



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.

**“At once the Spirit sent him
out into the wilderness, and
he was in the wilderness forty
days, being tempted by Satan.
He was with the wild animals,
and angels attended him.”**

Mark 1:12-13

1st Week of Lent
February 18, 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 19 – February 25

MONDAY, February 19

8:00 a.m. + Special Intention

TUESDAY, February 20

8:00 a.m. ~ Joan Ironside

(Family)

WEDNESDAY, February 21

Saint Peter Damian

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

THURSDAY, February 22

Chair of St. Peter

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

FRIDAY, February 23

Saint Polycarp

6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration & Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. ~ Mary Shea

(Frank & Mary Doris & family)

SATURDAY, February 24

8:00 a.m. + Leo Houreran

(Marrocco Family)

SUNDAY, February 25

2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Missa Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. + Joseph Nasello

(St. Patrick Catholic School)

10:30 a.m. + Rosaleen Wilson

(Bolin Family)

The Office of Tenebrae of Holy Thursday

The Office of Tenebrae of Holy Thursday (The Office of Darkness) will be anticipated on **Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:30 pm** as part of this year's schedule of Holy Week services at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough. The Cathedral Choir and Diocesan Choir will lead the Gregorian Chant and other musical settings under its Music Director, Claudio Engli. We invite everyone to attend this moving service during the most important and significant week of the liturgical year.

‘Sculpting’ Our Souls During Lent ... from Ven. Fulton Sheen

“A sculptor who wishes to carve a figure out of a block uses his chisel, first cutting away great chunks of marble, then smaller pieces, until he finally reaches a point where only a brush of hand is needed to reveal the figure. In the same way, the soul has to undergo tremendous mortifications at first, and then more refined detachments, until finally its Divine image is revealed. Because mortification is recognised as a practice of death, there is fittingly inscribed on the tomb of Don Scotus: ‘*Bis Mortus; Semel Sepiltus*’ (twice died, but buried only once). When we die to something [selfish or worldly], something [pure and virtuous] comes alive within us. If we die to self, charity comes alive; if we die to pride, service comes alive; if we die to lust, reverence for personality comes alive; if we die to anger, love comes alive...



We can think of Lent as a time to eradicate evil or cultivate virtue, a time to pull up weeds or to plant good seeds. Which is better is clear, for the Christian ideal is always positive rather than negative. A person is

great not by the ferocity of his hatred of evil, but by the intensity of his love for God.

Asceticism and mortification are not the ends of a Christian life; they are only the means. The end is charity. Penance merely makes an opening in our ego in which the Light of God can pour. As we deflate ourselves, God fills us. And it is GOD's arrival that is the important event...

Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the Cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache.”

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Sat 4:00 p.m.

Rose Rabishaw

Helen Vozza

Joanne Bolton & Betty Clark

Sun 9:00 a.m.

Noreen Malloy

Mike Malloy

Joanne Walker & Dorothy O'Brien

Thank You

Thank you to the ladies who cooked and served the meal on Saturday at the One Roof Diner. Through your generosity we were able to provide over 160 meals. The clients appreciated the delicious meal.

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

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 ICSSO, 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!

Birthright

Thank you to all who contributed to the Birthright collection last December. A cheque in the amount of \$342 was sent to the organization which helps pregnant mothers who are in need of assistance. Their toll free helpline is 1-800-550-4900

Pope Francis calls for day of prayer and fasting for peace on February 23, 2018

At the conclusion of his Angelus address on Sunday, February 4, 2018, the Holy Father invited all the Church to observe the Friday of the first week of Lent, **February 23rd**, as a **day of prayer and fasting for peace in the many areas of conflict throughout the world, particularly the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.** Other Christians and members of other faiths are also invited to share in this initiative in whatever way they deem appropriate.

<http://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-02/pope-angelus-appeal-prayer-fasting-peace-drc-south-sudan.html>

SACRED HEART COLLEGE presents...

"Venturing in Faith with John Henry Cardinal Newman – A Moment in Lent" with Dr. Donald Graham

Spend an evening savouring the wisdom of a superb guide to the spiritual life. Energize your Lent with John Henry Cardinal Newman and let his life lessons inform yours! **February 22nd @ 7:00 p.m.** St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish Hall, 1066 Western Ave.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE presents...

"Theology of the Body Certificate Series" with Sr. Helena Burns, fsp

Today's culture is all about love, sex, the body, beauty and relationships. So is God. Through JPPI's original and dynamic synthesis, we will unpack God's story of love, sex, the body, beauty and relationships.

Spring 2018 Mar. 17th, Apr. 7th, 14th, 21st, May 5th & 12th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sadleir House, 751 George St. N., Peterborough
\$150 for Certificate (book included)
\$75 for Audit

LENTEN WALK WITH THE LORD 2018 – 40 ACTS OF KINDNESS

Our Diocese is presenting you with an additional or optional way to enhance and enrich your Lenten commitment and experience. Very often, Lent consist in denying oneself and/or abstaining from certain items, activities, and/or benefits/enjoyments. Optionally, **"Lenten Walk with the Lord"** invites you to do one (1) simple act of kindness for each of the 40 days of Lent. For example, kindness can be as simple as a smile and often begins at home. God bless you in your efforts!

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.

Thank you for your generosity
Offertory Feb. 11th: Env: \$1510.00 + Loose
\$185.00 = \$1695.00 Fuel: \$230.50 St.
Vincent de Paul: \$5.00

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.

For Bulletins Feb. 24 & 25

Development & Peace Corner
Building cultural and religious tolerance in Lebanon

During this second week of Share Lent, we focus on the organization Adyan, a Development and Peace partner that contributes to peace in the Middle East by fostering cultural and religious tolerance. Adyan offers a wide range of programs, including conferences, training sessions, and workshops on peace, reconciliation, and coexistence. In this part of the world wounded by past and present wars, Adyan's work is essential and your support is indispensable to them. "At Adyan, we promote spiritual solidarity, which means integrating the other into my thoughts and prayers. I must integrate the suffering of others and understand it." - Nayla Tabbara, Director of the Institute of Citizenship and Diversity Management at Adyan. I hope you have marked Mar 17 at 7:00 pm on your calendar to join us at St. Alphonsus, Peterborough to hear Felix Morka, Executive Director, SERAC, our partner in Nigeria.

Please add to your weekend PRAYERS OF THE
FAITHFUL

For peacemakers the world over who promote social inclusion and want to end the isolation of people and communities, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Readings:

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

Feb 25th: 2nd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 22: 1 – 2, 9 – 13, 15 – 18

Psalm 116

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 31 – 35, 37

Gospel: Mark 9: 2 – 10

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.

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

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

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'Ar

"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.

