



# 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.*

**Permanent Deacon:** *Rev. Mr. Paul Dunford*

### **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 and 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.**



**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 10, 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:** Please speak with Fr. Michael about this after any of the Masses.

#### **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**

September 11 – September 17

**MONDAY, September 11**

*St. Adelphus*

8:00 a.m. + Harry Lynch  
(His great nieces)

**TUESDAY, September 12**

*Holy Name of Mary*

6:30 p.m. ~ John Paul Corkery

(Marrocco Family)

**WEDNESDAY, September 13**

*St. John Chrysostom*

8:00 a.m. + Marilyn Manley

(Her son, Jamie)

**THURSDAY, September 14**

*Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

**FRIDAY, September 15**

*Our Lady of Sorrows*

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

7:00 p.m. + Loretta Bolin

(Cristy & Michael Doris & Family)

**SATURDAY, September 16**

*St. Cornelius, St. Cyprian*

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

**SUNDAY, September 17**

*24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. + Jim & Anna O'Brien

(The Family)

10:30 a.m. ~ Souls in Purgatory

**Our Lady of Sorrows (Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>)**

The martyrdom of the Virgin is set forth both in the prophecy of Simeon and in the actual story of our Lord's passion. The holy old man said of the infant Jesus: *He has been established as a sign which will be contradicted.* He went on to say to Mary: *And your own heart will be pierced by a sword.*

Truly, O blessed Mother, a sword has pierced your heart. For only by passing through your heart could the sword enter the flesh of your Son. Indeed, after your Jesus - who belongs to everyone, but is especially yours - gave up his life, the cruel spear,

which was not withheld from his lifeless body, tore open his side. Clearly it did not touch his soul and could not harm him, but it did pierce your heart. For surely his soul was no longer there, but yours could not be torn away. Thus the violence of sorrow has cut through your heart, and we rightly call you more than martyr, since the effect of compassion in you



has gone beyond the endurance of physical suffering. Or were those words, *Woman, behold your Son*, not more than a word to you, truly piercing your

heart, cutting through to the division between soul and spirit? What an exchange! John is given to you in place of Jesus, the servant in place of the Lord, the disciple in place of the master; the son of Zebedee replaces the Son of God, a mere man replaces God himself. How could these words not pierce your most loving heart, when the mere remembrance of them breaks ours, hearts of iron and stone though they are!

Do not be surprised, brothers, that Mary is said to be a martyr in spirit. Let him be surprised who does not remember the words of Paul, that one of the greatest crimes of the Gentiles was that they were without love. That was far from the heart of Mary; let it be far from her servants.

Perhaps someone will say: "Had she not known before that he would not die?" Undoubtedly. "Did she not expect him to rise again at once?" Surely. "And still she grieved over her crucified Son?" Intensely.

Who are you and what is the source of your wisdom that you are more surprised at the compassion of Mary than at the passion of Mary's Son? For if he could die in body, could she not die with him in spirit? He died in body through a love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other since his.

*Excerpt from a sermon by St. Bernard of Clairvaux (Sermo in dom. infra oct. Assumptionis, 14-15: Opera omnia, Edit. Cisterc. 5 [1968], 273-274)*

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 17, 2017**

LAY MINISTRY

**Eucharistic**

**Lector**

**Gift Bearers**

Sat 5:00 p.m.

Colleen Petersen

Mary Anne Bernie

Paul & Catherine Kelly

Sun 9:00 a.m.

Judy Lukes

Gladys Fowler

Bob & Betty Brown

10:30 a.m.

Sue Livings

Cristy Doris

Elaine & Gary Lambe



### Knights' News

The next Knight's of Columbus meeting is **Tues, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00 p.m.** following the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

### Parish Beef & Pork Dinner Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Serving from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Delicious Roast Beef, Succulent Roast Pork with all the trimmings and delicious home-made pies. **Tickets** are available before and after Mass or through the parish office.

