



Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Parish

Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario



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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.**



*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 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. Preparation
course is required.

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 25 – October 1

MONDAY, September 25
Sts. Cosmas & Damian
St. Finbar
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, September 26
Canadian Martyrs
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, September 27
St. Vincent de Paul
 8:00 a.m. + Marilyn Manley
 (Her son, Jamie)

THURSDAY, September 28
St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
St. Wenceslaus
 8:00 a.m. + Margaret Keenan
 (Anne Sheridan)

FRIDAY, September 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
 6:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 p.m. + Brian Linnen
 (Family)

SATURDAY, September 30
St. Jerome
 8:00 a.m. ~ Yolanda Bartley
 (Marrocco Family)

SUNDAY, October 1
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Pro Populo
 9:00 a.m. + Mary Curtin
 (Lawrence & Cheryl Towns)
 10:30 a.m. + Loretta Bolin
 (Ironsides Family)

God’s Mercy and Generosity

“So the last will be first and the first will be last” (Mt 20:16). We are all familiar with this sometimes unsettling refrain of our Lord’s teaching which allows for various applications. In a historical sense, it can mean that the Jews, who were first chosen by God to receive His revelation, would be surpassed by the Gentiles and so learn humility by witnessing a universal expansion of their own uniqueness (ibid. p. 252). For us, who are endeavouring to be faithful disciples, it means that we must always seek first the kingdom

of God and His righteousness and all things shall be ours as well (cf. Mt 6:33). To endeavour to be first in God’s eyes is to foster in ourselves a disposition of deep gratitude for the gift of salvation and the saving knowledge that is ours in Christ; a knowledge that frees us from the illusion of self-sufficiency and self-satisfaction.

The Gospel challenges us to rejoice at the generosity of God and to imitate His generosity in sharing with others what He has given to us. As disciples of Christ each one of us has a task in the Lord’s vineyard. As we go about our work fulfilling the task assigned to us we are mindful that “to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Cor 12:7); but all of us must “earnestly desire the higher gifts” (1 Cor 12:31). The higher gifts are none other than a love that desires the conversion and salvation of all peoples. The temptation to be envious of others, whether in the gifts they possess or the tasks that are theirs, is always a possibility if we lose our focus from the one thing necessary—our own faithful response simply to be faithful to our task, to our work, our own personal response to discipleship; the living school where we learn to be like Christ because of our intimate communion with Him. This living communion with Jesus Christ unites us with others and so we are always aware that we have undertaken a work in



common. The Apostle exhorts us, “Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ” (Col 3:23-24). We have opened our hearts to the words

of our Lord and we have allowed ourselves to be formed by His divine teaching. The parable of the workers in the Lord’s vineyard “is a catechesis meant to transform the natural man and his pagan values and mentality into a Christian with the generous mind and redeeming Heart of Christ” (ibid. p. 251). This transformation is the work of a lifetime. This is why we are here and why with open hearts we have listened to the words of Jesus. If we persevere along the path that He Himself became for us; if we endeavour to be generous in the sharing of His gifts, His redemption will be ours “both in mystery and in the manner of our life” (Prayer after Communion, Twenty-fifth Sunday Per

Annum; The Roman Missal). Excerpt from “Catholic Insight” Sept. 21, 2014 see full article at <http://catholicinsight.com/25th-sunday-the-kingdom-of-god/>

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2017

LAY MINISTRY
 Sat 5:00 p.m. Gladys Fowler
 Sun 9:00 a.m. Valerie Collicutt
 10:30 a.m. Anna Marie Bolin

Lector
 Roddy Turpin
 Bob Holland
 Aileen Doris

Gift Bearers
 Cesare & Anne Mauro
 Dolly Kylie & family
 Bonnie & John Kuharski

C.W.L. News



The next Catholic Women's League Meeting is **Tues., Oct. 3, 7:00 pm** after the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Please join us to develop our fall and winter plans.

The Keene Pumpkin Festival:

Sat, Oct 14th

Come join the fun at the Pumpkin Festival and enjoy our parish CWL "Pie to Go", and pick up some delicious, home-made baked goods. Donations of pumpkin pies, cookies, squares, other kinds of pies, candy, preserves are requested for the CWL tables in Keene.



Knights of Columbus



Special Olympics Bottle Drive begins at the end of September. Please bring your bottle to Mass and place them in the trailer at the hall. This will

be ongoing for the Month of Oct - contact Peter Clancy 705-748-3075



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.

"Healing Mass – October 4th 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.

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: An invitation to support the faith and evangelization mission of the Church!

