



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

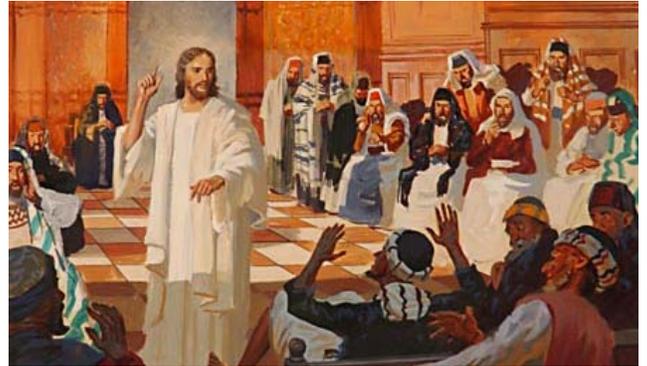
Every Friday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m.

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.



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28th, 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

January 29 – February 4

MONDAY, January 29

St. Gildas

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, January 30

St. Martina

8:00 a.m. + Bernard Brash

(Ironsides Family)

WEDNESDAY, January 31

St. John Bosco

8:00 a.m. ~ Scott Ironside

(Family)

THURSDAY, February 1

St. Brigid of Ireland

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

FRIDAY, February 2

First Friday

Presentation of the Lord

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

7:00 p.m. ~ Increase in vocations to the priesthood and to religious life

SATURDAY, February 3

First Saturday

St. Blaise

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, February 4

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

(Gerry & Anne Coughlin)

9:00 a.m. + Joe Kylie

(Dolly Kylie & Family)

10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

The Presentation of the Lord

Today's Gospel introduces us to different people and events that in themselves provide numerous lessons and themes for further reflection. First of all, Mary and Joseph respect the Mosaic Law by offering the sacrifice prescribed for the poor: a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Simeon and Anna were two venerable elderly people dedicated to prayer and fasting and so their strong religious spirit rendered them able to recognize the Messiah. In this sense we can see in the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple an extension of the 'Pro Orantibus Day' (For those who pray) that is celebrated on the feast of the Presentation of Mary (21

November). On this day, the Church demonstrates its gratitude to all those in the community that dedicate themselves in a privileged way to prayer, to those who have a particular religious vocation to the contemplative life. In the figure of the venerable Simeon, Jesus' presentation in the temple, also reminds us that prayer and contemplation are not just a waste of time or an obstacle to charity. On the contrary, time could not be better spent than in prayer as true Christian charity is a consequence of a solid interior life. Only those who pray and offer penance, like Simeon and Anna, are open to the breath of the Spirit. They know how to recognize the Lord in the circumstances in which He manifests Himself because they possess an ample interior vision, and they have learned how to love with the heart of the One whose very name is Charity. At the end of the Gospel Simeon's prophecy of Mary's sufferings is emphasized. Pope John Paul II taught that, 'Simeon's words seem like a second Annunciation to Mary, for they tell her of the actual historical situation in which the Son is to accomplish his mission, namely, in misunderstanding and sorrow.' (*Redemptoris Mater*, n16) The archangel's announcement was a fount of incredible joy



because it pertained to Jesus' messianic royalty and the supernatural character of His virginal conception. The announcement of the elderly in the temple instead spoke of the Lord's work of redemption that He would complete associating Himself through suffering to His Mother. Therefore, there is a

strong Marian dimension to this feast and so in the Liturgical Calendar of the Extraordinary Form it is called the *Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. This refers to the other aspect of the presentation that consists of the ritual purification of Jewish women after they had given birth. In Mary's case this purification was not necessary, but it indicates the renewal of her total offering of herself to God for the accomplishment of His Divine Plan.

