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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.

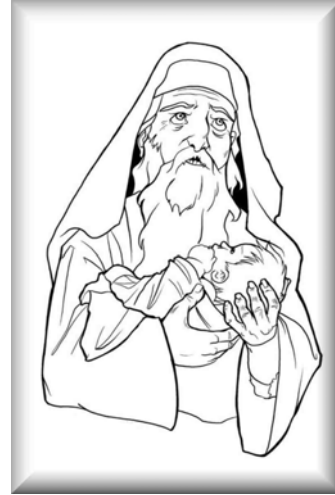
NEW PARISHIONERS—

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.



Holy Family December 31, 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

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 Msgr. Michael
about this after any of the Masses. Preparation
course is required.

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Sunday: 8:15 – 8:45 a.m.

**You may also book an appointment with Msgr.
at ANYTIME**

MASS INTENTIONS

JAN. 1-7

MONDAY,
Mary the Mother of God
9:00 a.m. ~ Missa Pro Populo



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

TUESDAY, January 2
Sts. Basil & Gregory
8:00 a.m. + Ruth Connolly
(C.W.L.)



WEDNESDAY, January 3
Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:00 a.m. ~ For all Those In Whose Memory Plants
Were Donated at Christmas

THURSDAY, January 4
8:00 a.m. ~ Stella Craigen
(Friends)

FRIDAY, January 5
6:00 p.m. ~ Adoration & Benediction
7:00 p.m. ~ In reparation for the outrages, offences &
And blasphemies against Christ in the
Holy Eucharist & insults to the Immaculate
Heart of Mary

SATURDAY, January 6
No morning Mass



SUNDAY, January 7
Feast of the Epiphany
4:00 pm (Sat.) + Deceased Members of the Pecoskie
& Lipinski Families
(Rose Rabishaw & Family)

9:00 a.m. + Cassie Meade
(Kievan & Joyce Lonergan)

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



CANCELLED STAMPS

Thanks to all who contributed to the collection of cancelled stamps in a fundraising effort for Development & Peace. The final day of stamp collection will be Sunday, January 14, at the back of Assumption Church. Again, thank you.



Thank you

To all those who donated flowers for Christmas - Mass for those in whose memory plants were donated will be celebrated on January 3RD at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Thank you to those who served in Liturgical Ministries (Reading, Helping with Communion, Gifts Bearers, Music) over Christmas and New Years. Special thanks to Joanne, Judy and Barb for decorating the Church for Christmas. The Church was beautiful.

800th Anniversary of St. Francis & the Creche---Plenary Indulgence from Dec 8-Feb 2, 2024

The Conference of the Franciscan Family is pleased to announce that a Plenary Indulgence has been granted on this, the 800th Anniversary of St Francis of Assisi's establishment the Christmas Crib (Creche) at Greccio, Italy in 1223. This Plenary Indulgence is available from **Dec 08, 2023 until Feb 2, 2024**. It may be obtained by visiting a Church, Oratory or Chapel served by the Franciscans and praying before the nativity scene present there. For further information or to visit please call La Verna 705-243-9131



2024 Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference!

The event will be held Saturday, February 24, 2024 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall in North Bay, Ontario. This event is for ages 13-19 and includes a day full of prayer, music, workshops, games, Catholic vendors and presentations from our Keynote Speaker, David Patterson. David has led the way in youth ministry, high school chaplaincy and most recently through social media by founding Yes Catholic, an organization that calls young people to the Catholic faith by sharing real life stories that have the power to change hearts. Young people from all over Northern Ontario and beyond are welcome to attend this Conference. We invite you to begin to invite students from your parishes and schools to represent you at this Catholic Leadership Conference. This day will build up faith and personal gifts and talents to form young Catholic leaders in our communities.

