



Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

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. 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.**

Eternal Father,

*We offer You the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Your
Dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
In atonement for our sins
And those of the whole
World.*



*Divine Mercy Sunday
April 8, 2018*

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

April 9 – April 15

MONDAY, April 9

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. + Deanna O'Neill
(Her family)

TUESDAY, April 10

6:30 p.m. + Ray & Teresa Crowley
(Bob & Ruth O'Brien & Family)

WEDNESDAY, April 11

St. Stanislaus
8:00 a.m. ~ Mary Jo Shortreed
(Mike & Noreen Malloy)

THURSDAY, April 12

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

FRIDAY, April 13

St. Martin I
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick
6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration & Benediction
7:00 p.m. ~ Rita Marrocco
(The Family)

SATURDAY, April 14

8:00 a.m. ~ Claudette Vanderploeg
(Marrocco Family)

SUNDAY, April 15

3rd Sunday of Easter
5:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Gerry Doherty
(John & Kelly Towns)
9:00 a.m. + Arden Roberge
(Pat Scott & Family)
10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

Feast of Divine Mercy

There will be devotion to the Divine Mercy at St. Alphonsus Parish at 2:30 p.m. on Divine Mercy Sunday i.e. Sunday, April 8th. There will also be devotions beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. Sacred Heart Church will begin their devotion at 3:00 p.m. with exposition & Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Jesus, I trust in You

Extraordinary Graces

What graces are available and how do we receive them?

In her *Diary*, St. Faustina records a special promise given to her by Jesus. He told her to communicate it to the whole world:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy (699).

In three places in her *Diary*, St. Faustina records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces: I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (1109).

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (300).

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).

To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a

good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy. By these conditions, our Lord is emphasizing the value of confession and Holy Communion as miracles of mercy. The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour



Himself as Mercy into our hearts.

In addition, our Lord says through St. Faustina that we are to perform acts of mercy:

"Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy" (742).

"The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive" (1578).

The worthy reception of the Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday is sufficient to obtain the extraordinary graces promised by Jesus. A plenary indulgence, obtained by fulfilling the usual conditions, also is available.

www.thedivinemercy.org

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

LAY MINISTRY

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Joanne Bolton
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Valerie Collicutt
10:30 a.m. Sue Livings

Eucharistic

Joanne Bolton
Valerie Collicutt
Sue Livings

Lector

Colleen Petersen
Sarah Grills
Rose Wornoff

Gift Bearers

Leon & Trish Dorff
Bob & Ruth O'Brien
Bonnie & John Kuharski

C.W.L. News



Mark your calendars for the **May 1st** CWL meeting ... presentation by **Osteoporosis Canada.**

Step into Spring

Women's Fashion Show on Wed, April 18th 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall Admission \$5.00
Featuring Fashion Plus Spring and Summer lines

Fashions, Refreshments & Door prizes

Sponsored by Our Lady of the Assumption / St. John the Evangelist CWL ... Proceeds to Hospice Peterborough

Tickets available by contacting Joanne Bolton
313-6750 or Anna Marie Bolin 742-8249

Knights' News



The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will take place on **Tues. April 10th** at 7:00 p.m. after Mass at 6:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE ONLINE COURSE – SPRING 2018 (starts May 6th) Ideas of Love

Dr. Robin Lathangue, *ONLINE from wherever you are!*

This course focuses on the nature of love through works of philosophy, literature, film, poetry, and individual experience. Is love a feeling or an action or both? If it's a feeling, how can it be commanded, as in "Love your neighbour as yourself"? Is love of country, or patriotism, outdated in our contemporary globalized and multicultural society? What is the role of love in the family, in relationships and in society? Biological, psychological, religious, and social perspectives of love will be discussed. Students will explore some of the foundational ideas about love in the Western tradition by studying authors such as Plato, Empedocles, C.S. Lewis, Margery Williams, Paul Tillich, Pope Benedict XVI, Martha Nussbaum, and Michael McConnell.

Register at: www.sacredheartcollege.ca or e-mail registrar@sacredheartcollege.ca or call **705-745-5549.**

Special Screening: St. Anne's Parish Hall, May 4th at 7 p.m.

St. Anne's & Immaculate Conception One Roof Dinner Group are sponsoring a screening of the documentary "Pushback" a must see for those concerned about poverty, inadequate housing and homelessness. Against the backdrop of the coming winter, this documentary intimately chronicles the lives of five people connected to the Warming Room – a homeless shelter of last resort in Peterborough – as they search for housing security and new hope.