Simeon's prophecy also announces that Christ will be 'a sign of contradiction'. St Cyril of Alexandria, in one of his homilies, interpreted the words 'sign of contradiction' like a noble cross, as St Paul wrote to the Corinthians 'a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles' (1 Cor 1:23) [...] It is a sign of contradiction in the sense that those who lose appear as foolish while in those who recognize its power [the cross] reveals salvation and life' (c.f PG 77, 1044-1049). — Excerpted from Congregation for the Clergy

Thank you for your generosity

Jan. 21, 2018 Offertory: 1945.50

Fuel: \$30.00

St. Vincent de Paul:

\$5.00

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LAY MINISTRY

Eucharistic

Lector

Gift Bearers

Sat 4:00 p.m.

Rose Rabishaw

Brittany Roelofs

Cesare & Anne Mauro

Sun 9:00 a.m.

Bob O'Brien

Judy Lukes

Diane Deighan & Betty Clark

10:30 a.m.

Rose Wornoff

Anna Marie Bolin

Raphael & Casandra Dunne

February 4, 2018

CALL FOR CONSCIENCE CAMPAIGN

The Call for Conscience 2018 Campaign is underway. Most Rev. Bishop Miehm and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address and/or postal code from every Catholic family in their community. This information will be used to communicate periodically on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide.

For more information, go to the Diocese of Peterborough website:

https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/respect-life.aspx?_mid_=12320

Please provide the information on the weekends of **Feb 4 and 11**. Thank you for living our faith!

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.

As part of the **Ontario CWL initiative on Homelessness** this year, the CWL is again providing a meal for *the Out of the Cold* program on **February 10th** at the One Roof Diner. Anyone wishing to contribute or volunteer, please call Joanne at 313-6750 or Anna Marie at 742-8249.

Knights news



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 will be available soon for this Knights of Columbus sponsored Event ... All Welcome. Tickets available before and after mass

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

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

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.

The Second Annual St. Joseph Dinner in support of campus ministry.



Funds raised go to support Catholic ministry to students at Trent University and Fleming College. The dinner is on **Sat, Feb. 3** at the Evinrude Centre Banquet Hall in Peterborough. Cocktail hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30.

Students from Trent, Fleming and Sacred Heart College will speak; keynote speaker Bishop Daniel Miehm. Tickets are \$100 and are eligible for a \$50 charitable tax receipt.

They can be purchased online at

www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner or by visiting the Vocations Office (820 Frank Street) on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Contact Fr. John Perdue

vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org 705-874-1871

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life – Feb 2nd

In 1997, Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life to be held annually on Feb. 2nd. **The Mass for the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains on Feb. 2nd at 7 p.m.** followed by a reception in the Knights of Columbus Bishop Doyle Hall. His Excellency Most Rev. Bishop Miehm will preside at the Mass. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, come to the Mass at the Cathedral, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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!

The Return of the Flying Fathers

The Peterborough Vocations Office - A new generation of hockey playing priests will compete at the **Ennismore** arena on **Mon, Jan. 29th at 6pm**, featuring two priests from our diocese, Fr. John Perdue & Fr. Paul Patrick. Tickets can be purchased at www.ptbovocations.ca/hockey or at the Vocations Office on Tues. or Thurs. 8:30-4:30. Tickets - \$15 each, under 12 free Call [705-874-1871](tel:705-874-1871)



Men's Conference

On **February 24th** join Hector Molina and Bishop of

St. Catharines Gerard Bergie along with hundreds of men for Serviam Ministries' 3rd annual **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

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.

Readings:

Jan 28th: 4 Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15 – 20
Psalm 95

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 32 – 35

Gospel: Mark 1: 21 – 28

Feb 4th: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Job 7: 1 – 4, 6 – 7

Psalm 147

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9: 16 – 19, 22 – 23

Gospel: Mark 1: 29 – 39

Holy Father's Intentions: January

Evangelization: That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

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

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 7 days 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/>

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 have Mass, adoration, confessions, talk and lunch. Join us on **from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** John Paul II House. Quo Vadis schedule: February 10, March 3, April 7, May 12, June 23

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'Ars

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.

"The reason for loving God is God Himself. The measure is to love Him beyond measure." St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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.

