



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.**

FOR
GOD
SO
LOVED THE WORLD
THAT
HE
GAVE
HIS
ONLY
SON
John 3:16

4th Sunday of Lent
March 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

March 12 – March 18

MONDAY, March 12

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, March 13

6:30 p.m. ~ Vernon & Diane Malloy
(Mike & Noreen Malloy)

WEDNESDAY, March 14

8:00 a.m. + Mary de Verteuil
(Ironsides Family)

THURSDAY, March 15

8:00 a.m. + Gerry Doherty
(Glen & June Caley)

FRIDAY, March 16

6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration & Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. + John Shine

SATURDAY, March 17

St. Patrick
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

SUNDAY, March 18

5th Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Missa Pro Populo
9:00 a.m. + Joseph Nasello
(St. Patrick School Council)
10:30 a.m. + Anna Van Belleghem
(Maureen O'Grady)

General Audience: Pope Francis March 7, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the Mass, we now turn to the Eucharistic Prayer, in which, following the Lord's command, we repeat his words and actions at the Last Supper. In offering the bread and wine which become his body and blood, we unite ourselves to his sacrifice of reconciliation on the cross. The Eucharistic Prayer begins with the Preface, which invites us to lift up our hearts in thanksgiving for God's blessings. The celebrant then calls down the Holy Spirit upon our offerings, and, by the words of consecration, Christ becomes truly present in the sacrament of his body and blood. As the memorial of the mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection, the Eucharistic prayer asks that we may be drawn, in the Holy Spirit, into communion with one another in the mystical Body of Christ, and united to the Son in his eternal sacrifice of praise and intercession before the Father. At every Mass, may we enter more fully into this "mystery of faith", which brings the forgiveness of sin, builds up the Church in unity and prays for the reconciliation and peace of our entire human 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. We invite everyone to attend this moving service during the most important and significant week of the liturgical year.

5 th Sunday of Lent		March 18, 2018	
LAY MINISTRY	Eucharistic	Lector	Gift Bearers
Sat 5:00 p.m.	Joanne Bolton	Roddy Turpin	Colleen Petersen & Joanne Bolton
Sun 9:00 a.m.	Martin Corkery	Pat Clancy	Dolly Kylie & Family
10:30 a.m.	Anna Marie Bolin	Aileen Doris	Carolyn & Peter Doris & Family

SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIME

Saturday, March 10th will be the last 4:00 p.m. until the fall 'turn back of time'.

Starting on March 17th, Saturday evening Mass will begin at 5:00 p.m.

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 JP II'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,

Knights News



Regular council meeting March 13/18
6:15 Pray rosary 6:30 Mass 7:00 pm meeting

751 George St. N., Peterborough \$75 for Audit
\$150 for Certificate (book included)

Knitters and crocheters and those wanting to learn ... We would like to start a group with the idea of knitting items for our C.W.L. Bazaar. If this is something you would like to do, please call Gladys Fowler at 748-6438. When and how often we meet will depend upon interest shown. We have wool that has been donated to the C.W.L.

Project Rachel

Project Rachel is a ministry that facilitates healing and reconciliation for women and men



who have suffered due to an abortion. Are you hurting as a result of an abortion? Healing is possible. Please contact them, in confidence, by telephone at 416 629 8264 or by e-mail

ProjectRachel@StmarysRefuge.org

The next retreat date for women is May 4th – 6th

EXCERPT FROM EVANGELIUM VITAE; POPE JOHN PAUL II
I would now like to say a special word to *women who have had an abortion*. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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 this 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!

Parish Vocation Corner

Saturday, March 17, is St Patrick's Day!

St Patrick, at the age of 20, escaped from slavery and began studying for the priesthood. For forty years, he boldly proclaimed the Good News of the Gospels and many were converted. Let us pray boldly for many young men in our Diocese to choose a vocation to the priesthood through the inspiration and zeal of St Patrick! Say one extra Rosary this week for an increase in vocations in our Parish so that many others will also hear the Good News and be converted!

Thank you for your generosity
Offeratory March 4: Env: \$1771.00 + Loose
\$145.50+ P.A.P. \$610.00 = \$2526.50 Fuel:
\$261.00
St. Vincent de Paul: \$353.50

Lenten Charity Collection March 17th & 18th

Next weekend will be the collection for Lenten Charity. Please prayerfully consider your donation and mark on your envelope if you would like your donation to go to 1. Development and Peace OR 2. Diocesan Charity – Relief Fund which is a fund that is used to provide assistance to victims of disasters.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

For those interested in the pilgrimage to the Holy Land this November 11th-20th there will be an information meeting **Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00pm at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall** in Peterborough. Feel free to contact Fr. Bill Moloney, the spiritual leader for the pilgrimage @ 705-768-0844.

