



# 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.

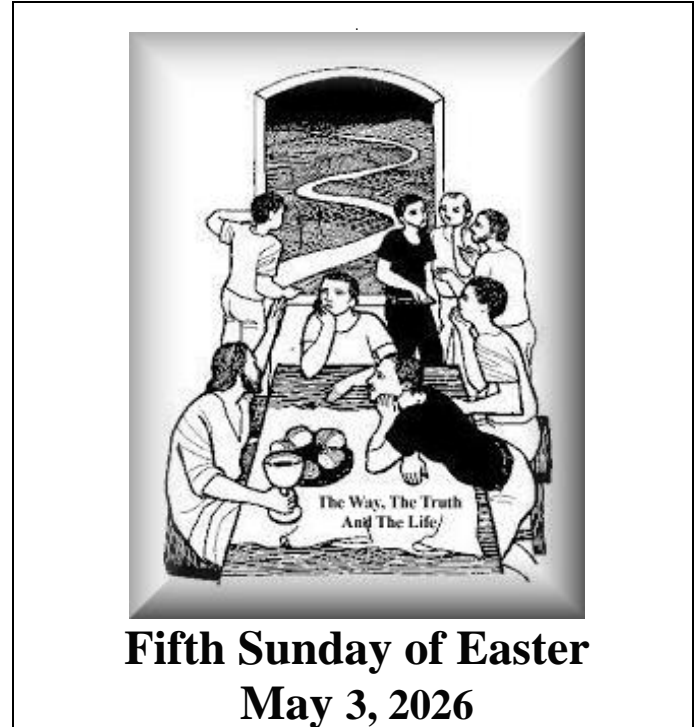
#### **NEW PARISHIONERS—**

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.



**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 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**

**MAY 4 - 10**

MONDAY, May 4

8:00 a.m. ~ Intentions Paul & Liz Heffernan



TUESDAY, May 5

**PLEASE NOTE - Mass today is in the morning**

8:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo

WEDNESDAY, May 6

**St Francois de Laval**

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention



THURSDAY, May 7

8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

(Noreen & Mike Malloy)

FRIDAY, May 8

6:00 p.m. Adoration and Benediction

7:00 p.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo



SATURDAY, May 9

No morning Mass

SUNDAY, May 10

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Frank & Lina Mauro  
(Estate of Lina Mauro)

9:00 a.m. + Eibhlin Dolly  
(Carina Kealy)



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.



**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**

**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/>.

**Come and join us on Tue. May 5th**

**At 11:00 a.m. for a demonstration by Betty Clark on making 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.**



**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 10, 2026**

	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Gift Bearers</u>
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	Eileen Parry	Colleen Petersen	Craig & Carol Kelly
Sun. 9:00 a.m.	Bob O'Brien	Mary Pat Goodridge	Pat Scott & Diane Deighan
10:30 a.m.	Aileen Doris	Julia Davis	Grace & Joy Davis

## 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!



MAiD

Kills the Body  
And the Soul



**Catholic Education Week**  
**May 3 - 8, 2026**

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 concelebrate 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

## Thank you for your generosity!

**April 26, 2026:** Offertory - \$2355.00  
Fuel - \$5.00

**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

## Abraham Festival

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Abraham Festival on Saturday  
May 9 1:30 pm at Mark Street United Church.



## Upcoming Parish Events



### First Communion

Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Mass



### Confirmation

Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Mass

## 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.



## 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 [aruelan@uwo.ca](mailto:aruelan@uwo.ca) or follow the Diocesan Youth social media pages to stay up to date.

**Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Believe in God, believe also in me.**

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