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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
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.

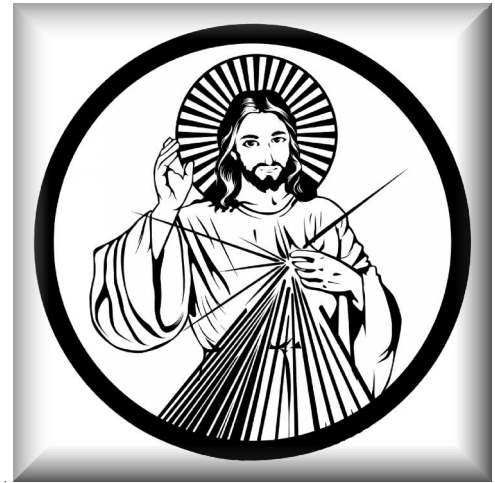
NEW PARISHIONERS—

**Have you registered in our Parish?
“Parish Census” Forms can be found
at the back of the Churches. Please introduce
yourself to Fr. 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.



**Divine Mercy Sunday
April 16, 2023**

Parish Office: Phone: (705) 741-1018

**Secretary: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Catholic Women's League:

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

Knights of Columbus:

►

Marriage: Registered Parishioners must contact
the Parish Office twelve 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 Fr. 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 Father
at ANYTIME**

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 17 – APRIL 23

MONDAY, April 17
St. Kateri Tekakwitha
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

TUESDAY, April 18
Bl. Marie-Anne Blondin
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, April 19
 8:00 a.m. ~ Don & Sharon O’Leary

(Family)

THURSDAY, April 20
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

FRIDAY, April 21
St. Anselm
 6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration & Benediction
 7:00 p.m. + Paolo Michalopulo

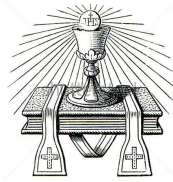
(Peter & family)

SATURDAY, April 22

No morning Mass

SUNDAY, April 23
3rd Sunday of Easter
 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Missa Pro Populo
 9:00 a.m. + Bernard Clancy
 10:30 a.m. (Keene) + John Verhoeven

(Family)



LIVE-STREAMING OF THE MASS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

The Mass for the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2023.

The Mass will be available thereafter on the YouTube channel for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough.

Please join in prayer:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XL_r6aI2Ly4

Divine Mercy

Through St. Faustina, the Merciful Savior has given the aching world new channels for the outpouring of His grace. These new channels include the *Image of The Divine Mercy*, the *Feast of Mercy* (Divine Mercy Sunday), the *Chaplet*, the *Novena to The Divine Mercy*, and prayer at 3 o’clock in the afternoon, the *Hour of Great Mercy*.

Although these means of receiving God’s mercy are new in form, they all proclaim the timeless message of God’s merciful love. They also draw us back to the great Sacrament of Mercy, the Holy Eucharist, where the living Lord, who suffered and died on the Cross and whose Heart was pierced with a lance, pours forth His mercy on all mankind, and grants pardon to all who draw near and honor Him.

As Jesus told St. Faustina:

My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners...[I]t is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy. (Diary, 367) <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions>

Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for April

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

LAY MINISTRY Eucharistic Minister
 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) Colleen Petersen
 Sun 9:00 a.m. Noreen Malloy
 10:30 a.m. Julia Davis

Lector
 Joanne Bolton
 Bob Holland
 Jackie Bolin

Gift Bearers
 Greg & Jean Hall
 Allan & Valerie Collicutt
 Doris Family

C.W.L. News

CWL Convention



The 2023 CWL convention is on **April 29th & 30th** at St. Peter High School. All members are welcome. For further information go to CWL Peterborough website & to 2023 Convention or contact Anna Marie at 705-742-8249.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU

The Lenten Food Drive was a great success. Over 100 lbs of food was collected. Considering Lent has ended and food prices are high this is true penance. Some of the food donated was intermingled with other supplies for recipient pickups this past Thursday. Sincere thanks to all.

Save the Date!

