



Our Lady of the Assumption

Roman Catholic Church

Mission ~ St. John the Evangelist, Keene, Ontario



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Pastor: Monsignor Michael Heffernan C.H.F.

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.



Palm Sunday
March 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

March 26 – April 1

MONDAY, March 26

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

TUESDAY, March 27

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, March 28

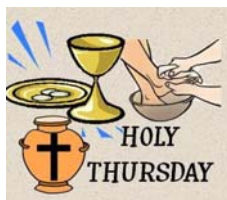
8:00 a.m. + Peter Keating

(Family)

THURSDAY, March 29

Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. ~ Living & deceased clergy of the Diocese of Peterborough & for vocations to the priesthood & religious life



FRIDAY, March 30

Good Friday

3:00 p.m. ~ Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross



SATURDAY, March 31

8:00 a.m. ~ NO MASS

SUNDAY, April 1

Easter Sunday

8:00 p.m. (Sat.) Easter Vigil ~ Missa Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

10:30 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

.... we must also pay attention to the content of Jesus' prayer on the Mount of Olives. Jesus says: "Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet not what I want, but what you want" (Mk 14:36). The natural will of the man Jesus recoils in fear before the enormity of the matter. He asks to be spared. Yet as the Son, he places this human will into the Father's will: not I, but you. In this way he transformed the stance of Adam, the primordial human sin, and thus heals humanity. The stance of Adam was: not what you, O God, have desired; rather, I myself want to be a god. This pride is the real essence of sin. We think we are free and truly ourselves only if we follow our own will. God appears as the opposite of our freedom. We need to be free of him – so we think – and only then will we be free. This is the fundamental rebellion present throughout history and the fundamental lie which perverts life. When human beings set themselves against God, they set themselves against the truth of their own being and consequently do not become free, but alienated from themselves. We are free only if we stand in the truth of our being, if we are united to God. Then we become truly "like God" – not by resisting God, eliminating him, or denying him. In his anguished prayer on the Mount of Olives, Jesus resolved the false opposition between obedience and freedom, and opened the path to freedom. Let us ask the Lord to draw us into this "yes" to God's will, and in this way to make us truly free. Amen.

Excerpt of a homily by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Holy Thursday 2012

Thank you for your generosity
Offertory March 18: Env. \$1377.00 + Loose \$262.00 + P.A.P. \$470.00 = \$2109.00 St. Vincent de Paul \$5.00
 Development & Peace \$1019.00 Lenten Charity \$258.00

LAY MINISTRY	Eucharistic	Lector	Gift Bearers
HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus	Knights of Columbus	Knights of Columbus
GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 p.m.	Noreen Malloy Bob O'Brien Colleen Petersen	Joanne Bolton (1 st & 2 nd) Roddy Turpin Valerie Collicutt	Kievan Lonergan Al Collicutt
EASTER VIGIL Saturday 8:00 p.m.	C.W.L.	C.W.L.	Dolly Kylie & Ruth O'Brien
EASTER SUNDAY Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Judy Lukes	Mary Pat Goodridge	Joanne Walker & Dorothy O'Brien



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral: *Mon at 7:00 p.m.*
The Office of Tenebrae of Holy Thursday will be anticipated at the Cathedral: *Tues. 7:30 p.m.*

Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord's Supper: *Thurs. at 7:00 p.m.*

Stations of the Cross through Peterborough:
Friday at Cathedral 10:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion: *3:00 p.m.*

Stations of the Cross: *7:00 p.m.*

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil: *8:00 p.m.*

Easter Sunday:

Our Lady of the Assumption: *9:00 a.m.*

St. John the Evangelist: *10:30 a.m.*

Healing Mass – April 4th at Mount St. Joseph at 1:30 pm. All are invited to come and pray for healing. Opportunity for anointing and healing prayer. Father Leo Coughlin.

C.W.L. News



The next CWL meeting will be on **Tue, April 3rd** at 7:00 p.m. following the 6:30 Mass.

Mark your calendars for the CWL meeting **May 1st**.

There will be a presentation by **Osteoporosis Canada.**

Step into Spring

Women's Fashion Show on Wed, April 18th 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Hall Admission \$5.00
Featuring Fashion Plus Spring and Summer lines

Fashions, Refreshments & Door prizes

Sponsored by Our Lady of the Assumption /

St. John the Evangelist CWL

Proceeds to Hospice Peterborough

Tickets available by contacting Joanne Bolton
313-6750 or Anna Marie Bolin 742-8249

The Catholic Women's League Diocesan Convention will be held on **May 5th & 6th** in Bowmanville. Registration will be paid by our League and ladies will be responsible for meal fees.

