



Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario



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"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near."

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.

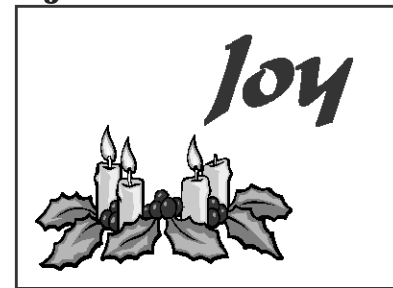
NEW PARISHIONERS—

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.**



*3rd Sunday of Advent
December 16, 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 17– December 23

MONDAY, December 17

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, December 18

8:00 a.m. ~ Dominic Marrocco

(Family)

WEDNESDAY, December 19

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

THURSDAY, December 20

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

FRIDAY, December 21

St. Peter Canisius

6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration & Benediction

7:00 p.m. + Elizabeth Szwierchek

(Marrocco Family)

SATURDAY, December 22

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

(Hank & Claudette Vanderploeg)

SUNDAY, December 23

4th Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Harry & Lillian English & Cathy Gibson

(Jerry & Anne Coughlin)

9:00 a.m. + Lorne Brown

(Wava & 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>

St. Martin's Parish Ennismore - Annual Christmas Concert for Brock Mission
THIS Sunday Dec 16 - 2pm Come and enjoy all local musicians AND help bring the spirit of Christmas to those most in need. A freewill offering will be accepted at the door (cheques payable to Brock Mission). Tax receipts will be issued for all donations. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Taize Advent Candle Light Service
 St. Anne Parish will be hosting a Taize Advent Candle Light Service on **Thursday, December 20th at 7p.m.** Come and enrich yourself with music, scripture, prayer and silence—during this busy time of the season give yourself a gift and come be with the Lord and make *"Straight your Pathway"*.
 Bring a friend or two. All are welcome.

Confession times before Christmas
 Sun. Dec 16, Tues. Dec 18, Wed. Dec 19, Thurs. Dec 20, Sat. Dec 22 and Sun. Dec 23
from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Assumption.

Christmas Mass Schedule
Christmas Day Monday, Dec. 24
 Masses at Assumption at 4 & 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 25
 Mass at Assumption at 9 a.m.
 Mass at St. John's, Keene at 10:30 a.m.
Mary, the Mother of God Monday, Dec. 31
 Mass at Assumption at 4 p.m.
Tuesday, January 1, 2019
 Mass at Assumption at 9 a.m.
 Mass at St. John's, Keene at 10:30 a.m.



4 th Sunday of Advent				December 23, 2018			
Lay Ministry	Eucharistic	Lector	Gift Bearers	Lay Ministry	Eucharistic	Lector	Gift Bearers
Sat 4:00 p.m.	Joanne Bolton	Sarah Grills	Rose Rabishaw & Colleen Petersen	Sat 4:00 p.m.	Colleen Petersen	Rose Rabishaw	Peter Clancy
Sun 9:00 a.m.	Noreen Malloy	Mike Malloy	Al & Valerie Collicutt	Sat. 7:00 p.m.	Mary Pat Goodridge	Mary Anne Burnie	Bob & Ruth O'Brien
10:30 a.m.	Anna Marie Bolin	Claire Doris	Sue & Tom Livings				
Christmas Day				December 25, 2018			

Sun 9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Gladys Fowler
Rose Wornoff

Mike Malloy
Anna Marie Bolin

Al & Valerie Collicutt
Bonnie & John Kuharski

C.W.L. News



Warmth & Comfort

Thank you to all who supported the CWL Warmth and Comfort project. We collected 32 jars of peanut butter, 46 packages of crackers and 60 pairs of socks, as well as mitts and hats. These items were delivered to Carol's Place in Peterborough Square. God Bless you for your generosity.

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.

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!

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.



ADVENT Confession Schedule

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 22 3:00 to 4:30 followed by 5:00 Mass

Thank you for your generosity
Offertory Dec 9th Env. \$1705.45 + Loose
\$277.55
= \$1,983.00 Fuel \$32.00

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!*



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.

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 at 6:30 pm



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.



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**

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, rhelenaburns@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>

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FOOD CUPBOARD AT KEENE UNITED CHURCH

Thurs. Jan 10: 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?

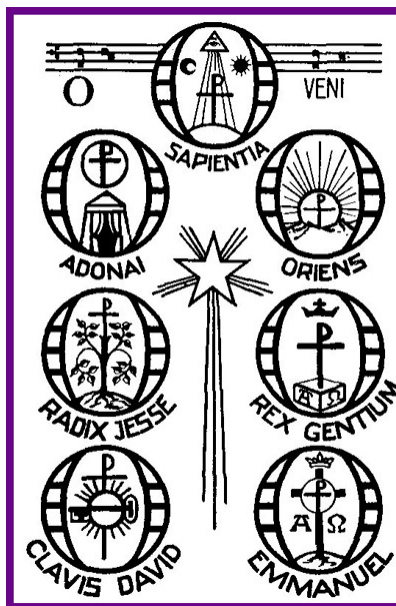
We will be knitting on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of the month. For further information, phone Gladys at 705-748-6438.

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 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



An ancient traditions is the O Antiphons: seven responses, or antiphons, that are sung or recited to introduce the canticle of Mary (the Magnificat) at evening prayer from December 17 to December 23, the octave before Christmas. These antiphons are based on Isaiah's prophecies and refer to the different ancient titles given to the Messiah:

O Sapientia (O Wisdom) See Isaiah

11:2-3; 28:29.

O Adonai (O Lord) See Isaiah 11:4-5; 33:22.

O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse) See Isaiah 1:1; 11:10.

O Clavis David (O Key of David) See Isaiah 9:6; 22:22.

O Oriens (O Rising Sun) See Isaiah 9:1.

O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations) See Isaiah 9:5; 2:4.

O Emmanuel (God with us) See Isaiah 7:14.

We can bring these responses into our own prayers, as simple reminders throughout the day of the one whose coming we are joyfully expecting, as introductions to our own prayers of praise of Jesus, or as words of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness throughout the ages and our lives. Regardless of how you incorporate these ancient words into your Advent prayer life, let them speak to you, and maybe they will become part of your family traditions.

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Readings:

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

Dec 23: 4th Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Micah 5: 2 – 5

Psalm 80

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 5 – 10
Gospel: Luke 1: 39 – 45

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 JP II 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 Jan 26, Feb 9, March 9, April 13, May 11 and year end social on June 22.



Trip to Holy Land - You're Invited! Fr. Gerardus, Pastor of St. Michael's Church in Cobourg will be leading a Pilgrimage to Holy Land on **March 3-11, 2019**. St. Michael's phone # 905-372-6844

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