Registration **opens January 2, 2024**. See all the details at our new website: www.northerncatholic.ca

Epiphany

LAY MINISTRY
4:00 p.m. (Sat.)
Sun 9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister
Eileen Parry
Judy Lukes
Sue Livings

Reader
Roddy Turpin
Bob O'Brien
Mary Macfarlane

Jan. 6 - 7, 2024
Gift Bearers
Colleen Petersen & Rose Rabishaw
Wava Brown & Dorothy O'Brien
Grace & Joy Davis

The First CWL meeting of 2024 will be on January 2ND at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. come and join us.



350th Anniversary of the Apparitions of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Beginning December 27, 2023 (1st Apparition to St. Maragret Mary Alacoque) His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm has decreed Plenary & Partial Indulgences in celebration of this devotion. Please see the decree here on our webpage: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/JubileeSacredHeart/>

Sacred Heart, Peterborough, Sacred Heart, Trout Creek, and Sacred Heart Mission, Harwood/Baltimore are the designated parishes. All parishes will be holding events marking the Jubilee.

Sacred Heart Peterborough

“Reliving the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus according to Saint Margret Mary Alacoque” – Dates that highlight the 4 days of apparitions (beginning **December 27, 2023, at 6:30 pm**). Poster with all dates and information is attached. Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity and consecration of parishioners to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. A Novena will be said 9 months in advance of the closing Solemnity on June 27, 2025.

Sacred Heart Trout Creek

The jubilee will begin on December 27, 2023, the anniversary of the first apparition, and will conclude on the Feast of the Sacred Heart in 2025. The jubilee’s theme is “render love for love.”

In honor of this jubilee, we at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Trout Creek, Ontario, will have activities planned throughout the year beginning with a **Votive Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on January 5, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.** We will have a prayer to The Sacred Heart to give out to all parishioners to be said at Mass and at home every Friday for the duration of the Jubilee.

Beginning on May 30th, 2024 is a Novena to the Sacred Heart which will end on June 7th, the Feast Day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with Veneration of Relics, a short talk, and Mass beginning @ 5:30 p.m. to commemorate this Feast Day.

To conclude the Jubilee, Bishop Daniel Miehm will be with us to celebrate Mass on the **Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 27, 2025.**

Schedule of Masses For New Years



The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God (New Years)

Sun. Dec. 31 - 4:00 p.m. - Otonabee
 Mon. Jan. 1 - 9:00 a.m. - Otonabee
 Mon. Jan. 1 - 10:30 a.m. - Keene



**Catholic Women’s Leadership Program
 2024-2025 Leadership Program
 Now Open For Applications**

We are happy to announce that we are currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 cohort of the Catholic Women Leadership Program. This Program provides an excellent opportunity for Canadian Catholic women from all walks of life, who are committed to making a difference in society, by developing their leadership skills.

[HOME | Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation \(CWLF\) \(cwlfcanada.ca\)](https://www.cwlfcanada.ca)

Steubenville 2024

The Peterborough Diocesan Youth Office is presently organizing a group to take part in the Steubenville Youth Conferences on June 28-30, 2024, in Steubenville, Ohio. Youth in high school (grades 9-12) are welcome to join our Youth Office group from across the diocese, especially from parishes who cannot form a sizeable group of their own. Final costs will be determined as soon as possible but any interested parishes and/or youth should let us know by January 15th, 2024. Let us know at 705-745-5123 or at frstephendecarlo@peterboroughdiocese.org. For more information on the Steubenville Youth Conference, visit <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/>



Happy New Year

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.



