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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.



Resurrection of the Lord April 9, 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 10 – APRIL 16

MONDAY, April 10
Easter Octave
 8:00 a.m. ~ John & Helen Strano

TUESDAY, April 11
Easter Octave
 8:00 a.m. ~ Shirley Boos and family

(Family)

WEDNESDAY, April 12
Easter Octave
 8:00 a.m. ~ Special Intention

THURSDAY, April 13
Easter Octave
 8:00 a.m. + Hallam & Angela Welch & their parents
 (Family)

FRIDAY, April 14
Easter Octave
 6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration & Benediction
 7:00 p.m. ~ In reparation for the outrages, offences & blasphemies against Christ in the Holy Eucharist and insults to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

SATURDAY, April 15
Easter Octave
 No morning Mass

SUNDAY, April 16
Divine Mercy Sunday
 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) ~ Missa Pro Populo
 9:00 a.m. + Dolores O'Malley
 (Patrick & Terri O'Malley)
 10:30 a.m. (Keene) ~ Olga Mucci
 (Mucci family)



Livestreaming of the Mass for the Resurrection of the Lord

The Mass for the Resurrection of the Lord will be live-streamed from the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains on April 9, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Please click the link below to join in prayer:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4edIREhE6w>

CCCB Video---Journey EASTER

Journey through Lent will be available once again on the CCCB website. This year's Lenten reflections are delivered by His Eminence Gérald Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of Canada, and the Most Reverend Brian Joseph Dunn, Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth.

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent-2023/>

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."

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.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 16, 2023

LAY MINISTRY Eucharistic Minister
 5:00 p.m. (Sat.) Colleen Petersen
 Sun 9:00 a.m. Judy Lukes
 10:30 a.m. Aileen Doris

Lector
 Patrick Lynch
 Bob O'Brien
 Anna Marie Bolin

Gift Bearers
 Wayne & Bev Harrington
 Dolly Kylie & family
 Elaine & Gary Lambe

C.W.L. News



May you be blessed with our Lord's love and peace this Easter.
CWL Assumption / Keene

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.

Assumption Social Club

Assumption Social Club will host euchre the second Tuesdays of the month. Doors open at noon on April 11, and there'll be a light lunch at 1:45p.m. If you wish further info, contact Betty Clark at 705-742-2803.

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.

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!

Thank you for your generosity!

April 2: Offertory \$2,591.00 Fuel & 376.00
Development & Peace \$245.00
Other Lenten Charities \$65.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$458.00

Divine Mercy Sunday April 16, 2023



Jesus said to St. Faustina when he asked her to spread the devotion to the Divine Mercy:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My

inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

If you wish, there are pamphlets available at the back of the church with the novena. However, it is also available on this website:

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-13366>

Save the Date!

The 2023 National March for Life will take place on **May 11, 2023**, in Ottawa. 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.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

As spring begins, we see new life erupting everywhere. This is a great chance to point out the beauty of God's creation to your children, as buds form, trees bloom and flowers grow. Remind them of God's creative power and how he created all this for us, but also gave us the task of caring for His creations. We must nurture and protect God's created world. It is also a chance to remind them that life too has cycles and we can begin anew; the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to seek forgiveness and start anew, just as nature does each spring!



Easter Message 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We think of the word “Easter” as a noun, but the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins once used it as a verb. “Let him Easter in us,” Hopkins wrote in his 1875 poem “The Wreck of the Deutschland,” in which he recounted a shipwreck off the English coast that resulted in the death of five Franciscan nuns.

I was taught that a verb is an action word or one that expresses a state of being. It is intriguing to think of Easter as a verb, as something that is present and active here and now. Of course, we know that Easter refers to the great mystery of Jesus rising from the dead, bursting out of the tomb after having died on the cross for our salvation. But Hopkins’ use of Easter as a verb reveals another level of meaning: to say “let him Easter in us” is to proclaim that we share in the great mystery and victory of Christ. We are not mere spectators at the foot of the cross or at the empty tomb. Easter is not for Christ alone but is shared with all who believe in him. To have him “Easter in us” is to know there is something more to life than this human life, and something beyond death – that the grave does not have the last word. To have him “Easter in us” is to be freed from sin so as to live a new life for God.

Whatever troubles and worries may oppress us, whatever challenges afflict the Church and the world, we have a new way of being because Christ rose from the dead. That is Easter as a verb; something that impacts our entire life and the way we act in the world. To paraphrase the poet, may Christ Easter in you during this holy season and always.

Yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend Daniel Miehms
Bishop of Peterborough

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).

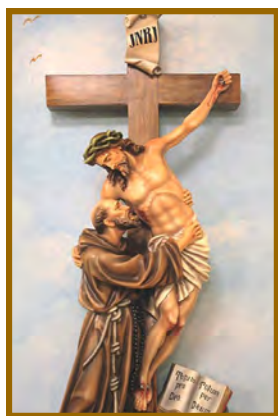
We also are discussing the possibility of developing new programs for the fall, possibilities include a presentation or workshop on the Social Justice teachings of the Church, maybe a Psalms course and an Information Day for anyone interested in the Secular Franciscans (formerly the Third Order) among 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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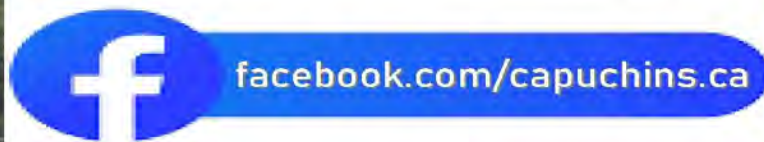
On the Move at La Verna

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

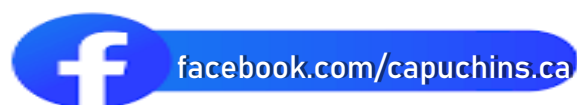
A suggested donation of \$15 / session except for the movie, includes light refreshments. Space limited to 10 participants, minimum 4 required



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,
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