



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.



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 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**February 12 – February 18

MONDAY, February 12

8:00 a.m. + Angela Welch, Frank & Clotilde Brash

(Family)

TUESDAY, February 13

6:30 p.m. + Gerry Doherty

(James & Eileen Ryan & family)

WEDNESDAY, February 14

Ash Wednesday

9:30 a.m. ~ St. Patrick Catholic

School here

Noon + Eileen Lucas

(Mike & Noreen Malloy)

6:30 p.m. ~ Patrick Carruthers & family

(Marrocco Family)

THURSDAY, February 15

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

(Mike & Noreen Malloy)

FRIDAY, February 16

6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention

SATURDAY, February 17

Seven Founders of the Servites

8:00 a.m. ~ John Valesquez

(Anne Sheridan)

SUNDAY, February 18

1st Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Gerry Doherty

(Knights of Columbus)

9:00 a.m. + David Sullivan

(Bernard & Pat Clancy & family)

10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

Sacred Heart College presents ...*"Venturing in Faith with John Henry Cardinal Newman**– A Moment in Lent"* with Dr. Donald Graham

Energize your Lent with John Henry Cardinal

Newman and let his life lessons inform yours!

February 22 @ 7:00 p.m. St. Alphonsus Liguori

Parish Hall 1066 Western Ave

Excerpt from Angelus Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI Feb 15, 2009

Jesus said to the leper: "Be made clean!" According to the ancient Jewish law (cf. Lv 13-14), leprosy was not only considered a disease but also the most serious form of ritual "impurity". It was the priests' duty to diagnose it and to declare unclean the sick person who had to be isolated from the community and live outside the populated area until his eventual and well-certified recovery. Thus, leprosy constituted a kind of religious and civil death, and its healing a kind of resurrection. It is possible to see leprosy as a symbol of sin, which is the true impurity of heart that can distance us from God. It is not in fact the physical disease of leprosy that separates us from God as the ancient norms supposed but sin, spiritual and moral evil. The sins that we commit distance us from God and, if we do not humbly confess them, trusting in divine mercy, they will finally bring about the death of the soul. This miracle thus has a strong symbolic value. Jesus, as Isaiah had prophesied, is the Servant of the Lord who "has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows" (Is 53: 4). In his Passion he will become as a leper, made impure by our sins, separated from God: he will do all this out of love, to obtain for us reconciliation, forgiveness and salvation. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Crucified and Risen Christ purifies us through his ministers with his infinite mercy, restores us to communion with the heavenly Father and with our brothers and makes us a gift of his love, his joy and his peace.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us invoke the Virgin Mary whom God preserved from every stain of sin so that she may help us to avoid sin and to have frequent recourse to the Sacrament of Confession, the sacrament of forgiveness, whose value and importance for our Christian life must be rediscovered today.

Be part of something so big it's BIBLICAL

Youth in grade eight and beyond as well as young adults are invited to be part of the 14th annual Way of the Cross through downtown Peterborough this coming Good Friday. Help is needed for all roles.

Rehearsals begin on February 16th. Learn more at

www.wotc.ca or join by visiting join.wotc.ca or texting '@wotcptbo' to 289-278-3338. Touch hearts and earn community service hours. Questions?

Contact Fr. Craig at info@wotc.ca or 705-932-2712.**1st Sunday of Lent**

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Sat 4:00 p.m.

Joanne Bolton

Roddy Turpin

Wayne & Bev Harrington

Sun 9:00 a.m.

Martin Corkery

Valerie Collicutt

Bob & Betty Brown

February 18, 2018

DAYS OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

THE CALL FOR CONSCIENCE CAMPAIGN HAS TAKEN ON NEW IMPORTANCE.

We were disappointed by the Ontario court decision that failed to uphold the conscience rights of health care providers who decline to provide or refer for euthanasia. The court ruled that the right of freedom of religion was violated in the current policy of the College of Physicians and Surgeons; however, they stated that such a violation was justified to ensure that patients have access to Euthanasia. The Coalition that is leading this fight is considering an appeal of the court ruling. It is important to note that this does not preclude the government from legislating to protect the conscience rights of health care providers. The Call for Conscience Campaign taking place in our parishes will provide a way for us to lobby our provincial representatives on this important matter. **Please remember to provide your email address and/or postal code so that information can be provided to you on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.**
https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/respect-life.aspx?_mid_=12320

C.W.L. News

The next Catholic Women's League Meeting is **Tuesday, February 6th, 7:00 pm** after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

Next Saturday, the 10th CWL will be preparing 140 meals and serving them at the One Roof Diner. The CWL is in need of another pan of scalloped potatoes and another salad. If you are able to help please call Joanne at 705-313-6750 or Anna Marie at 705-742-8249.

