



# *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.H.*

### **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.

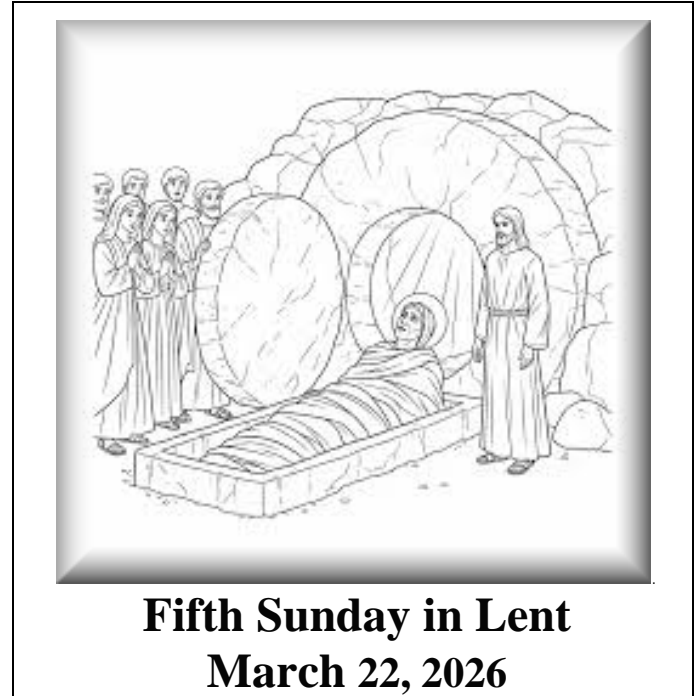
#### **NEW PARISHIONERS—**

**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.



**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 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**

**MARCH 23 - 29**

MONDAY, March 23  
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention  
(Lukes Family)



TUESDAY, March 24  
8:00 a.m. + Joan Ironside  
(Marrocco Family)

WEDNESDAY, March 25  
*The Annunciation*  
8:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

THURSDAY, March 26  
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

FRIDAY, March 27  
6:00 p.m. Adoration & Benediction  
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
7:00 p.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo



SATURDAY, March 28  
No morning Mass

SUNDAY, March 29  
*Palm Sunday*  
5:00 p.m. (Sat.) Living and Deceased Members of the  
Pecoskie & Lapinski Families  
(Rose Rabishaw & Family))

9:00 a.m. + Sieglinde Kulla  
(Joe & Judy Lukes)



10:30 a.m. (Keene) ~ Missa Pro Populo

**FORMED.org LENT**

Reminder our free streaming platform, FORMED.org has many great Lent resources! Attached is a Lent calendar with daily suggestions to enrich this time of penance and preparation for Easter. Did you know that the platform also has a **Spanish section**? A family section? Documentaries? A Saint section and more!!! Sign-up today its **FREE** in our Diocese!

**Lenten Food Drive**

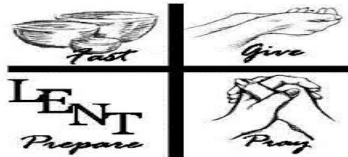


In the past month you have read how to donate to the food drive with non perishable items. In the final week of the drive which ends Palm Sunday, here is another way to donate.

Monetary donations are also welcome: Cash, including collection jars at Keene General Store and Three Roads Farms; Cheque, (payable to 'Keene United Church' and in the memo line 'OSM Food Cupboard'). Mail to Keene United Church, P.O. Box 17, Keene ON K0L 2G0; E-transfer, [treasurerkuc09@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerkuc09@gmail.com) (note that the e-mail address has changed) and in the comment section, 'OSM Food Cupboard' and your civic mailing address for the receipt); Charitable receipts will be issued for donations over \$20. Any donation large or small will be deeply appreciated. Thank you for supporting families, experiencing a lack of food in our communities, through the OSM Food Cupboard. The Food Cupboard serves Otonabee-South Monaghan Township and Hiawatha First Nation.