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE – OTTAWA May 11, 2023

Pro-Life Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral 7:30 am
Bus leaves Cathedral parking lot 8:15 am

Various pickup locations

\$30 per person, \$35 family, \$10 student,
Clergy & Religious free

For info/reservation contact Elizabeth 705-292-7056 or email eldonald500@gmail.com

This is a yearly peaceful event to show opposition to the killing of innocent babies.

Please pray for the respect and sanctity of all human life which begins at the moment of conception and ends with natural death.

COME ONE COME ALL!!!!!!

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Campbellford, invites you to the 40th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr. Bill Moloney on **Saturday, May 27th** with Mass at 5:00pm at the church followed by a social hour, Dinner, “**roast**” and a dance at the Campbellford Curling Club. Tickets are \$75 a person and must be purchased by April 15th. To order tickets or if you have any questions, please call 705-653-1093.

WYD Spaghetti Dinner

Please join the WYD pilgrims for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Sacred Heart, 208 Romaine St., Peterborough, on **Saturday May 6, 6:30 pm**. Cost \$25.00 and tickets available at St. Peter-in-Chains.

Project Rachel

Hurt by abortion? Project Rachel is a ministry for women who have suffered the loss of a child from abortion. The hiddenness, the aloneness, and the grief are met by volunteers and God's healing power. Our next weekend retreat is being offered at St. Mary of Egypt Refuge, **April 28-30** – “Come away.”

For information about Project Rachel, visit stmarysrefuge.org/rachel, and call 289-691-6840 or e-mail projectrachel@stmarysrefuge.org. “Cease your cries of mourning, wipe the tears from your eyes. The sorrow you have shown shall have its reward. . . . There is hope for your future.” (Jeremiah 31:16-17).

CHALICE

The war in Ukraine has taken a significant toll on the lives of the people who live there. If you wish you can still [donate to the Ukraine relief fund](#) through Chalice. A generous private donor has agreed to match donations up to \$500,000, doubling your impact.

If you need further information, please call 1.800.776.6855.

WORLD YOUTH DAY BOTTLE DRIVE

Clean out all your empty cans, beer, wine and liquor bottles post St. Patrick's Day! **Please drop off at Immaculate Conception on May 27 from 9:30-2 pm**. All proceeds go to WYD pilgrims. Thank you!

St. Paul's Catholic Elementary School Norwood--50th Anniversary

Join in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. Paul's Catholic Elementary School in Norwood on Saturday April 29, 2-4:30 pm, with Holy Mass at 5 pm at St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Thank you for your generosity!

April 7: Good Friday \$970.00

Development & Peace \$50.00

Other Lenten \$50.00

April 9: Easter \$3760.00 Fuel \$10.00

Development & Peace \$25.00 Good Friday \$195.00

Other Lenten Charities \$25.00

La Verna



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La Verna Notes

SPRING 2023

Dear Friends of La Verna,

Peace and All Good! Finally it seems as if spring has begun to arrive here in Peterborough and the Kawartha's, for myself the harbingers of the change of season are the return of the robins and of course the appearance of buckets clinging to Maple trees when I travel outside of Peterborough. Maple syrup season has begun, ergo spring is arriving in its fullness. As Lent is a season of conversion, transition and turning our lives toward our Lord God, so Easter is the season of renewal and return to new life and the fulfillment of the promises of Lent, even the air smells and feels fresher lately.

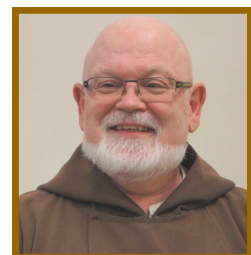
Here at La Verna our Lenten retreats were modest yet quite successful and our Lenten Wednesday Guided Meditations also have garnered a small gathering of seekers, such that our modest Chapel has been comfortably full. We are anticipating our first Easter here in the Diocese of Peterborough and the Easter events which the Diocese is offering, especially the Chrism Mass and Way of the Cross. We encourage you to come out and support your Diocese's Easter events with an open heart seeking God's grace and continuing conversion.

