanitarian Crisis in Kenya & Tanzania

Worsening drought conditions have reached crisis levels at several Chalice sites in Kenya and Tanzania. The number of people facing food insecurity has more that doubled from 1.3 million to 2.7 million. Food prices are on the rise across the region, and malnutrition is above the emergency threshold in several locations. Call 1- 800-776-6855

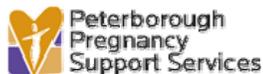


### Vacation Bible School



The VBS program this year is A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer....with Amazing Angels and Super Saints. It is jam-packed with great songs, crafts and

fun activities for kids ages 4-11 to help them grow in their Catholic faith. The overall goals of this week long program are to help the children learn more about prayer and how to put it into action. August 14-18th from 9am to noon at the parish hall. Class size limited to 25. Call Val Collicutt at 748-5237. Cat Chat web site, [www.catchat.ca](http://www.catchat.ca)



### Baby Bottle Campaign

Peterborough Pregnancy Support Services is having their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Bottles/Jars are available at the back of the Church. These bottles are to be filled with spare change, cash and cheques until Father's Day when they will be collected. **Please return all jars even if they are not filled.** This event provides the opportunity for you to participate in saving the lives of unborn children, and gives support to parents and their babies. For more information please call 705-742-4015.

*Offertory Thank you for your generosity*

*May 14<sup>th</sup> Offertory: Env. \$1491.00 + Loose \$278.00 + P.A.P. \$470.00=\$2239.00  
St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00 Fuel: \$25.00  
Pope's Pastoral Works: \$197.00*

### Monsignor Michael's anniversary

Monsignor Michael celebrates his 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on May 28<sup>th</sup>. We pray that God will continue to bless him as he administers his duties. Thank you, Monsignor Michael and Happy Anniversary!



### Priest Benefit Fund Collection June 18<sup>th</sup>

The Diocesan Priest Benefit Fund supports the needs of our retired priests and those suffering from longer term illnesses. The Diocese is in a similar position as many other Dioceses who have not had the ability to set aside sufficient funds to meet the long term retirement benefit payments/budget. The Diocese has continued to sustain positive growth in the fund over the last thirteen (13) years which has much to do with the generosity and donations of parishioners. We ask you to please give generously to the annual Priest Benefit Fund (PBF) special collection on June 18<sup>th</sup>.  
\*New - The Diocese now accepts donations for any parish, donations, special collection, in memory of etc. online at the Diocesan's new website <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/index.aspx>.  
We thank you for your kindness.



### Novena to the Holy Spirit

*The novena in honour of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.*

*The novena is available at the website:*

[https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven\\_tx.htm](https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven_tx.htm)

*The novena began on May 26<sup>th</sup> ... double up if need be.*

**Fr. Peter Waywo will offer Mass at 8:30 am Monday - Friday during the Priest's Retreat, May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Immaculate Conception Church.**

### VISITS TO THE CHURCH

Fr. Michael normally has the church open at 7:30 a.m. daily and closes the doors at approx 6:00 p.m. unless there is evening Mass.

Please note that, because the priests of the diocese will be away this week on retreat, the times that the church will be open will vary. On Monday, the church will remain open until 1:00 p.m., on Tues. and Thurs. from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and it will be closed on Wednesday. It will be open on Friday at 9:30 a.m. and will be closed at the regular time.

**Healing Mass – June 7<sup>th</sup> at Mount St. Joseph at 1:30 pm.** All are invited to come and pray for healing. Opportunity for anointing and healing prayer. This will be the last Healing Mass until September. Celebrant Father Leo Coughlin.

### Readings:

#### **May 28<sup>th</sup>: Ascension of the Lord**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1: 1 – 11

Psalm 47

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1: 17 – 23

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16 – 20

#### **June 4<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost Sunday**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2: 1 – 11

Psalm 104

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3– 7, 12 – 13

Gospel: John 20: 19 – 23

### *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: May Christians in Africa**

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

**Urgent Intention: Priestly Vocations:**

*Led by the Spirit for Mission* - May he give us priests enamored of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God's merciful love.

### **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**

### **JOURNEY OF FAITH**

The 2017 Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Cap de la Madeleine, St. Anne de Beaupre and St. Joseph's Oratory, Quebec will take place **July 8 to July 10, 2017.** Please call Mrs. Beth Lariviere at 289-240-1499 or Mrs. Maria Andreoli at 705-745-0110 to reserve your place.

### **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**

**STOCKDALE CENTRAL CONCERT** - Sunday, **June 11<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### **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. June : 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 295-6952

**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).

### 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>



### 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 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*

**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 **June 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.



### 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

*"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)**