Contact Anna Marie at 742-8249 for more information or if you wish to attend. Deadline for registration is **Apr 2nd**.

Easter Flowers/Plants

Donations of plants would be appreciated. You can bring them to the church during the day on Holy Thursday or on Holy Saturday. You may dedicate your flowers in the name of your loved ones and a Mass will



be offered for them after Easter.

Please do not bring plants on Good Friday.

The Saint John Paul II House of Discernment

A fantastic new promotional video has been released to spread awareness about Peterborough's 'Saint John Paul II House of Discernment', our residence for young men discerning the priesthood. Parishioners please watch the video and share it with your friends and family, especially with young men who may be interested. It can be accessed at www.ptbovocations.ca/jp2.

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



THE NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

Mark your calendars! St. Alphonsus Parish will be showing the Summit live for the second year.

It is being hosted in Ottawa and live-streamed via webcast.

People in Peterborough and area are invited to

St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish Hall on Friday

evening, April 27th, 7-9:30pm and Saturday, April 28th, 9am to 4:30pm.

Get your tickets now. Go to www.newevangelization.ca,

scroll down to 'Get Tickets', then select Peterborough from the drop-down menu.

Presenters this year will be George Weigel, Curtis Martin, Michael Dopp, Sr. Ann Shields, Patrick Madrid and Fr.

Mark Goring. Cost is \$40 and includes snacks and lunch.

For more information call the Parish office at 745-8623.

Divine Mercy Novena

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a

Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on **Good Friday.**

St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "On each day of the novena

you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy ... On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My passion, for the graces for these souls."

For the novena, please visit the website -

<http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php>



Softball registration at Assumption Hall – 1 day only

Church Softball Registration ages 5-19,

Wed, Mar 28th - 4 - 7 pm Betty Clark (705) 742-2803

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. Please call Gladys Fowler at 748-6438 for more information.

MEN IN BLACK (+PLUS)

Back by popular demand.

The talented Priests of the Peterborough Diocese along with some special guests. Join us for a fun, musical evening at Sacred Heart Church **Fri, May 4th @7:00 pm.** Tickets \$12 and available at parish offices

Invitation to Disciples of All Nations Conference — Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa invites you to attend the Disciples of All Nations 20th Annual Healing and Reconciliation Conference being held May 18-20, 2018.

It has been twenty years since Kateri Native Ministry started its journey towards Healing and Reconciliation and we continue that tradition this May. Our founder John Corston experienced the healing touch of our Lord and during the conference we will share our calling and propel ourselves to move forward and bring the Good News to our people.

Our special guest for the conference will be Sister Ann Shields, internationally renowned speaker, author of numerous books on Catholic spirituality and host of the popular daily radio program Food for the Journey.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis and can be completed online via this link

[\(https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/kateri-native-ministry-of-ottawa/events/20th-annual-healing-and-reconciliation-conference/\)](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/kateri-native-ministry-of-ottawa/events/20th-annual-healing-and-reconciliation-conference/) or by completing and mailing the attached registration form.

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The Chrism Mass

On March 26th at 7:00 p.m., Bishop Meihm, joined by the priests of the diocese, will gather at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains to celebrate the chrim Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. Here the bishop blesses three oils - the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrim which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. As Bishop Meihm blesses these three oils at the chrim Mass this year, let us turn our hearts to our gracious Lord who bestows His infinite Love and Mercy

to us through these sacraments. Let us also pray for our bishop and the priests who are the ministers of the sacraments in the parish, that they may be the humble and generous servants of the Lord.

www.catholicerald.com

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.



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.

Readings:

March 25th: Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4 – 7

Psalm 22

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 8 – 9

Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15: 47

April 1st: Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37 – 43

Psalm 118

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1 – 4

Gospel: John 20: 1 – 18

**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.

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*

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

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.

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

Day of Stillness- Sisters of St. Joseph

Wednesday April 18th 9 am to 5 pm

A gathering prayer invites you into silence and solitude. This unstructured day offers opportunity for personal prayer, relaxation and connection with God's creation.

Cost \$30 includes lunch and refreshments.

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 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**

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/>

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>

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."

