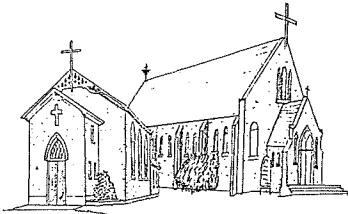




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**Pastor: Monsignor Michael Heffernan C.H.H.**

### 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

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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—

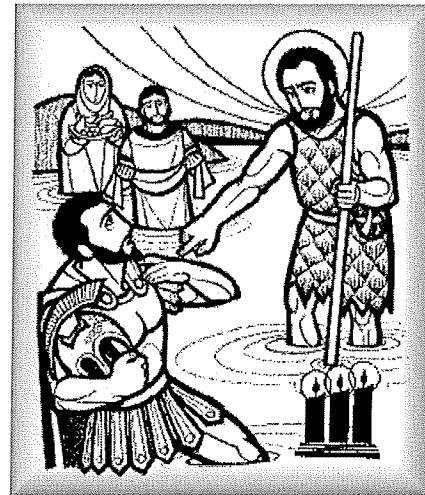
**Have you registered in our Parish?**

**“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.



## Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024

Parish Office: Phone: (705) 741-1018

Office Administrator: Nicolas Bryenton

**Office Hours: 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:** 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: 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**

**DECEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 22**

MONDAY, December 16  
8:00 am Special Intention

TUESDAY, December 17  
8:00 am Special Intention



WEDNESDAY, December 18  
No Mass

THURSDAY, December 19  
No Mass

FRIDAY, December 20  
No Mass

SATURDAY, December 21  
No morning Mass



SUNDAY, December 22

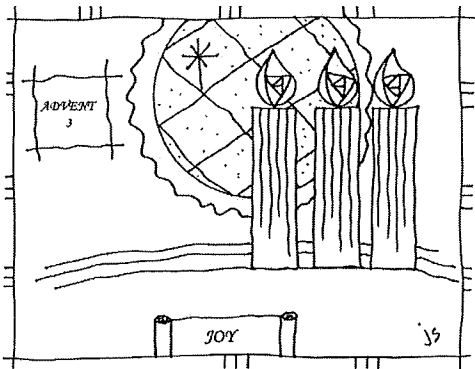
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

4:00 pm (Sat.) ~ Vern & Margaret Keating  
(Tom & Jane Foley)

9:00 a.m. + Harry, Lillian & Bernard English & Cathy Gibson

(Anne Coughlin)

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



**2025 YEAR OF JUBILEE**

Preparation of the Diocese for 2025

Praying for the 2025 Jubilee Year

[www.peterboroughdiocese.org/Jubilee2025](http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/Jubilee2025)

"Teach Us to Pray" - Living the Year of Prayer in Preparation for Jubilee 2025

[www.peterboroughdiocese.org/TeachUstoPray](http://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/TeachUstoPray)

**Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference**

This year's Northern Ontario Catholic Leadership Conference hosted by the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie is taking place on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall in North Bay.

This event is open to all young people aged 13-19 who will gather for a day of prayer led by International Catholic Speaker, Singer, Comedian and Social Media Icon Paul J. Kim. The day will also include time for socializing, recreation, personal reflection, prayer and reconciliation. This year's theme is "AWAKEN – Live for More" giving young people the chance to reflect on making Christ-centered choices in their life within the challenges of today's world.

**Registration is now open - and there is an early registration discount until January 17, 2025.**

See all the details at our website:

[www.northerncatholic.ca](http://www.northerncatholic.ca)

**Pilgrims of Hope---Jubilee Year 2025**

Jubilee Opening Mass will be on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:30 am at St. Peter-In-Chains, celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Daniel Miehm. The faithful will be asked to gather outside the Knights of Columbus Hall (parking lot area) facing the veranda to hear the introductory remarks for the Jubilee Year. We will all 'pilgrimage' across the street to St. Peter's for the continuation of the celebration of Holy Mass. Plenary Indulgences available for the pilgrimage. Poster **Save the Date!---Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Martyr's Shrine**

Plans are underway for a diocesan pilgrimage to the Martyrs shrine in Midland scheduled for Saturday September 20, 2025. Further details and registration will be available from your parish.



**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.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

LAY MINISTRY

4:00 p.m. (Sat.)

Sun. 9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister

Colleen Petersen

Noreen Malloy

Julia Davis

Reader

Joanne Bolton

Mary Pat Goodridge

Fern Hogan

Gift Bearers

Craig & Carol Kelly

Wava Brown & Lynda DeNoble

Doris Family

**December 21 - December 22, 2024**

## Christmas Concert---Sacred Heart Peterborough

Friday December 20 at 7 pm, Sacred Heart Church, Peterborough by The Sacred Heart Children's Choir and Bellsingers directed by Randy Mills. All are invited to attend.