Thank you for your generosity!
December 24, 2023: Offertory \$1,663.00
 Christmas \$4930.00;

Feast of Mary, The Mother of God

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 Jackie Bolin

Dec. 31 - Jan. 1

Gift Bearers

Sharon Hunt & Dianne Doherty
 Pat Scott
 Bonnie & John Kuharski

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Starting on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hl64aoCzIU>

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (WORLD DAY OF PEACE)

Starting on Sunday, December 31, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

<https://youtube.com/live/0fe70jBHnLY>

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Starting on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

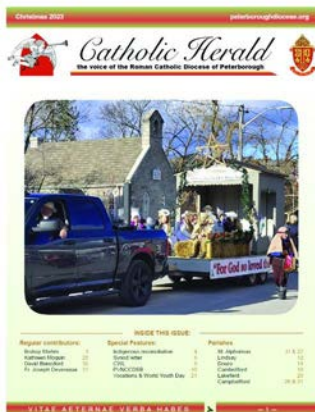
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yyxnrrc18il>

Happy New Year from the CWL

Wishing you gratitude for years past, joy in the present, and hope for the future.

Wayside Matching Gift Campaign

Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School, a Catholic, classical independent school located in Peterborough, has just announced a \$150,000 matching gift campaign. All donations to the school will be DOUBLED by two generous donors. If Wayside raises the first \$50,000 by December 31, Headmaster Dr. John Jalsevac and Board Chair Frank Callaghan have agreed to do a polar plunge in January to raise awareness about the school and the campaign. To donate, or find out more, visit www.olwayside.ca/campaign. E-transfers can be sent to donate@olwayside.ca. Cheques can be sent to 575 Centre Line, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X5.



The Catholic Herald - Christmas 2023

The Catholic Herald will be distributed in parishes & missions at Christmas, and it is available online through the link below.

Web Link: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/catholicherald/>

The Holy



Family

PATH

Peterborough Action For Tiny Homes

Peterborough Action for Tiny Homes: PATH
P.O. Box 61, Peterborough ON K9J 6Y5

December 2023

Dear PATH supporter,

You are a valued community member; someone who cares about the city of Peterborough and all its residents. The homelessness crisis has hit us hard. There are at least 300 people unhoused. PATH has been working on solutions and has purchased 10 sleeping cabins, with 5 more ready to be built; we are working with the city to get all the necessary permissions.

PATH has been successful in helping to move the homelessness crisis to the top of the city's agenda. City council has adopted the "transitional supportive model of modular units" (sleeping cabins) with wraparound services which PATH has been promoting for several years. This development is welcome but not enough. There will be people left unhoused. Some would prefer to be out of downtown. The PATH website www.pathptbo.org has information on Phase 1 and Phase 2, plus other important information.

PATH has secured a three-year lease with Habitat for Humanity for the sleeping cabins pilot project at 385 Lansdowne St. E. We have a financial partner in the Brock Mission, enabling donors to get tax receipts. The Elizabeth Fry Society of Peterborough is our operational partner providing the necessary wraparound services. While we await city council approvals to put residents in our sleeping cabins, we are starting with a modified day program, "**Ready for Home**".

With no government funding, we have relied on generous donors and volunteers. Despite all our steps forward, we needed, when we formed this fundraising committee in August, to raise \$240,000 by December. **We have already raised 80% of our target for this year!** We need you to get us all the way there. A new fundraising target will be set for 2024-2025. We have been told we need to show to the city "financial stability", as a non-governmental grassroots group.

Please consider donating to PATH this Christmas. Your gift will change the future for people experiencing homelessness. Every donation, no matter the size, invests in stability and opportunity for some of our city's most vulnerable people. You are about to do something amazing! Thank you for your kindness and support.

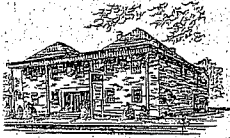
To donate: <https://pathptbo.org/donate/> or write a cheque, **payable to Brock Mission, with PATH in the memo line**, and mail it to **PATH (address above)**

p.s. A commitment to monthly donations would be wonderful. This would see us stabilized, allowing us to leverage what we are fundraising now to apply for foundation grants and government funding. Could you consider \$100/monthly or whatever you can afford, for the three years of the pilot program?

Sincerely, Sheila Nabigon-Howlett, for the PATH fundraising committee. www.pathptbo.org

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