The Bishops of Canada gather in four Regional Assemblies (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and the West), as well as in their national Conference. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) is mandated by the Holy See and the Bishops who are its members in a number of areas of pastoral life and evangelization: faith formation and catechesis, doctrinal questions, ecumenical initiatives, international relations, interreligious conversations, liturgical resources, relations with Indigenous Peoples, social justice questions, and building a culture of life and family. The CCCC is the national assembly of the Catholic Bishops in Canada, and includes the Bishops (Eparchs) of the Eastern Catholic Churches as well. Thank you in advance for your generous contribution for ensuring the success of the collection and the ongoing work of evangelization.

Offertory Thank you for your generosity

Sept. 17th Offertory: Env.

\$1624.00 + Loose \$366.75 + P.A.P. \$470.00 = \$2460.75 Fuel: \$50.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00

Needs of the Canadian Church: \$25.00

The Carpenter's Cup Sports Challenge

The Carpenter's Cup is back! High school aged young men are invited to a weekend of meaningful talks, Mass, adoration and a sports competition! Guys will compete in floor hockey, basketball and a surprise event to see who takes home the Carpenter's Cup trophy! The retreat will take place **Oct. 27-29** at JPII House (820 Frank St. Ptbo). For more information or to register visit www.ptbovocations.ca/carpenterscup or email vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org

Camp Northern Lights

All supporters of the camp are invited to come and visit the camp to view the renovations and upgrades and to explore the programs offered. There will be an open house on **Sat. Oct 14th or 15th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available. The address is 1615 Universal Rd., Highlands East, Haliburton.

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

Wed. 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

Peterborough Alpha

Join us for this wonderful experience ... Alpha is for everyone and begins **Thurs, Sept. 28, 6:30-8:30pm for 10 weeks at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall Free food, short video and small group discussion. FREE CHILDCARE!** Want to find out more? Visit peterboroughalpha.com!

FEAST of STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, and RAPHAEL Feast: September 29



The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church. **Michael (Who is like God?)** was the archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil. **Gabriel (Strength of**

God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people. **Raphael (Medicine of God)** is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.
passionistnuns.org

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.

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

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. 30th** at St. Anne's Parish Centre.. Registration and coffee 9:30 am. For further details contact kstaunton@cogeco.ca or call 745-0034.

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 cleaning at Assumption. The months of October, November and December are still open.



Readings:

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

October 1: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25 - 28

Psalm 25

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 1 – 11

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28 – 32

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

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.



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

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.**

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



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.

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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

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

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.

WHAT IS THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION? The Catholic devotion of First Saturdays was given to the Church by Our Lady of Fatima and the Child Jesus through the children of Fatima. In 1925, Mary and the Child Jesus appeared to Lucia, the sole surviving Fatima visionary, at a convent in Spain and promised her that she would “...assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months confess, receive Holy Communion, pray a Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries with the intention of offering me reparation.” **HOW TO DO THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS:** There are 4 requirements to faithfully fulfill the five first Saturdays: Go to Confession. Receive Holy Communion. Say five decades of the Holy Rosary. Meditate for fifteen minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary (separate from saying the Rosary).

God’s generous mercy and goodness

In today’s Gospel, Jesus talks to us about the Kingdom of heaven, where God’s generous mercy and goodness far exceeds our concept of justice. St. Francis de Sales notes: When there is absolutely no human good to hope for, it is precisely then that God’s awe -inspiring mercy shines forth and surpasses God’s justice. God’s ways are not our ways. God would sooner work miracles than leave us without help. For this reason our Saviour came to redeem us and deliver us from the tyranny of sin. The heart of our Saviour is wholly filled with mercy and kindness for the human family. God’s providence is wiser than what we are. We imagine we would feel better if we were on another ship. That may be, but only if we change ourselves! There is a real temptation to become dissatisfied and depressed about the world we have to live in. Truly we must not lose heart. God will never abandon us. It is we who abandon God. If you are troubled you never want to leave God. An ounce of virtue practiced in adversity is worth more than a thousand pounds exercised in prosperity. We may be weak but our weakness is not nearly as great as God’s mercy toward those who desire to love God, and place all their hope in God. The problem is that all the nooks and corners of our hearts are cluttered with thousands of desires that prevent our Saviour from giving us

the gifts that he desires to shower on us. We ought to be like the mariner who, in steering his vessel, always keeps his eye on the needle of the compass. We must keep our eyes open to correct our desires and have only one, that of pleasing God. Let our Lord reign in our hearts, as he desires. Then let us remain at peace, without hurry or fear in our hearts, and go on our little way. So long as we mean well and hold to our desire to love God, we are on the right track.