For adult tickets, if purchased in advance the tickets are \$15, at the door \$16, Youth (6 – 14) \$6.00 and children under 6 – free



### Life Chain 2017

**Please save the date!** Life Chain in Canada has been organizing the pro-life Chains for many years and the twenty-sixth one will be held

on **Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** on the north and south sidewalks of Lansdowne Street at Monaghan Road in Peterborough. The Life Chain is a peaceful witness with non graphic images and the references to Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary will echo the Consecration of Canada to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please plan to attend.

### Reflection from the Parish Vocation Team

Have you ever thought you might be called to a vocation to the priesthood or the religious life even though you are well situated in another career? If not then checkout the August 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the Peterborough Examiner - From NASA to nunhood! Libby Osgood at 34 years old holds a PhD in mechanical engineering, has worked at NASA as an aerospace engineer and most recently a Professor at UPEI. She also loves the Lord but felt she had to hide that from her scientist colleagues. She had the opportunity to meet Vatican astronomer Bro. Guy Consolmagno which opened her up to the possibility of being both an engineer and a nun! She "feels so whole" now since this realization and has entered the Convent of Notre Dame in NYC.



Regardless of our career choice or age, a vocation is open to all of us at any time in our life! If this resonates with you, know that it is possible to answer God's call and feel completely fulfilled! St Joseph pray for all who are called but yet uncertain what to do about it!

### St. Joseph's at Fleming Auxiliary Tea & Bazaar

The Bazaar is the major fund raising event for the year and the Auxiliary relies on these funds to host events throughout the year that help to enhance the quality of life for the Residents of the Home.

**Date: Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:30 pm.**

Place: Auditorium St. Joseph's at Fleming,  
659 Brealey Drive Peterborough.

### Peterborough Alpha

Whether you grew up a Christian or never set foot in Church, whether you are eighteen or eighty, whether you raise kids or raise cattle....Alpha is for everyone! You and millions of people around the world will be taking part in this wonderful experience!



**Begins Thursday, September 28, 6:30-8:30pm for 10 weeks at St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish Hall**

**Free food, short video and small group discussion. FREE CHILDCARE also!** Want to find out more?

**Visit [peterboroughalpha.com](http://peterboroughalpha.com) today!**

### Development & Peace Workshop

This fall, Development and Peace launches a new campaign called Women at the Heart of Peace. This campaign invites Canadians to learn more about the vital role women play in conflict prevention and peace building. Join us in paying tribute to the women who build peace in communities around the world. To learn more about the campaign and how to be a part of it, please join us at a workshop on **Sat., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>** at St. Anne's Parish Centre.. Registration and coffee 9:30 am. For further details contact [kstaunton@cogeco.ca](mailto:kstaunton@cogeco.ca) or call 705-745-0034.

### Immaculate Conception's Annual Dinner

**"Taste of Poland Dinner"** Sat. Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy roast pork, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, perogies, Polish cakes.  
Adults: \$15 – Under 12: \$8 Under 5: Free  
Call 705-742-5466 to order tickets

### Retreat at Villa St. Joseph

**Day of Stillness, Wed. Sept 13 from 9am to 4pm**

Villa St Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg  
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)

### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

*"The Cross had asked the questions; the Resurrection had answered them.... The Cross had asked: why does God permit evil and sin to nail Justice to a tree? The Resurrection answered: That sin having done its worst might exhaust itself and thus be overcome by Love that is stronger than either sin or death. Thus there emerges the Easter lesson that the power of evil and the chaos of any one moment can be defied and conquered for the basis of our hope is not in any construct of human power but in the power of God who has given to the evil of this earth its one mortal wound – an open tomb, a gaping sepulcher, and empty grave." Bishop Sheen*



Offertory Thank you for your generosity

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> Offertory: Env. \$1440.00 + Loose

\$375.50 + P.A.P. \$570.00 = \$2385.50

Fuel: \$247.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$344.50

#### FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

Thurs. September 14: 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 Compassionate Community Care



(CCC) helpline is a national service for people who are seeking advice, help & support regarding euthanasia & assisted suicide prevention, and all end-of-life treatment issues or concerns. They can be reached toll free at 1-855-675-8749 ... The number operates 7 days a week, 24 hours a day from coast to coast.