## Development & Peace

Create Hope: Reaping our Rights campaign in solidarity with the peasant farmers who feed the world and care for the earth. We are collecting signatures across the country and a delegation will take the signatures to Ottawa for our rights and legislation. To sign up visit [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act). To become a member visit [devp.org/joinus](http://devp.org/joinus).

## Thank you for your generosity!

December 8, 2024: Offertory - \$1455.00

Fuel - \$10.00 St V. De P. - \$414.20

## Simbang Gabi

The Peterborough FilCan Catholic Community Group will be having its annual Simbang Gabi---a nine-day novena Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary and in preparation for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. St. Anne's Parish, 859 Barnardo Ave, Peterborough will be our host, and dinner will be served after each Mass. Sunday December 15, 5:00 pm, weekdays, Dec. 16-21 at 6:30 pm, Sunday December 22 at 5:00 pm and Monday Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

## 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.



## Peterborough Pregnancy Support Services

*A gold-coloured box will be on the back table during Advent to receive donations to Peterborough Pregnancy Support Services. This non-profit organization has a trained staff to provide hope and encouragement to women & men facing unplanned pregnancies. They do not offer abortion referrals. If you wish to make a donation by cheque, make it payable to PPSS. Tax receipts will be issued. Also, if you wish put cash in envelope be sure to include your name & address.*

## CWL Ongoing Stamp Collection

Many thanks to those who have already brought us packages of stamps. Unfortunately, the Canada Post strike is cramping our style this year. The box, however, will remain at the back of Assumption Church till at least the end of January, so please bring what you have and hopefully the strike will end soon. Any questions, call Carina at 416-509-2689. Thank you.

The Village of Keene is celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2025. We are looking any Keene memorabilia - photos of First Communion, wedding photos, church cookbooks etc. from any time over the last 200 years. If you are willing to loan anything, we would appreciate it. Please call Marg @ 705-772-5778

## ADVENT: The Trinity in the Crib

An Advent Retreat exploring what the birth of Jesus means from the perspective of the life of the Holy Trinity. *Saturday 14 December, 10am ~ 4:30pm (optional Mass after) \$30.00 Registration includes Lunch, Snacks & Beverages* For further information please see visit our webpage on the Diocese website or contact La Verna Ministries at 705.243.9131 Also, Advent Tuesdays our Chapel will be open for Meditation and Prayer see flyer.

## CWL Membership

The CWL dues are due and anyone who has paid their dues by Dec. 6th will be included in a draw for \$35.00 that is to be held at the Christmas Luncheon. The dues for 2025 are \$35.00.

The Assumption/St John's CWL will be holding elections for the Executive on January 7th 2025 at the CWL Meeting. Anyone interested in being nominated or in nominating someone please contact :  
Joanne Bolton Past President  
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Below you will find our top recommendations. We pray that these resources will draw you and your family closer to our Lord and the Good News of our Faith.

**PRIMARY RECOMMENDATIONS (3 TO 8 YEARS OF AGE):**

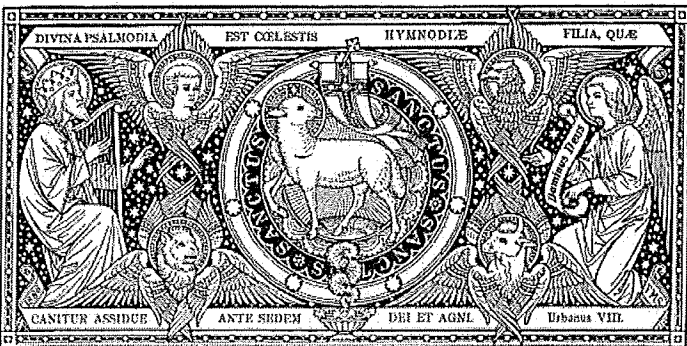
*Strong Francis and Friends!* *Drawing Closer to God!* *The Saints!*

**JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE RECOMMENDATIONS (9 TO 12+ YEARS OF AGE):**

*Catholic Heroes of the Faith* *Robin Hood* *Vanderbates*

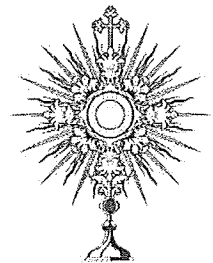
**SENIOR/HIGH SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS (13+ YEARS OF AGE):**

*The Search* *Blindside* *Made for Greatness* *Who Am I to Judge?*



## SONShine Family Adoration

On the third Friday of every month at 9:30am (after the 9:00am Mass) we invite families with young children to come for an hour (or so) of Adoration to St. Alphonsus Liguori Church, 1066 Western Ave., Peterborough. It is geared towards young families so that our smallest members can feel free to move around, visit and learn about Jesus in their own way. The Blessed Sacrament is even placed on a table at their level to adore Him.