This documentary is the work of local filmmaker Matthew Hayes who will be present at the screening. Admission: pay what you can at the door all proceeds going to St. Anne's and Immaculate Conception Group to continue providing a monthly meal at One Roof.

MEN IN BLACK (+PLUS) Back by popular demand.

The talented Priests of the Peterborough Diocese along with some special guests. Join us for a fun, musical evening at Sacred Heart Church **Fri, May 4th @7:00 pm.** Tickets \$12 and available at OLA's parish office 741-1018.

From Your Parish Vocations Team:

Pope Francis' message for the 2018 World Day of Prayer for Vocations reflects on the three aspects of every vocation: listening, discerning and living. In honour of the 55th Anniversary of the Day for Vocations (April 22nd), **adoration & benediction on Fri, Apr 20th will be dedicated to an increase in vocations to the priesthood and to religious life.** Please keep Deacon Stephen DeCarlo in your prayers as he prepares for his Ordination to the Priesthood on Fri., May 25th at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral.

The Saint John Paul II House of Discernment

A fantastic new promotional video has been released to spread awareness about Peterborough's 'Saint John Paul II House of Discernment', our residence for young men discerning the priesthood. It can be accessed at www.ptbovocations.ca/jp2.

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish will be showing the Summit live for the 2nd year.

It is being hosted in Ottawa and live-streamed to various locations all over North America! People in Peterborough and area are invited to **St. Alphonsus' Hall on Fri. Apr 27th, 7-9:30pm & Sat, April 28th, 9am to 4:30pm.** Get your tickets now. Go to www.newevangelization.ca, scroll down to 'Get Tickets', then select Peterborough from the drop-down menu.

Presenters this year will be George Weigel, Curtis Martin, Michael Dopp, Sr. Ann Shields, Patrick Madrid and Fr. Mark Goring. Cost is \$40 and includes snacks and lunch. For more information call the Parish office at 745-8623.

Peterborough Pregnancy Support Services

'All About Love Gala'

Saturday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m. at The Venue. Enjoy a delicious meal,

entertainment by *The Next Generation Leahy* & silent auction. Tickets are \$125 which includes a \$50 tax receipt. To reserve your ticket online go to www.eventbrite.ca/e/all-about-love-fundraising-gala-tickets-42541377405 or call 705-742-4015



The Annunciation of the Lord



Because March 25th fell on Palm Sunday this year, the Solemnity of the Annunciation was transferred to April 9th ... (Mass at 8 am).

Let us pray that we can come to know God's Will for our lives without doubting Him. Lord, help us to align our wills with Your Will, as

Mary humbly aligned her will with Your Will.

Lector Ministry

We are in need of additional readers for the Saturday evening Mass. Please let Fr. Michael know if you feel called to volunteer in this capacity. Thank you.

Thank you for your generosity

Offertory Good Friday: Env: \$1144.00 + Loose

\$401.00 +P.A.P. \$20.00 = \$1565.00 Heat

\$242.00

*Offertory Easter Sunday: Env. \$3303.00 +
Loose \$255.00= \$3558.00 Offertory P.A.P.
\$610.00
Diocesan Charity \$5.00 St. Vincent de Paul
\$5.00*

There are no changes for the remainder of the year.

Volunteer needed to assist with the hall



The parish is in need of someone who would be responsible for the running of the hall. Please ask Fr. Michael for details.

Telecare Distress Centre

Telecare Distress Centre of Peterborough is looking for caring, empathetic listeners. Volunteer training begins **Wed. April 25th @ 7:30 pm at Trinity United Church**. Cost is \$50 (subsidies available). Training aims to develop listening skills and increase awareness of social, emotional and psychological needs and resources. To register go to www.telecarepeterborough.org or email info@telecarepeterborough.org

Eucharistic Adoration

Spend Some Time with Jesus

There is Eucharistic adoration at the Church each Friday beginning at 6:00 p.m. In addition, St. Alphonsus Adoration Chapel is open seven days a week, Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to midnight and Sunday from noon to midnight. Drop in for five minutes or spend an hour with Jesus. Our church is open during the day for anyone who wishes to visit Jesus present in the tabernacle.



Project Rachel

Project Rachel is a ministry that facilitates healing and reconciliation for women and men who have suffered due to an abortion. Are you hurting as a result of an abortion? Healing is possible. Please contact them, in confidence, by telephone at 416 629 8264 or by e-mail ProjectRachel@StmarysRefuge.org
The next retreat date for women is May 4th – 6th



The March for Life will take place on May 10th.

