



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.



2nd Week of Lent
February 25, 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 26 – March 4

MONDAY, February 26

Ferial

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention
(Family)

TUESDAY, February 27

Ferial

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, February 28

Ferial

8:00 a.m. + Jerome Miehm

THURSDAY, March 1

Ferial

8:00 a.m. ~ Keith Welch
(Ironsides Family)

FRIDAY, March 2

First Friday

Ferial

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Catholic School
6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration & Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. ~ Special Intention

SATURDAY, March 3

First Saturday

8:00 a.m. ~ In reparation for the outrages, offences & blasphemies against Christ in the Holy Eucharist and insults to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

SUNDAY, March 4

3rd Sunday of Lent

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

9:00 a.m. + Genevieve Smith
(Bernard & Pat Clancy)

10:30 a.m. ~ Cristy Doris

(Marrocco Family)

The Office of Tenebrae of Holy Thursday

The Office of Tenebrae of Holy Thursday (The Office of Darkness) will be anticipated on **Tues, 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.

A Visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament

Suggested practice for Lent

At one time in the not-so-distant past, the practice of a daily visit to the Blessed Sacrament was not uncommon. The faithful on their way home from work would stop in the neighbourhood church. Unfortunately, this practice fell into disuse. Today, however, the practice is being revived because of the establishment of Perpetual Adoration in many parish churches and because of a renewed emphasis on the doctrine of the True Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Suggested prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. Night and day you remain here compassionate and loving. You call, You wait for, You welcome, everyone who comes to You. I adore You from the abyss of my nothingness, and I thank You for all the graces which You have bestowed upon me and in particular for having given me Yourself in this Sacrament, for having given me your holy Mother Mary for my advocate, and for having called me to visit You. I now salute Your most loving Heart and this for three ends:

1. In thanksgiving for this great gift;
2. To make amends to You for all the outrages which You receive in this Sacrament from all Your enemies;
3. I intend by this visit to adore You in all the places on earth in which You are the least revered and the most abandoned.

My Jesus, I love You with all my heart. I grieve for having so many times offended Your infinite goodness. I promise with Your grace never more to offend You in the future.

Now, miserable and unworthy though I be, I consecrate myself to You without reserve; I give You my entire will, my affections, my desires, and all that I possess. From now on dispose of me and of all that I have as You please. All that I ask of You and desire is Your holy love, final perseverance, and the perfect accomplishment of Your will. I recommend to You the souls in purgatory. I also recommend to You all poor sinners.

My dear Saviour, I unite all my affections with the affections of Your most loving Heart; and I offer them, thus united, to Your eternal Father, and beseech Him in Your name to vouchsafe, for Your love, to accept them. Amen.

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Sat 4:00 p.m.

Gladys Fowler

Brittany Roelofs

Leon & Trish Dorff

Sun 9:00 a.m.

Judy Lukes

Mary Pat Goodridge

Jim & Nora Zister

10:30 a.m.

Rose Wornoff

Cristy Doris

Elaine & Gary Lambe

CWL News



The next CWL meeting will be on **Tues, March 6th** at **7:00 p.m.** following the 6:30 Mass.

“Healing Mass – March 7th at Mount St. Joseph at 1:30 pm. All are invited to come and pray for healing. Opportunity for anointing and healing prayer.” Fr. Leo Coughlin.

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 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon** at the John Paul II House.

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 JPPII’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

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 **Friday, March 2nd at 1:30 p.m.** at **Our Lady of the Assumption Church.**

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



Annual Irish Concert – St. Martin’s Parish, Ennismore

Sun Mar 4th – 2:30 pm

Songs, stories, jokes & skits! Admission by donation at the door. Stew available after the concert - \$5

Cash Bar – Tis sure to be a fun afternoon!

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."

The Euthanasia Deception

Can you spare one hour this Lent to educate yourself on the dangers of euthanasia? Become more informed regarding the importance of conscience rights. Come out **Sunday, March 11th at 2 p.m.** for the one hour documentary, *The Euthanasia Deception* at Our Lady of the Assumption Church. All are welcome!

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.



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>

Thank you for your generosity
Offertory Feb. 18th: Env: \$1574.00 + Loose
\$218.00 + P.A.P. \$470.00= \$2262.00
Fuel: \$33.00
St. Vincent de Paul: \$5.00

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

**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!

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.

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.

Readings:

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

March 4th: 3rd Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Exodus 17: 3 – 7

Psalm 95

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1 – 2, 5 – 8

Gospel: John 4: 5 – 42

Holy Father's Intentions: February

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

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

For Bulletins Mar. 3rd & 4th Development & Peace Corner In Nigeria, forced evictions are carried out violently, without consulting those concerned, as well as without warning, compensation, or providing alternative housing.

Thanks to your support, the Social and Economic Rights Action Centre (SERAC), a Development and Peace partner, has worked for over 20 years with slum communities in Lagos to promote and protect the socio-economic rights of inhabitants, including their rights to adequate housing/shelter, livelihood, water, food, access to electricity and education. This year, we will have the opportunity to meet Felix Morka, Founder & Executive Director of SERAC on Saturday, March 17th at 7:00pm at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall, Ford Street. Come and hear how SERAC is training community leaders with the knowledge and tools they need to engage in effective dialogue with the government. See you there!
Please add to the Prayers of the Faithful for the weekend masses on Mar. 3rd & 4th
For peacemakers the world over who encourage citizen participation so that all can participate in the improvement of their living environment, let us pray to the Lord.

Latin Tridentine Mass

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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.**

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/>

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. 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.