As we look beyond Easter, Bro Stephen and I are looking into what other spiritual offerings we are able to bring to you through out the warmer months ahead. One of the first of these is coming in May, and that will be the return of the 'Holy Relics' of St. Pio to our Diocese. The month of May is also St Pio's birth month, he was born on 25 May, 1887. It is also a month dedicated to the B.V.M, to whom St Pio had a deep devotion. The relics we hope, will be able to visit one parish in each Deanery on the Saturday of each weekend. In between, they will of course be available for veneration in our La Verna Chapel (all times and details to be announced in the very near future).

We also are discussing the possibility of developing new programs for the fall, possibilities include a presentation or workshop on the Social Justice teachings of the Church, maybe a Psalms course and an Information Day for anyone interested in the Secular Franciscans (formerly the Third Order) among others... all will be revealed in the fulness of time as it is said.

We also want to acknowledge and thank all those who have come out over the past eight months since our arrival, and who welcomed us to the Diocese and supported our initial retreats and spiritual programs, and in particular those parishes who have invited and welcomed us into their local parish communities.

Bro Alan R. Gaebel, ofm, cap



In Christ, Francis & Clare
Bro Alan R. Gaebel, ofm, cap +



Bro Alan and Bro Stephen wish you a Happy and Holy Easter Season
May the Blessings of the Resurrection Enlighten Your Hearts



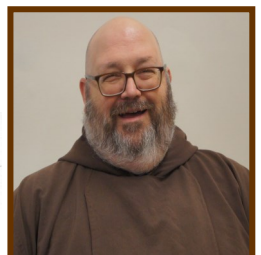
Dear Friends;

A new season is upon us, there is change in the air. The robins are back searching for worms and grubs in the earth that is no longer frozen and covered in snow. Soon new life will bud forth in the trees and flowers will once again bloom. This new life brings with it excitement and a sense of hope. We live in a changing world, a world created by God, and it is good. "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day." (Genesis 1:31) Let us embrace the goodness of what God created out of love, through love, and for love. We are part of God's creation, as so we are created for love, that is to love, and to be loved. This is the only thing God asks of us.

We tend to over think our actions often trying to justify denying love, because love in a world of sin can sometimes feel uncomfortable. In order to have the fullness of love we need to embrace the uncomfortable, this is what love calls us to do. St. Francis received the gift of understanding this when he embraced the leper, as he writes in his Testament "When I was in sin, the sight of lepers nauseated me beyond measure; but then God himself led me into their company, and I had pity on them. When I had once become acquainted with them, what had previously nauseated me became a source of spiritual and physical consolation for me. After that I did not wait long before leaving the world." The leper of Francis' world was separated from the society and cast out, because of fear. They were not welcomed in society. They were denied love. Denying anyone of love is the definition of sin. Jesus tells us to "love our neighbors as our self" and he makes it clear that our neighbor is not just those with whom we agree or share a common opinion with but rather all people and indeed all of the created universe!

I leave you with the following to contemplate. Who is your leper? Who do you need to embrace?
Who needs to feel love and be welcomed into our churches and homes. Who has been made to feel cast out? Who have we denied our love?