Knights news

General meeting Tuesday Feb 13 6:15 p.m. pray rosary 6:30 p.m. Mass 7 p.m. meeting
 Come out and enjoy our Annual Spaghetti Supper **Sat Feb 17** Serving 4-7 pm, Adults \$10.00

Children 7 to 10 \$5.00 each and under 6 is free. To Reserve a spot please call Pete Clancy at 705-748-3075
 Tickets are available for this Knights of Columbus

sponsored Event ... All Welcome. Tickets available before and after mass

Announcement of Marriage

Colin James Macfarlane, son of Ken Macfarlane and Mary O'Grady and Lindsay Christina Duivesteyn, daughter of Brian Duivesteyn and Joanne VanBelleghem were married at Our Lady of the Assumption Church on February 10, 2018

World Day of Prayer

Join us for prayerful action on preservation of Creation in solidarity with Christians in Suriname. On the first Friday of March each year, Christians of many traditions gather for the World Day of Prayer, a prayer movement that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the experience of Christians from other countries and cultures and to bring hope to women touched by injustice.

Join our neighbours on **March 2nd at 1:30 at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.**

Men's Conference

On Feb 24th join **Hector Molina** and **Bishop Gerard Bergie** for Serviam Ministries' **Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference** at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The theme is "Manly Virtue". It is a one day intensive men's retreat consisting of spiritual talks, Mass, Adoration, Confession, fraternity and prayer. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: 1-888-522-2070 or <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/virtue/>, info@ServiamMinistries.com

All You Can Eat Shrove Tuesday Supper

Tues, Feb 13th 4:00-6:00 pm. at Sacred Heart Church Hall Adults \$6.00, Family \$15.00(Parents & Children Under 12) Sausage, Pancakes, Baked Bean, Fruit Salad Peanut Free Event! Hosted by Sacred Heart Catholic Auxiliary For information please call Jan at 705-868-6307

Development & Peace Corner

Lent begins on Wednesday with the marking of ashes. Lent is a special time when we stop and think about how we can play our part in God's hope for a world that is fair, just and peaceful. We think about our relationship with God, and how serving others draws us closer to God. We also think about the changes we can make in our lives, to be God's love and mercy in our world, ensuring all people have a just future.

Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world! There are many ways to be part of Share Lent. You could use the Solidarity Calendar with your family, join your Development & Peace Committee or join us at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall on March 17th at 7:00 pm for a presentation by one of our partners, Felix Morka, Executive Director of SERAC, Lagos, Nigeria. Solidarity Collection will be held on March 16th & 17th.

Thank you for your generosity
Offertory Feb. 4th: Envr: \$1721.00 + Loose
\$160.50 + P.A.P. \$ 610.00= \$2491.50
Fuel: \$230.50
St. Vincent de Paul: \$241.00

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

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – November 11-20, 2018.

Have you ever dreamt of being alive 2,000 years ago and walking side by side with Jesus. To have actually witnessed the miracles or heard the parables first hand. If that is the case, Faith Journey is offering an excursion of a lifetime. Visit Nazareth, Cana, the River Jordan, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, Bethsaida, Mount Tabor, Tabgha, Jericho, the Valley of death, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and many more of these sacred spaces. The price is \$2695 plus \$695 for airport tax and fuel surcharge.

If you are interested in participating in this 10 day faith experience please contact the spiritual leader for the pilgrimage Fr. Bill Moloney of Immaculate Conception Parish, Peterborough @ 705-742-5466

A Musical for the Entire Family!!!

St. Peter's Secondary School presents "**Beauty and the Beast**" from **Feb. 14-17th** at Showplace Performance Centre. More than 200 students and staff are involved in putting this gigantic production together. Come see a cast of 50 talented students and almost as many talented musicians in the pit-band share a story of friendship and forgiveness. Tickets can be purchased on line at showplace.org or by visiting the box office in person. It's a "tale as old as time" and you don't want to miss the incredible acting, singing and dancing. The music is timeless, the set is incredible, the costumes are supreme, and the talent is extraordinary. Get your tickets before it's too late. Thanks for supporting the Arts at St. Peter's!

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.

FEB 17-18

Development & Peace Corner Share Lent in the name of peace

For this year's Share Lent, Development and Peace is encouraging us to come together for peace! You will find inspiring testimonials in the Mini-magazine distributed in church today.

This week, our search for peace takes us to Cambodia to meet ICSD, a Development and Peace partner that works with minority Indigenous communities to help them have their rights recognized by the government, defend their land against corporate interests, and develop sustainable economic activities that enable them to live with dignity. Mark March 17th on your calendar to come and meet Felix Morka our Solidarity Visitor at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall, Ford St., Peterborough, at 7:00pm. See you there!

Prayers of the Faithful

For peacemakers the world over who contribute to peace and reconciliation agreements through dialogue, let us pray to the Lord.

Readings:

Feb 11th: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Leviticus 13: 1 – 2, 45 – 46

Psalm 32

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 31 – 11:1

Gospel: Mark 1: 40 – 45

Feb 18th: 1st Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 9: 8 – 15

Psalm 25

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18 – 22

Gospel: Mark 1: 12 – 15

Holy Father's Intentions: February

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

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.

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 **Mar. 3rd, April 7th, May 12th, June 23rd** from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the John Paul II House.

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.

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

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**

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. December 14: 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.



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/>

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. 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."

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.

"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'Arns

"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).

"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)

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

"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.