## FORMED.org

An updated diocesan webpage for FORMED.org is now ready for viewing. The team from Augustine Institute has guided us through resources for school-aged children and teens and a webinar on the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the month of June. Please take some time to watch and share with others. Let myself or Dawn know what other webinars you might like to see from FORMED.org, both Dora and Don are more than happy to help us be more familiar with this fantastic resource!

<https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/life-and-faith/formed-org.aspx>

## "Unlocking Hope: Highlights from the International Interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care."

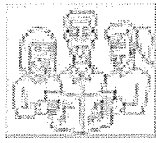
This video demonstrates the profound discussions and shared aspirations that emerged from the recent symposium organized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Pontifical Academy for Life, along with other key partners, in Toronto, 21-23 May 2024.

You will also find below links to videos summarizing the symposium's highlights.

In English: <https://youtu.be/lje22ZWsUH4>

In French: <https://youtu.be/AjiftNnExC8>

## **Come Join In An Hour Of Carolling**



**This Week-End  
Sunday December 15, 2024  
3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
In Assumption Church  
Followed By Refreshments in Parish Hall**



## **The Advent Wreath**

**The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.**

**An Advent wreath is typically made of evergreen branches and holds four candles, each representing one of the four weeks of Advent.**

**The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. The wreath itself, which is made of various kinds of evergreens, signifies continuous life.**

**Even the individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings to our faith:**

**Laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering  
Pine, holly, and yew signify immortality  
Cedar signifies strength and healing  
Pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life  
and resurrection.**

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**The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.**

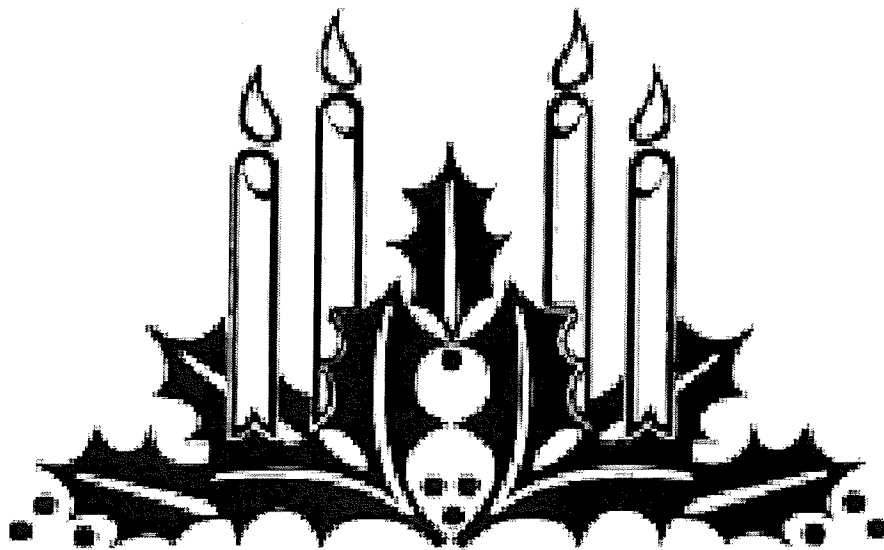
**Each candle represents a theme for each week of Advent — hope, peace, joy, and love.**

**The First Candle, called the Prophecy Candle, represents hope and the anticipation of Christ's coming, recalling the prophecies about the Messiah and the hope He brings to the world.**

**The Second Candle, called the Bethlehem Candle, symbolizes peace and preparation, reflecting Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and the peace that Christ's birth brings.**

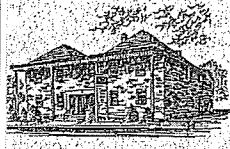
**The Third Candle (this is the pink candle), is called the Shepherd's Candle, and represents the joy felt at the birth of our Lord, as well as the joy we have in anticipation of His return.**

**The Fourth Candle, called the Angel's Candle, symbolizes love and the message of God's love that the angels announced at Christ's birth.**



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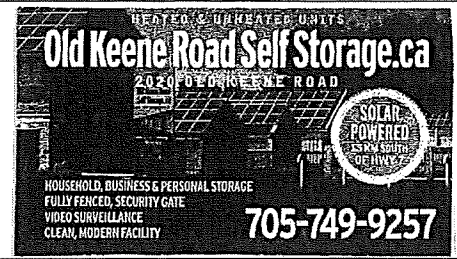
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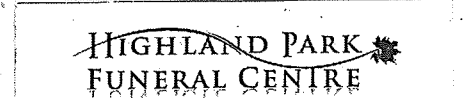
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