



# 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**

3217 County Rd. 2  
Keene, Ontario K0L 2G0  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

### Weekday Holy Mass Schedule:

#### **OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. for the first Tuesday  
of the month and 8:00 a.m. for all others  
(Tuesdays in July & August: Masses 8:00 a.m.)  
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 Msgr. 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.

**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.



**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 19, 2026**

**Parish Office: Phone: (705) 741-1018**

**Office Administrator: Dominic Gomes**

#### **Catholic Women's League:**

► **President:** Anna Marie Bolin  
(705)742-8249

**Marriage:** Parishioners must contact the Parish  
Office 12 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 Msgr. Michael  
about this after any of the Masses. Preparation  
course is required.

#### **Reconciliation:**

**Saturday: 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:15 – 8:45 a.m.**

**You may also book an appointment with Msgr.  
at ANYTIME**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**APRIL 20 - 26**

MONDAY, April 20

8:00 a.m. ~ Intentions of Diana Roddy

TUESDAY, April 21

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, April 22

8:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

THURSDAY, April 23

8:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

FRIDAY, April 24

6:00 p.m. Adoration and Benediction

7:00 p.m. + Shirley Leahy

SATURDAY, April 25

No morning Mass

SUNDAY, April 26

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Missa Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. ~ For the living and deceased  
Members of our parish CWL  
(C.W.L.)

10:30 a.m. (Keene) + John Verhoeven  
(Joanne Nelson)



## Retreat---Villa of St. Joseph's

Eco-spiritual retreat in the flow of the exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola at Villa St. Joseph, Cobourg.  
Tuesday April 21, 7:00 pm-Sunday April 26, 1:00 pm.  
Suggested donation \$750.00.

You may register at: <https://www.villastjoseph.ca/retreats-and-events/2026/6/23/directed-retreat>

## POP CAN TABS

Don't forget your can tabs. They will help someone in need. Your help is appreciated.



## Blood Pressure Clinic Kawartha Home Care

Free blood pressure clinic available every  
Monday 10-12/1-3 p.m. at 320 Water St.  
Unite 72, Peterborough,  
Kawartha Home Care Clinic.



## Come and join us on Tue. May 5<sup>th</sup>

At 11:00 a.m. for a demonstration

by Betty Clark on making her  
delicious butter tarts. This will be

followed by lunch. Cost of the

lunch is \$5.00 payable on the day. Please

call Barb Lynch at 705-927-4356 to reserve

your spot.. Please call by Tues. Apr. 28. Join  
us for some fun and fellowship!

Our regular monthly C.W.L. meeting will  
follow at 1:30 p.m.



## Pastoral Letter MAID

--- Bishops of Alberta On Alberta Bill 18

Please find attached a Pastoral Letter from the Catholic Bishops of Alberta on Alberta Bill 18, dated 25 March 2026 (original in English, with an unofficial translation in French by the CCCB).

Bill 18 proposes new legislation that will try to confine "MAiD" to people whose natural death is expected within 12 months, effectively eliminating Track 2 MAID in that province. It also adds several practical restrictions beyond federal law, including a ban on out-of-province referral for "MAiD" assessments, training requirements, and facility/provider conscience protections.

As is customary with such letters, it has been added to the CCCB website under *Suffering and End of Life – Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide*: <https://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/suffering-and-end-of-life/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide/>.

## formed.org

Sign up under our parish for free. This website has many materials like daily reflections to help us grow in our faith all during the year.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	Roddy Turpin	Mary Annurnie	Joanne Bolton & Joanne Teague
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Valerie Collicutt	Ruth Ciraulo	Terry & Marlene Fitzgerald
10:30 a.m.	Julia Davis	Mary Macfarlane	Elaine & Gary Lambe

## April 2026 Project Rachel Retreat



Have you suffered the loss of a child from abortion, or the abortion pill? If grief, sadness, or shame has kept you alone in this, know that you are not alone, and that there is healing for you. Project Rachel at the

Refuge will hold a retreat for post-abortive women on April 24-26, 2026. Here you will find a beautiful, natural setting, companionship, and a welcome free of judgment or condemnation – healing is possible. Call 613-473-2679 in confidence, and see [stmarysrefuge.org/rachel](http://stmarysrefuge.org/rachel).

## 40<sup>th</sup> World Youth Day 2025

Please email .

[FrStephenDecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org](mailto:FrStephenDecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org) to register. While some details are still being finalized, this meeting will allow us to ask the questions we have.



## Annual Walking Pilgrimage

Welcome to our annual **Walking Pilgrimage Friday, May 1st at 9 a.m.**

Meet at Beavermead Park parking lot off Ashburnham St., rain or shine.

Bring your rosary. Bring a friend! All are welcome!

Details are at main foyer of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church

“**HELP NOT HARM**” is a campaign that invites support from the Catholic community for private member’s bill



C-218. This bill will amend the criminal code to make it illegal to provide Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) to those whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. If this bill does not pass, then this practice will become the law in Canada on March 17 next year. This would have a devastating effect on vulnerable people and their families. This campaign invites people to contact their local Member of Parliament to urge them to support this bill: time is short, as this will come to a vote in Parliament in mid-April. You may go to the “Help not Harm” [website](#) for more information and will find there an easy platform from which to email your local MP. You will find more information and a helpful “Backgrounder” [on our Diocesan website](#). This campaign gives us an opening to stand against the growing MAiD regime in Canada and to affirm the dignity of life!

*At Table With Them, He Took Bread, Blessed and Broke It And Gave It To Them*

## National Family and Life Week 2026

Will take place from **Sunday, 10 May to Sunday, 17 May 2026**. The chosen theme, “**I am with you always**” (Matt 28:20), is drawn from the Gospel reading for the closing Sunday (17 May 2026), the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. A digital pastoral toolkit will be distributed closer to the date.



## Thank you for your generosity!

**Easter April 12, 2026:** Offertory - \$2310.00

Good Friday Collection - \$110.00

Fuel - \$175.00

**CHEF ENZO IS BACK!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Plan to attend the very popular Spaghetti Dinner

**Saturday, May 2nd, 2026**

Social @ 5:30 p.m. | Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

Adults: \$25 | 12 and under \$15

Tickets sold after all Masses – or – Call the Parish Office



## RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS

A special Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Peter In Chains on **Saturday, May 2nd, 9 am**, to pray for all the atrocities against life... abortion, euthanasia, abuse of children, lack of care and medical carelessness. Please plan on attending and possibly joining together with the walk at the hospital afterwards, from 10 to 11 am.

**MARCH FOR LIFE**, Ottawa on Thursday, May 14/26. Bus leaving from the Cathedral at 8:15 am. Cost: \$40 per person, \$10 per student, and children under 10 and clergy/religious, free. To reserve, contact 705-931-7633

## Annual Spaghetti Dinner at St. Thomas More

FRIDAY, APRIL 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL  
28 King Street West, Millbrook

Please come join us for a homemade dinner of spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, Caesar salad, homemade pie and ice creams and beverages.

Price per person Adult: \$20 Senior: \$15 Children 6 and up: \$8 Children 5 and under: FREE!!

Family of up to five members: \$50 A real treat for one and all, in support of our community charities!

## In the Footsteps of the Martyrs Walking Pilgrimage

**Save the Dates!** The annual walking pilgrimage, In the Footsteps of the Martyrs, returns on August 9-15, 2026. Further details, including registration, will be available soon! Contact Andrew Roelands at [aroelan@uwo.ca](mailto:aroelan@uwo.ca) or follow the Diocesan Youth social media pages to stay up to date.

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