



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.**

**“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make His paths straight.”**

Peace



*2nd Sunday of Advent
December 9, 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. & 3:30 – 3:50 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

December 10– December 16

MONDAY, December 10

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, December 11

St. Damasus I

6:30 p.m. ~ Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. ~ For the respect & sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death



THURSDAY, December 13

St. Lucy

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

FRIDAY, December 14

St. John of the Cross

6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration & Benediction

7:00 p.m. ~ Chris & Lee Ann Corkery

(Marrocco Family)

SATURDAY, December 15

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

SUNDAY, December 16

3rd Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Special Intention

9:00 a.m. + Helen Crough

(Jim & Marg Traynor & Family)

10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

Chalice

When deciding on gifts this Christmas, please consider a gift through the Chalice catalogue.

<http://www.chalice.ca/ways-to-give/gift-catalogue>

Bambinelli Sunday

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass next weekend at all the Masses to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are

encouraged to take your

'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas Day - as you lay Jesus in the

Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.



SIMBANG GABI

What is Simbang Gabi?

It is a Novena of Masses celebrated by Filipinos all around the world in anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ.



These masses will be held all evenings from Dec 15th to 23rd at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart except for the 18th & 22nd when Mass will be celebrated at the

Cathedral. Everyone is welcome!

Day of Stillness at Villa St. Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg Wed, Dec 12th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To

register, call 905-372-2741, email villa@csjcanada.org, online <https://www.villastjoseph.ca/register-for-a-retreat/>

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Rose Rabishaw

Mary Anne Bernie

Wayne & Bev Harrington

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Martin Corkery

Pat Clancy

Joanne Walker & Dorothy O'Brien

10:30 a.m.

Anna Marie Bolin

Julia Davis

Carolyn & Peter Doris

CANCELLED STAMPS:

The CWL is happy to collect your cancelled stamps and take them to the Sisters of St. Joseph for use by Development & Peace. Cut them from the envelope with a half - inch border and place them in the box on the table at the back of the church. Thank you.

Birthright

For all of Advent you will find a gold-coloured box in the church for your donation to Birthright. Please be generous so that all pregnant women in crisis may be able to access help.



after Mass.

C.W.L. News



Warmth & Comfort

The CWL Councils in Ontario are participating in a "Warmth and Comfort" project to help clothe the homeless in our community with warm socks for men, women and children and to provide nourishment with jars of peanut butter and boxes of crackers. We will be collecting items at the back of the church Dec 8th & 9th.

This is just one small way we can make a difference!

Knights of Columbus News



Annual Parish Christmas Dinner **Sat, Dec 15th**.

Sponsored by the KofC. Tickets are now available. \$20/pp advance sales only, limited qty after Mass

or call Peter Clancy @ 705-748-3075

Enjoy Christmas Eve Mass with Music?



We are looking for people to help with music to create a 4 pm Christmas Eve choir. If you can play an instrument or sing, please call. All welcome. Thanks Wanda 705-748-3075

Christmas Cakes

Traditional gourmet Christmas cakes made by the monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey will go on sale the weekends of **Dec 15/16 and Dec 22/23**. They are rich, moist and superb in taste. They make great gifts for family, friends or employees. They sell for **\$20**. The proceeds go to support the pro-life movement and its campaign to win respect and protection for all human life – at all stages of development. This is a low-key way to help a good cause and also enjoy a delightful Christmas treat.

ADVENT Confession Schedule

St John's 3:30 - 5:30 pm Wednesday Dec 12th

Sacred Heart 7 - 9 pm Tuesday December 18

Sacred Heart 3:30 - 5:30 pm Thursday Dec 20th

ST. ANNE'S CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Sat. Dec 15 from 3:00 to 4:30 followed by 5:00 Mass

Sat. Dec 22 from 3:00 to 4:30 followed by 5:00 Mass

TAIZE MUSIC & CANDLELIGHT SERVICE St. Anne's

Wed. Dec. 19th at 7:00 p.m. Join us for a beautiful Prayer & Candlelight Service followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall

Bells and Voices for Christmas

Wed. Dec. 12, 7pm - the Sacred Heart Girls' Schola and Choir will sing and ring hand bells at Sacred Heart Church. Music for Advent and Christmas will be featured along with solos by tenor Fr. Andrew Ayala. Free will offering.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass will be celebrated in Spanish in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe **on Sun, Dec 9th at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Chuch**. Potluck dinner

Christmas Flowers/Plants



If you would like to donate flowers for our Christmas celebration, please bring them and leave them in the Church after Dec 21st.

