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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.



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 26, 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 27 - MAY 3**

**MONDAY, April 27**

8:00 a.m. ~ Intentions of Betty Clark



**TUESDAY, April 28**

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

**WEDNESDAY, April 29**

**St Catherine of Siena**

8:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo



**THURSDAY, April 30**

**St Marie of the Incarnation**

8:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

**FRIDAY, May 1**

**St Joseph the Worker**

6:00 p.m. Adoration and Benediction

7:00 p.m. ~ In reparation for the outrages, Offenses and Blasphemies against Christ in the Holy Eucharist and Insults to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



**SATURDAY, May 2**

No morning Mass

**SUNDAY, May 3**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Gerry & Marie L'Esperance

9:00 a.m. + Sieglinde Kulla

(The Ironside Family)

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



**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.

**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/>.

**Celebrate the 170TH Anniversary**

**of St. John the Evangelist Church in Keene.**

**PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026**

**FOR MASS AT 10:30 AM**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 3, 2026**

	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
<b>5:00 p.m. (Sat)</b>	<b>Joanne Bolton</b>	<b>Jean Hall</b>	<b>Wayne &amp; Bev Harrington</b>
<b>Sun. 9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Noreen Malloy</b>	<b>Gladys Fowler</b>	<b>Jim &amp; Nora Zister</b>
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Anna Marie Bolin</b>	<b>Aileen Doris</b>	<b>Bonnie &amp; John Kuharski</b>

## 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

## 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.



## 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.



“**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!



## 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

## Thank you for your generosity!

**Easter April 19, 2026: Offertory - \$2089.00**

Fuel - \$40.00

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK WILL BE CELEBRATED in our province from May 3rd to 8th. This annual event is a way to for us to reflect on the many blessings that come to us through publicly funded Catholic education. Among other happenings, I am delighted that the province-wide Mass for Catholic Education week will be celebrated by me at our Cathedral, and with the participation and support of our PVNC Catholic community. That Mass will be livestreamed around the province, so that students, staff and parents may join with us virtually. All are welcome to join and celebrate on May 6, @ 11:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Peter-In-Chains.

## Free Lecture at St. Alphonsus Liguori

Do you know someone who needs help with a loved one who is struggling with addiction?

Join us Thurs. May 7, from 7-9 pm. St Alphonsus parish hall to hear Peterborough's own expert on disconnection and addiction, Dr. Peggy Shaughnessy, share her story. Learn how the program she successfully founded and developed could achieve a pathway to recovery!

A FREE event Co sponsored by Cathedral St Peter in Chains and St Alphonsus CWL councils.

ALL ARE WELCOME

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**April 26**



The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

## 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.

**Very Truly, I Tell You**



**I Am The Gate For The Sheep.**



**Celebrate the 170<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of  
St. John the Evangelist  
Keene**



**PLEASE JOIN US ON  
SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026  
FOR MASS AT 10:30 AM**



Come and enjoy some light  
refreshments after the  
mass.

**Help to spread the word!  
Everyone is welcome**



## **Bishop Miehm Appointed Bisop of the Diocese of London, Ontario**

**APRIL 21, 2026**

It has been announced today that His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Most Reverend Daniel Miehm as the eleventh bishop of the Diocese of London. Bishop Miehm has served the Diocese of Peterborough since 2017 and will now succeed the Most Reverend Ronald Fabbro who is retiring after having served faithfully as the Bishop of London since 2002.

Bishop Miehm will be installed as the Bishop of London at a Mass to be celebrated at St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica on June 29th, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul.

### **La Verna**

#### **HEALING HEARTS**

A Catholic Grief outreach to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one in the recent past (1-3 years). Monthly meetings with a limit of 8 participants to preserve each participant's sense of trust and intimacy. Initial meeting Wednesday, April 29th, 7 - 9pm In the La Verna Chapel (820 Frank St.) For further details or to register, please call 705-243-9131 or email: [laverna@capuchins.ca](mailto:laverna@capuchins.ca)

### **Parenting Tip #178**

Easter is a special season for the Church, where we remember Jesus' suffering, but rejoice in his resurrection and the hope it brings to each one of us. When we read simple versions of the Easter story, we offer children a beautiful understanding of what Easter is all about. They will see the Paschal candle at the Church, which is lit at the Easter Vigil Mass, so explain that it represents the light and hope Christ brought to the world. Remind them that Easter eggs (even when chocolate!) are meant to represent new life, just as the resurrection brings new life to all. All of this will help them to understand the liturgical celebrations you attend together and to know how much God loves them.



## ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

The Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough announces the following appointments of clergy. These are effective on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, unless otherwise noted.

### **PASTORS**

Father Michael Nneji St. Joseph's Parish, Bracebridge

Father Chuka Raphael Obiadi, SMMM St. Alphonsus Parish, Wooler, and Holy Angels Parish,  
Brighton

Father Israel Oruebi, MSP St. John the Evangelist Parish, Kirkfield

Father Roy Villas St. Luke's Parish, Downeyville

### **ASSOCIATE PASTORS**

Father Chimaobi Mbawuike, SMMM St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish, Peterborough  
Effective on May 1

Father Michael Nwadinobe, SMMM St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Cobourg  
Effective on August 1

### **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

Father Max Délamour Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Hastings  
Effective on July 29

### **STUDY LEAVE**

Father Peter Lukow One year at St. Paul's University, Ottawa  
Effective on July 29

(Father Lukow retains the office of pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Hastings)

### **CHAPLAIN TO TRENT UNIVERSITY & FLEMING COLLEGE**

Father Adam Pantaleo *On loan from the Archdiocese of Toronto*

### **DEPARTING THE DIOCESE**

Father Chukwudi Jieme, SMMM

Issued on Friday, April 17, 2026 by + Most Reverend Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough.

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

**He leads me beside still waters.**

**He restores my soul.**

**He leads me in paths of righteousness**

**for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the valley**

**of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil,**

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff,**

**they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me**

**in the presence of my enemies;**

**you anoint my head with oil;**

**my cup overflows.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**all the days of my life,**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**



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