



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.

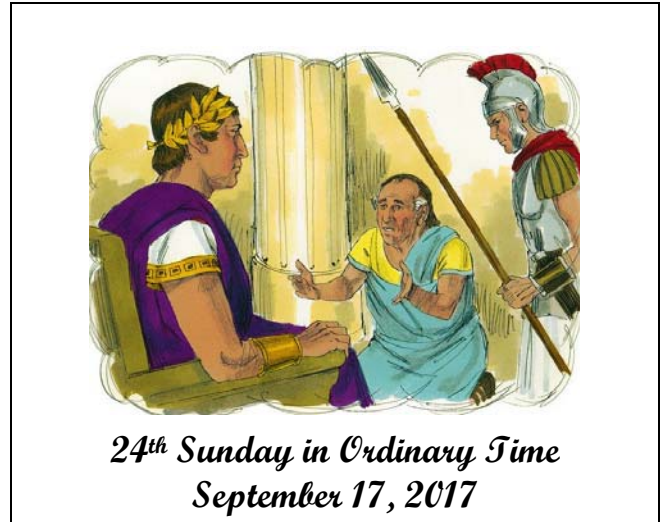
NEW PARISHIONERS—

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.**



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 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 18 – September 24

MONDAY, September 18
St. John Macias, St. Stanislaw Kostka, St. Joseph of Cupertino
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, September 19
St. Januarius
 8:00 a.m. + Mary Dool
 (Patrick & Sandra Lynch)

WEDNESDAY, September 20
St. Andrew Kim & Companions
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

THURSDAY, September 21
St. Matthew
 8:00 a.m. ~ Graeme Ironside
 (Ironside Family)

FRIDAY, September 22
St. Thomas of Villanova
 6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 p.m. + Mary Shaughnessy
 (Her daughters)

SATURDAY, September 23
St. Pio of Pietrelcina
 8:00 a.m. ~ Ted Ferrant
 (Marrocco Family)

SUNDAY, September 24
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Pro Populo
 9:00 a.m. + Brian Johnston
 (Barb, Amanda & Andrew)
 10:30 a.m. ~ ????????????????????

Mercy

"Forgive us... as we forgive".
 The Eucharist which we are celebrating and in which we are taking part is linked to the deepest truth of these words. Each time we participate in the Eucharist, we must *translate*, as it were, the parable of today's Gospel into the reality of that sacrament which is the "great mystery of faith". When we gather together, we must be aware of how much we are *debtors to God the Creator, God the Redeemer*. Debtors – first for our Creation, and then for our Redemption. The Psalmist exclaims:



"Bless the Lord, o my soul;
 and all my being, bless his holy name.
 Bless... and forget not all his benefits" (Ps. 103 (102), 1-2).

This exhortation is directed to each one of us, and at the same time to the whole community of believers. Forget not... the gift of God. Forget not... that you have received his bounty: *in Creation* –that is to say, in your existence and in all that is in and around you; *in Redemption* – in that grace of adoption as sons and daughters of God in Christ, at the price of his Cross.

When we receive a gift we are a debtor. Indeed we are more than a debtor because it is not possible to repay a gift adequately. And yet we must try. *We must give a gift in return for a gift*. God's generous gift must be repaid by our gift. And our gift, reflecting as it does our great limitations, must aim at imitating the divine generosity, the divine standard of giving. In Christ our gift must be transformed, so as to unite us with God. The Eucharist is the sacrament of such a *transformation*. Christ himself makes us "an everlasting gift to the Father". Truly this is the great mystery of faith and love.

"Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors". Modern man easily *forgets that he has received a great gift*. Yet, at the base of all that he is and of all that the world is, there is the gift – the free gift of Love. As man loses this awareness, he also *forgets the debt* and the fact that he is a debtor. He loses his *consciousness of sin*. Many people today, especially those caught up in a civilization of affluence and pleasure, live as though sin did not exist and as if God did not exist.

For this reason we need to listen with special attention to the Letter to the Romans: "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master. While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants. Both in life and in death we are the Lord's. That is why Christ died and came to life again, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living" (Rom. 14, 7-9). We must *listen carefully* to these words of Saint Paul and remember them well.

"My Lord, *be patient with me* and I will pay you back in full"

"Love is patient; love is kind... Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth... Love never fails" (1 Cor. 13, 4. 6. 8). Yes, love is supreme!
 Amen. Homily of St. Pope John Paul II on Sept. 12, 1987

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2017

LAY MINISTRY
 Sat 5:00 p.m.
 Sun 9:00 a.m.

Eucharistic
 Rose Rabishaw
 Bob O'Brien

Lector
 Helen Vozza
 Pat Clancy

Gift Bearers
 Roddy Turpin
 Al & Valerie Collicutt



Knights News

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

Parish Beef & Pork Dinner Saturday, September 23rd

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



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 today!



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. 1st** 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 150th 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 28th 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!



Clearly, what God wants above all is our will which we received as a free gift from God in creation and possess as though our own. When a man trains himself to acts of virtue, it is with the help of grace from God from whom all good things come that he does this. The will is what man has as his unique possession.

St. Joseph of Cupertino

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

Wednesday Sept 27 from 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. Cost is \$40.00 includes lunch and snacks. To register, call 905-372--2741, email: villa@csjcanada.org, visit our site www.villastjoseph.ca

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 7th from 1:00 to 3:30 pm.

Offertory Thank you for your generosity
Sept. 10th Offertory: Env: \$1771.00 + Loose
 \$402.00 = \$2173.00 Fuel: \$42.00 St.
 Vincent de Paul: \$5.00

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 or 295-6952



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

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 7days a week, 24 hours a day from coast to coast.

www.CompassionateCommunityCare.org



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Community Care

Readings:

September 17th: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 27: 30 - 28: 7

Psalm 103

2nd Reading: Romans 14: 7 – 9

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21 – 35

September 24th: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 6 – 9

Psalm 145

2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 20 – 24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1 – 16

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

Spiritual Warfare - On October 28th

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/,
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.
<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.