*Compassionate  
Community Care*

[www.CompassionateCommunityCare.org](http://www.CompassionateCommunityCare.org)

#### Readings:

##### September 10<sup>th</sup>: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7 - 9

Psalm 95

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 13: 8 - 10

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15 - 20

##### September 17<sup>th</sup>: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 27: 30 - 28: 7

Psalm 103

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 14: 7 - 9

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21 - 35

#### Holy Father's Intentions: September Parishes

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

#### 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

#### 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)

#### Retreat Day: "Living in the Divine milieu: Praying with Teilhard de Chardin" (Sr. Mary Rowell, CSJ)

Wednesday Sept 27, 2017

9am to 4pm

Villa St Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg ON

A day of prayer and reflection in the spirit of Jesuit priest and scientist Teilhard de Chardin. Rooted in the joy and hope of the Christian Tradition and in the spirituality of St. Ignatius, Teilhard's "Divine Milieu" invites us to a contemplation of "God in all Things"; in the beauty of the natural world, in scientific discovery and in human becoming in the heart of God. From 9:00am to 4:00pm. Cost is \$40.00 includes lunch and snacks. To register, call 905-372--2741, email: [villa@csjcanada.org](mailto:villa@csjcanada.org), visit our site [www.villastjoseph.ca](http://www.villastjoseph.ca)

#### Spiritual Warfare - On October 28<sup>th</sup>

join Fr. Gary Thomas (exorcist)

and Zachary King (Convert, Former High Wizard of a Satanic coven) at the Canada

Christian College in Toronto for an exciting day of prayer, fellowship and

inspiring talks that will equip and embolden you to fight the spiritual battle we are in while

protecting yourself and loved ones. A reality check with messages of hope and mercy.

Group and student rates available.

All info and to purchase tickets:

[www.serviamministries.com/events/spiritual-warfare/](http://www.serviamministries.com/events/spiritual-warfare/),  
[info@ServiamMinistries.com](mailto:info@ServiamMinistries.com) or 1-888-522-2070.



#### 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)

### 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.**

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### 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>

**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 **from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** John Paul II House.

Quo Vadis for this year:

September 9

October 7

November 11

December 2

January 13

February 10

March 3

April 7

May 12

June 23

### 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)**

St. Jean-Marie Vianney, the Cure of Ars once asked one of his parishioners who spent hours in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, "My good father, what do you say to our Lord in those long visits you pay Him every day?" "I say nothing to Him," was the man's moving reply; "I look at Him and He looks at me."

*"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man."*

*St. John Vianney, Cure d'Ars*

### Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and the death of your divine Son, look upon me with eyes of compassion, and awaken in my heart a tender commiseration for those sufferings, as well as a sincere detestation of my sins, in order that, being disengaged from all undue affection for the passing joys of this earth, I may sigh after the eternal Jerusalem, and that henceforward all my thought and all my actions may be directed towards this one most desirable object.

Honour, glory, and love to our divine Lord Jesus, and  
to the holy and immaculate Mother of God. Amen  
(St. Bonaventure)

**St. Anthony Mary Claret:**

The Christian who desires to follow Jesus carrying his cross must bear in mind that the name “Christian” means “bearer or imitator of Christ” and that if he wishes to bear that noble title worthily, he must above all do as Christ charges us in the Gospel; we must oppose or deny ourselves, take up the cross, and follow him.

In danger, in distress, in uncertainty, think of Mary, call upon Mary. She never leaves your lips, she never departs from your heart; and so that you may obtain the help of her prayers, never forget the example of her life. If you follow her, you cannot falter; if you pray to her, you cannot despair; if you think of her, you cannot err. If she sustains you, you will not stumble; if she protects you, you have nothing to fear; if she guides you, you will never flag; if she is favourable to you, you will attain your goal... (Hom. II *super Missus est*, 17: PL 183, 70-71).

— St. Bernard of Clairvaux from his homily on the Incarnation of Christ.