You may dedicate your flowers in the name of your loved ones. A Mass will be offered on their behalf Jan 8th 6:30pm

2019 St. Joseph Dinner

Please join us for the 3rd Annual St. Joseph Dinner in support of Peterborough Campus Ministry. Catholic community is developing at Trent University, Sacred Heart College and Sir Sanford Fleming College, and this pastoral care needs support. **The dinner will take place Sat. Feb. 2, 2019 at Personal Touch Banquet Hall** (1135 Lansdowne St.). Cocktail hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Our guest speaker is National Post columnist Fr. Raymond De Souza. Tickets are \$100 each and are eligible for a \$50 charitable tax receipt. They can be purchased by calling 705-874-1871 or online at www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner. *An excellent Christmas gift!*



Advent Carols

All are invited to **St. Peter-In-Chains** for a traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Starting in darkness with a solo chorister singing the first verse of Once in Royal David's City, the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short Bible readings, interspersed with the singing of carols and the most beautiful choral music of Advent and Christmas. Sung by Our Lady of the Wayside School. **Sun, Dec 9th at 3:00 pm.**

Sacred Heart Annual Memorial Wish Tree Mass:

The Wish Tree event is on Dec 22nd @ 5p.m. A beautiful and meaningful way to remember departed loved ones during the Christmas season. Contact Ed Genge @ 705-292-6665. Leaflets are also available at the back of the church.

Scott Woods Band/In Memory of Fr. B. Heffernan

Old Time Christmas with Scott Woods & his Band **Sat, Dec 15th @ 7:00 pm** at Market Hall. This year the proceeds will be going to the Cathedral of St. Peter- in-Chains in Honour and Memory of Fr. Bernard Heffernan. Tickets may be purchased by calling **Daniel at 613-398-1160**, or purchase by phone with a Visa or MasterCard by calling the **Scott Woods Band Office** toll free at **1-855-726-8896**. **Ticket prices are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children ages 6-12 & kids 5 & under free.**

Advent Retreat

St. Therese in Courtice is having an Advent retreat with Fr. John Perdue at **all weekend Masses and Mon Dec. 17 at 7:00 pm; Tues Dec. 18 at 7:00 pm**

Thank you for your generosity

*Offertory Dec 2nd Env. \$1947.85 + Loose
\$135.80
+ P.A.P. \$720.00 = \$2,803.65 Fuel
\$244.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$448.00*

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre. Cost \$339 with transportation from Belleville or \$299 without transportation. Retreat is organised and escorted by Father Don Oberwarth, pastor of St Francis of Assisi, Frankford. For more information or to book please call 613-929-8390 or email womenslentenretreat@gmail.com

Daughters of St. Paul---Toronto

Join the Daughters of St. Paul in discerning religious life for women 18-33, every 2nd Wed 6:30- 9:00 pm, 3022 Dufferin St. Toronto. Email Sr. Helena Burns, fsp if attending, srhelenaburns@gmail.com

Sacred Heart College

On-Line or in person (Toronto) Theology of the Body Certificate with Sr. Helena Burns, fsp. Registration link: https://www.sacredheartcollege.ca/en/programs-and-courses/theology-of-the-body_certificate-with-sr-helena-burns.aspx

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.



FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

Thurs. Dec 13: 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.



Special Collection for 2019

The only change to 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
There are no changes for the remainder of the year.

Lector Ministry

We are in need of additional readers for the Saturday evening Mass and Sunday morning Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption. Please let Fr. Michael know if you feel called to volunteer in this capacity. Thank you.

Are you interested in knitting for a good cause?

We will be knitting on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month. For further information, phone Gladys at 705-748-6438.

Knitting

Please note that the next knitting event will take place on January 9, 2019 in the hall. For further information, phone Gladys at 705-748-6438.

2019 Women's Lenten Retreat

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Center, Pickering, 2 Nights/3 Days: Mon, March 11th - Wed, March 13th. Retreat Director is Father Henk van Meijel - director of

Readings:

Dec 9: 2nd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Baruch 5: 1 - 9

Psalm 126

2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 3 - 6, 8 - 11

Gospel: Luke 3: 1 - 6

Dec 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14 - 18

Psalm 12

2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 4 - 7

Gospel: Luke 3: 10 - 18

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: December

Evangelization - In the Service of the Transmission of Faith
That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Eucharistic Adoration

Spend Some Time with Jesus

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.



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/>

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

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.
www.CompassionateCommunityCare.org

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 (18-35 years old) who are on the exciting, once-in-a-lifetime journey toward the answer to the question 'what is my vocation?' What is God calling me to do with my life - I only have one, after all! Is He calling me to generous service to the community in the single state? To the priesthood? To marriage? Or maybe to consecrated religious life? If this is a question that you are serious about answering, this group is for you!

Our Quo Vadis meetings will take place on Saturday mornings from September to June at JPPII House, beginning at 10:00AM either with Mass or with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and finish with lunch at noon. The dates of the meetings will be Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 8, Jan 26, Feb 9, March 9, April 13, May 11 and year end social on June 22.

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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. The next retreat for women will be held from October 26 – 29. To register phone 416 629 8264 or e-mail

ProjectRachel@stmaryrefuge.org



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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>

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.

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"Healing Mass - January 2nd, 2018 at Mount St. Joseph at 1:30 pm. All are invited to come and pray for healing. Opportunity for anointing and healing prayer." Celebrant Father Leo Coughlin.

For those who have died that they may be given a place of rest and peace in God's eternal Kingdom

