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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.

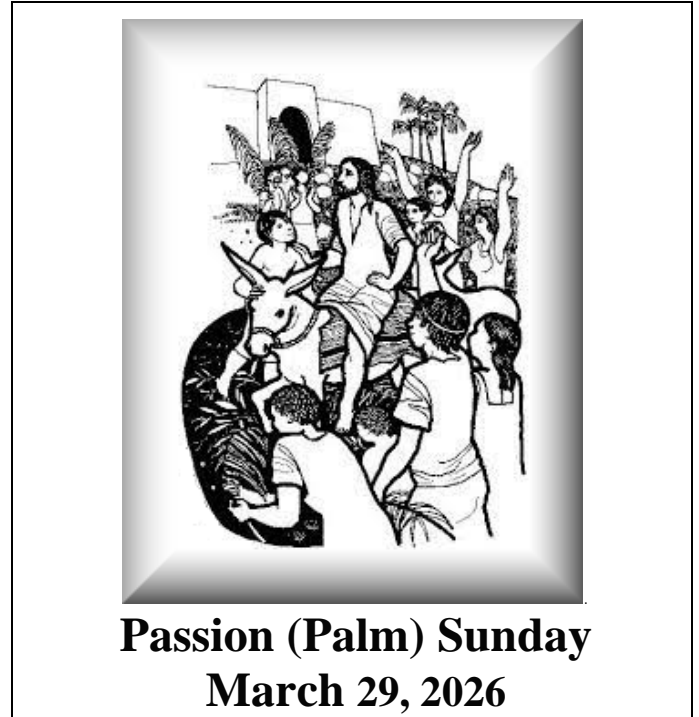
NEW PARISHIONERS—

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.



Passion (Palm) Sunday
March 29, 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**

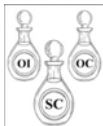
MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 30 - APRIL 5

MONDAY, March 30
NO MASS IN PARISH



2:00 p.m. Mass of Chrism [in the Cathedral]



TUESDAY, March 31
8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, April 1
8:00 a.m. + Jack & Marie Crough
(Anne Pecoskie-Schweir)

THURSDAY, April 2
Holy Thursday
7:00 p.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo



FRIDAY, April 3
Good Friday
3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross



SATURDAY, April 4
Holy Saturday
No morning Mass

SUNDAY, April 5
Easter Vigil
8:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Missa Pro Populo

Easter Sunday
9:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo



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

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.



The Way of  the Cross

Lenten Food Drive Wrap up

This is the final week of our Lenten food drive to support Keene Cupboard. If you are planning to donate food, all donations must be to the Church by the end of Mass on Sunday. The donations will be picked up on Monday of Holy Week (March 30).



Cash donations are accepted at any time. 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 (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.

2026 Peterborough Diocesan CWL Convention

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

POP CAN TABS

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



Holy Week		April 2 - 3, 2026	
	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
Thurs 7:00 p.m.			
Fri. 3:00 p.m.	Joanne Bolton	R. Turpin & V. Collicutt	Betty Clark & Family

Easter Sunday		April 5, 2026	
	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
8:00 p.m. (Sat)	Noreen Malloy	C.W.L.	Wanda Clancy & Joanne Bolton
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Judy Lukes	Patrick Lynch	Al & Val Collicutt
10:30 a.m.	Aileen Doris	Rose Wornoff	Jackie Bolin

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.

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.



Lenten Confession Times Before Easter

Sunday March 29	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Monday March 30	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Tuesday March 31	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesday April 1	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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.



Journey Through Lent With Bishop Miehm

As we journey through Lent 2026, I am pleased to inform you that the Palm 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!

Since 1967, **Development and Peace — Caritas Canada**, the Catholic Church’s official international development organization, has been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South. Rooted in **Catholic Social Teaching**, we champion **dignity, participation, solidarity, care for the poor, and integrity**—supporting partner-led projects that touch **over 7 million lives in 30+ countries**.

Thank you for your generosity!

March 15, 2026: Offertory - \$2250.00

Development & Peace - \$1005.00

Diocesan Charities - \$255.00

Fuel Fund - \$20.00

40th 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 to register. While some details are still being finalized, this meeting will allow us to ask the questions we have.

Peterborough Pro Life

Peterborough Pro Life AGM will host, Celina Traynor, Director of Communications for PAFE (Parents As First Educators) on "How the Family is Undermined in Canadian Schools - Our Response". Saturday, April 18th, 12 noon, Knights of Columbus Hall. Lunch provided. We encourage parents to attend this informative talk.

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Holy Week Schedule 2026

Palm Sun. Sat. 5:00 p.m. (A)
[Mar. 28-29] **Sun. 9:00 a.m. (A)**
Sun. 10:30 a.m. (St J)

Holy Thurs. Thur. 7:00 p.m. (A)
[Apr. 2]

Good Fri. Fri. 3:00 p.m. (A)
[Apr. 3] **Stations 7:00 p.m. (A)**

Holy Sat. Vigil 8:00 p.m. (A)
[Apr. 4]

Easter Sun. Sun. 9:00 a.m. (A)
[Apr. 5] **Sun. 10:30 a.m. (St J)**



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>

Immaculate Conception Parish - Peterborough

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



Mass of Chrism

Monday March 30, 2026

at 2:00 p.m. in the Cathedral
of St. Peter-in-Chains



Everyone welcome to attend.

Please Note: No Mass in the Parish on this Day to encourage attendance to the Chrism Mass.



Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence from Meat.

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

How Is Easter Determined?

Easter falls on the first Sunday after the Full Moon date, based on mathematical calculations, that falls on or after March 21. If the Full Moon is on a Sunday, Easter is celebrated on the following Sunday.

Although Easter is liturgically related to the beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere (March equinox) and the Full Moon, its date is not based on the actual astronomical date of either event.

March 21 is the Church's date of the March equinox, regardless of the time zone, while the actual date of the equinox varies between March 19 and March 22, and the date depends on the time zone.

The date of the Paschal Full Moon, used to determine the date of Easter, is based on mathematical approximations following a 19-year cycle called the Metonic cycle.

Both dates may coincide with the dates of the astronomical events, but in some years, they don't.



Diocese of Peterborough

Message for Holy Week and Easter 2026

Dear Friends in the Diocese of Peterborough,

Pilgrimage was a big part of last year's Jubilee of Hope, and perhaps you participated in one. Rome is always "pilgrim central" at these special times for the Church and while many groups and individuals flock to the city, it is impractical for most people to get there. I was happy to see that many people visited one or more of our four Jubilee churches in the diocese, and hundreds came out for our pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine in September. Pilgrimage is always a central feature of a holy year, as our physical journey mirrors a spiritual one, and our longing to grow closer to God.

The whole Church makes a kind of pilgrimage in Holy Week, journeying with our Lord through the mysteries of his passion, death and resurrection. Beginning with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, we step with him into the Upper Room on the night of the Last Supper and follow him to Calvary and his cross on Good Friday. But we are never in doubt about the end point of the journey, which is the bright dawn of Easter Sunday, the empty tomb and the angel who declares, "He is risen!"

I pray that this Holy Week journey through the great mysteries of our faith may be a source of strength and hope for you. Our pilgrimage through life may have some twists and turns along the way, but we are always confident in the Lord who has gone before us, has defeated the powers of darkness, and who constantly invites us to follow him on the great adventure and journey of faith. May the Lord bless you abundantly this Holy Week and Easter.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Daniel J. Miehm

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