Development & Peace Corner

Peterborough Diocese will be hosting our Solidarity Visitor, Felix Morka on **Mar 17th at 7:00p.m.** St. Alphonsus Parish Hall Felix is a Harvard educated lawyer and Executive Director of The Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, our partner in Nigeria. SERAC has worked for over 20 years with slum communities in Lagos and elsewhere in Nigeria 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. SERAC's work in slums involves rights-based community organizing, empowerment, advocacy and litigation in response to threatened or forced evictions.

Share Lent Collection Mar. 17 & 18. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please pray for the Nigerian People.

The annual March for Life May 10th.

"The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." Pope John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici* (1988), n. 38.

Retreat Day, "Sacred Spaces: 'A Celtic Pilgrimage'" (Sr. Linda Gregg CSJ) **March 14th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Villa St Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg ON
This Retreat Day will be a pilgrimage to the Celtic Christian tradition, briefly locating its historical and geographical background and then entering into the Celtic Christian way of seeing in the "thin places" of creation. The Celtic spirit sees God's presence abiding in all creation, glimpsing doorways to the sacred where heaven and earth are one.

Cost is \$40.00 includes lunch and snacks. To register, call 905-372--2741, email: villa@csjcanada.org

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.

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.



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, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and many more of these sacred spaces. The price is \$2695 plus \$695 for airport tax and fuel surcharge.

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The March for Life will take place on May 10th.

The 2018 theme logo encourages everyone to commit themselves to the pro-life movement by going **ALL IN**. **ALL IN** to defend human life at all its stages, **ALL IN** to speak the truth in the face of adversary, **ALL IN** without exceptions, without excuses, without compromises.

The logo depicts a smiling unborn child in a heart shaped womb, cradled by our loving hands. At that state of their life, there is only love. The hands symbolize the pro-life movement whose goal is to keep that child safe and surrounded by love from the time of conception until natural death.



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>

Readings:

March 11th: 4th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14 – 17, 19 – 23
Psalm 137

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 4 – 10

Gospel: John 3: 14 – 21

March 18th: 5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34

Psalm 51

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 7 – 9

Gospel: John 12: 20 – 33

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: March

Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

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



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

All retreats/events will be at Villa St. Joseph, 445 Monk St., Cobourg Registration: email: villa@csjcanada.org or call 905-372-2741

Interfaith Hour for Peace

Thursday March 15

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Come join us for an hour of prayer, as we come together to pray for healing in our fractured world. This will be a time of prayer, music and silent meditation for Peace in our World and the Healing of our Earth. All welcome! Refreshments to follow. Goodwill Offering.

Seedy Saturday Seed Exchange In Cobourg

Saturday March 17 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free Admission - Admission is free and everyone is able to take home seeds, even if they don't bring any to exchange. There will also be an opportunity to learn about seeds with a presentation by Jill Bishop of Urban Tomato. She will talk about Growing Seeds Indoors. Vendors include: Mountain Grove Seed Company, Terra Edibles, Turtle Back Hollow, Urban Tomato, Railway Creek Garlic Farm

(some garlic products for sale but not garlic), Cobourg Seed Library, Seeds of Diversity. Homemade seedy muffins, coffee and tea will also be available (no registration required)

Art Retreat: "Art, Spirit, & Integral Ecology" (Sr. Pat St Louis CSJ)

Tuesday March 20 at 7pm to Thursday March 22 at 1pm

A gentle experience where process is more important than product. Previous art experience not required, just openness to perhaps something new.

Enter into the relaxing, unfolding mystery of spirit speaking through art.

Discover through color, images, shapes the Divine moving within.

Art connects us to our sense of wonder and prayer, a sense of deepest knowing. An excellent experience leading to healing and transformation. Just Come and Paint! Retreat Facilitator: Sr Patricia St. Louis , CSJ Cost \$160 with an additional material fee of \$25.

Lenten Sabbath Weekend

Friday March 23 at 7pm to Sunday March at 25 1pm

Come away and embrace the gifts of silence in the spiritual journey. The prayerful stillness and beauty of nature offer a peaceful and life giving setting. Cost \$160.

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 **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.

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**

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.

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)

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. 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.

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."

"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

"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).

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

"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)

"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.



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."