The 2018 theme logo encourages everyone to commit themselves to the pro-life movement by going **ALL IN**. **ALL IN** to defend human life at all its stages, **ALL IN** to speak the truth in the face of adversary, **ALL IN** without exceptions, without excuses, without compromises.



The logo depicts a smiling unborn child in a heart shaped womb, cradled by our loving hands. At that state of their life, there is only love. The hands symbolize the pro-life movement whose goal is to keep that child safe and surrounded by love from the time of conception until natural death.

Deacon Stephen DeCarlo Ordination

It is with great joy that we announce that Deacon Stephen DeCarlo will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Daniel Miehm on **Fri, May 25th at 7p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains**.



Please pray for Deacon Stephen, and it is hoped that many families would make the effort to attend the ordination ceremony.

Invitation to Disciples of All Nations Conference — Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa invites you to attend the Disciples of All Nations 20th Annual Healing and Reconciliation Conference being held **May 18-20, 2018**.

It has been twenty years since Kateri Native Ministry started its journey towards Healing and Reconciliation. Our founder John Corston experienced the healing touch of our Lord and during the conference we will share our calling and propel ourselves to move forward and bring the Good News to our people. Our special guest for the conference will be Sister Ann Shields, internationally renowned speaker, author of numerous books on Catholic spirituality and host of the popular daily radio program Food for the Journey. Registration can be completed at (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/kateri-native-ministry-of-ottawa/events/20th-annual-healing-and-reconciliation-conference/>)

Readings:

April 8th: Divine Mercy Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 4: 32 – 35

Psalm 118

2nd Reading: 1 John 5: 1 – 6

Gospel: John 20:19 – 31

April 15th: 3rd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 3: 13 – 15, 17 – 19

Psalm 4

2nd Reading: 1 John 2: 1 – 5

Gospel: Luke 24: 35 – 48

Special Collection for 2019

The P.A.P. schedule for special collections for 2019 is as follows:

Other Lenten Charities or D&P: March 15th

Good Friday and Easter: April 15th

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: April
Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters
That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

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

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 begin with Mass or adoration, discussions, questions and prayer followed by lunch at noon. Join us on **April 7th, May 12th, June 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to Noon** at the John Paul II House.

All retreats/events will be at Villa St. Joseph, 445 Monk St., Cobourg Registration: email: villa@csjcanada.org or call 905-372-2741
Day of Stillness- Sisters of St. Joseph
Wednesday April 18th 9 am to 5 pm
A gathering prayer invites you into silence and solitude. This unstructured day offers opportunity for personal prayer, relaxation and connection with God's creation.
Cost \$30 includes lunch and refreshments.

Summer Camp
Chilawee Trails has overnight week long camps for girls in August for girls ages 9-14. Located in Barry's Bay it offers sports, daily Mass, swimming, rosary, crafts, confessions, canoe, and drama - a week of fun, friendship and faith awaits!
Registration opens in March. Consider helping campers from low-income families. For more info: chilaweetrails.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



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. **Paul 741- 4000 or Tom 243-4133**

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.**

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)



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/>

The Diocese of Peterborough parishes have twinned, in support of the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas. All parishes are able to accept donations for the Archdiocese of Keewatin-Le Pas along with the ability for parishioners to donate online on the Diocesan website at:
<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/donate.aspx>

FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH
Thurs. March 8: 12 -2 p.m., & 4 – 6 p.m.
Donations of goods can be dropped off at Three Roads Farm or at the back of the Church.



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. 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. 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.

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

“The reason for loving God is God Himself. The measure is to love Him beyond measure.” St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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).

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

“Bring me the sign of true humility by being not overly ambitious in your position, but lowly. Don’t be impatient over any pain or abuse you might suffer, but endure within the body of holy Church by the firm power of patience, even to the point of death. When you speak and proclaim the truth, whether in giving counsel or in any other role, do it fearlessly, looking only to God’s honour, the salvation of souls, and the advancement of holy Church, as her true son, nurtured by so tender a Mother. In this way you will demonstrate gentle divine charity and patience as well.” (Saint Catherine of Siena)

“Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction.” St. John of the Cross

Flower Committee

Volunteers needed to help with flower decor for the Assumption Church Sanctuary for 2018. Volunteer weeks are negotiable. 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.



First Friday and First Saturday Devotions

The First Friday devotion is derived from the apparitions of Our Lord to St Margaret Mary in France, in 1673-5. "I promise you in the excessive mercy of my heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the first Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."

The First Saturday devotion is derived from the apparitions of Our Lady in 1917, to the children (Lucia, St. Francisco, and St. Jacinta) at Fatima, in Portugal. "I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to Me."