**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.



**2026 Peterborough Diocesan CWL Convention**

April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2026  
St. Mary's High School, Cobourg  
Deadline to Register March 30<sup>th</sup>  
For more information contact  
Anna Marie Bolin 705-742-8249

The Way of



the Cross

**Palm Sunday**

**March 29, 2026**

	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	Colleen Petersen	MA Burnie & A Pecoskie	Craig & Carol Kelly
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Bob O'Brien	R. Ciraulo & MP Goodridge	Anne Coughlin & Barb Lynch
10:30 a.m.	Sue Livings	AM Bolin & Julia Davis	Grace & Joy Davis

## 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).

## Way of the Cross 2026

Mark your calendars! Way of the Cross returns this Good Friday, April 3rd, 2026! Beginning at 10 AM at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, the young people of the Diocese will reenact the Stations of the Cross along Hunter Street leading to Immaculate Conception Parish on Rogers Street. All are welcome!

## Keene Lions Club Good Friday Fish Fry

will be held at the Lions Den in Keene on Friday April 3rd from 4-7pm. Eat in or take out Dinners include fish, fries, coleslaw, bun, tartar sauce and a cold drink. The one piece dinner is \$14.00 and the two piece dinner is \$18.00. Good value and good cause.



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



Anyone interested in World Youth Day 2027 are invited to attend an information session on March 11th at 7:00 PM.

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.

## Journey Through Lent With Bishop Miehm

As we journey through Lent 2026, I am pleased to inform you that the Fifth Sunday of Lent video of the series titled “Journey through Lent” is now available on the CCCB website:

in English: <https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>  
in French: <https://www.cecc.ca/careme/>

## Development & Peace

Saturday, April 11th, 2026

**SAVE THIS SPECIAL DATE!!!**

Stay tuned for detailed information! ...

**\*Peterborough Diocesan Council with Toronto Archdiocesan Council Spring Mini-Retreat - IN-PERSON**

**Time:** 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

**Location:** St. John the Evangelist Parish  
903 Gifford St., WHITBY

## Stand for Justice, Peace, and Dignity!

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## Thank you for your generosity!

**March 15, 2026:** Offertory - \$2850.00

Fuel Fund - \$55.00

## Assumption Church Softball Registration

Boys and Girls ages 5 - 19 as of December 31, 2025

### Location and Date:



St. Alphonsus Hall downstairs

March 28-10am to 2pm

Cost is \$70 - \$100 plus a tee shirt

*Payment is required upon registration  
by cash or cheque*



**Please Note:** This will be the only sign-up date. Plan to attend the registration date to guarantee a spot for your child on a team. After this date, a spot cannot be guaranteed.

**Please plan to attend.**

**Email for information -**

[dianeldalessandro@gmail.com](mailto:dianeldalessandro@gmail.com) or  
[blondeau.kathy@gmail.com](mailto:blondeau.kathy@gmail.com)



## 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.



<b>Lenten Confession Times Before Easter</b>	
<b>Saturday March 28</b>	<b>5:45 pm - 6:30 pm</b>
<b>Sunday March 29</b>	<b>6:00 pm - 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday March 30</b>	<b>7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday March 31</b>	<b>7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday April 1</b>	<b>7:00 pm - 8:00 pm</b>



## **La Verna Winter Updates**

### **18 week FRANCISCAN-AT-HOME-RETREAT**

**For those too busy for a traditional retreat! A Spiritual Retreat centred upon the life and experiences of St. Francis of Assisi. Each week you receive a story from the life of St. Francis along with relevant scripture readings upon which to reflect and pray. There will be weekly 1 hour meetings in person to discuss the material and it's effect in your spiritual journey. Retreat fee \$25 (includes all materials and meetings).**

### **INDULGENCE TUESDAYS**

**First Tuesday of every month at La Verna For the Jubilee Year of St. Francis (800th year 1226-2026).**

## **GIVING TO GROW**

**Dear Friends,**

**Our Diocese is planning a Capital Campaign over the next few years, for present and future needs in the Parish and the Diocese. Each parish has been asked to form a campaign committee to help with this endeavour. If you have had experience with this kind of fund raising or if you are interested in getting involved with it, please speak with Msgr. Mike as soon as possible. We would like to form a committee of 4 to 6 people. There will be training available and I am assured of much help from the Diocese. Thank you for your consideration.**

**Msgr. Mike Heffernan**



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