Bro Stephen Van Massenhoven, ofm, cap



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On the Move at La Verna

Mass Intentions celebrated at La Verna in 2023 is 26

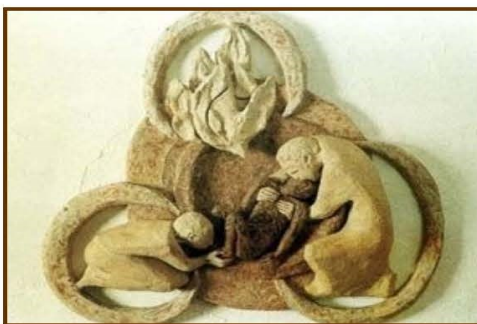
Saturday 14 January	Presentation to Peterborough Diocese Diaconal Candidates on Franciscan Spirituality
January & February	Bro Stephen helped out at St Martin de Tours Parish in Ennismore ON for 7 weekends
Saturday 25 February	Following St Francis through Lent—Lenten Retreat #1 (La Verna Chapel)
Throughout Lent	Wednesday evenings Lenten Guided Meditations (La Verna Chapel)
Saturday 11 March	Annual Retreat for St Felix of Cantalice Secular Franciscan Fraternity, Toronto
Saturday 18 March	Following St Francis through Lent—Lenten Retreat #2 (La Verna Chapel)
Saturday 07 April	Diocesan Way of the Cross
Saturday 15 April	First of four monthly presentations on the Holy Trinity, "Imbued Love, Love En-fleshed"
April 22–30	Bro Stephen helping out at St Thomas More Parish in Millbrook ON for 3 weekends
Saturday 22 April	Bro Alan giving a Retreat to Mt Alverno Secular Franciscan Fraternity, Orangeville
Sunday 23 April	Bro Alan assisting with two Secular Franciscan Professions, Mt Alverno Fraternity, Orangeville
Saturday 29 April	Patronal Feast: Mary Mother, of the Good Shepherd (Capuchins of Central Canada)
Saturday's during May	St Pio Relics visit Deaneries of the Peterborough Diocese (details to be announced)
Sunday 7 May	Second of four monthly presentations on the Holy Trinity, "Love Loosed, God Among Us"
May 29–Jun2	Capuchins of Central Canada Friar's Retreat (La Verna closed)
Saturday June 17	Third of four monthly presentations on the Holy Trinity, "Love Reigns Supreme"
Saturday July 8	Fourth presentation on the Holy Trinity, "The Shack"
Saturday 16 September	St Alphonsus Ligouri Parish CWL annual retreat will be given by La Verna



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A Divine Romance—The Trinity "A Franciscan Perspective on The Holy Trinity"



We will first explore the relationship which exists among the Godhead, the persons of the Holy Trinity. Specifically we will ask what we mean when we say "God IS Love" and the attributes of "God as a Father". We will also delve into the significance of "the Logos or Word of God" and the enfleshing of this Word in the person of Jesus of Nazareth and his ministry around the Galilee. Will also consider the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Trinity—God's Life, and our entry point into this Divine Romance.

PART ONE	"IMBUED LOVE, LOVE ENFLESHED"	Saturday, 15 April, 2023 - 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
PART TWO	"LOVE LOOSED, GOD AMONG US"	Sunday, 07 May, 2023 - 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
PART THREE	"LOVE REIGNS SUPREME"	Saturday, 17 June, 2023 - 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
FINALE	"THE SHACK" (Movie: 2h20m, free)	Saturday, 08 July, 2023 - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

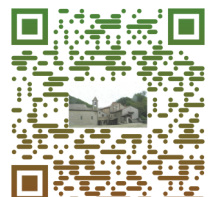
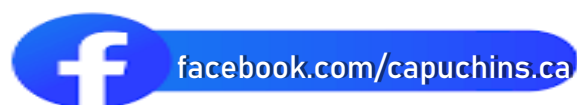
A suggested donation of \$15 / session except for the movie, includes light refreshments. Space limited to 10 participants, minimum 4 required



Do you need further information about our current and upcoming programs?
Call us or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/capuchins.ca

or on the Diocese of Peterborough website at

www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/life-and-faith/la-verna-house-of-prayer.aspx



Are you in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough ON?
Are you being called to Live the Spirituality of St Francis of Assisi?
Consider living a Committed Franciscan Life in the
Secular Franciscan Order as a married or single person 18+

Call Bro Alan at Laverna 705.243.9131 or at laverna@capuchins.ca

Remember, we welcome your Prayer and Mass intentions at La Verna
Let us join you in your prayer ... call or email us!



WORLD YOUTH DAY SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

YOU ARE INVITED

DATE

May 6th 2023
6:30PM

COST

\$25
Tickets can be picked up at
Cathedral Office

LOCATION

Sacred Heart Parish Hall
208 Romaine St,
Peterborough, ON K9J 2C4



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 LISBON PILGRIMAGE





St. Paul Catholic Elementary School invites the community of Norwood to join us in the celebration of our

50TH *Anniversary*

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN NORWOOD

Saturday, April 29, 2023

2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Mass at St. Paul Church

5:00 p.m.

Everyone Welcome!



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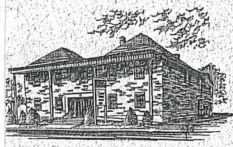
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