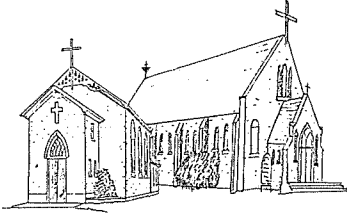




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Weekend Holy Mass Schedule

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

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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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 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 23 - DECEMBER 29

MONDAY, December 23

8:00 a.m. + Repose of the souls of Tom & Kaye Turpin
(Roddy Turpin)

TUESDAY, December 24

Nativity of the Lord

4:00 p.m. Missa Pro Populo

7:00 p.m. Missa Pro Populo



WEDNESDAY, December 25

9:00 a.m. Missa Pro Populo

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

THURSDAY, December 26

Saint Stephen

8:00 a.m. ~ Valerie Collicutt
(Ironsides Family)

FRIDAY, December 27

Saint John

6:00 p.m. Adoration & Benediction

7:00 p.m. Special Intention



SATURDAY, December 28

The Holy Innocents

No morning Mass

SUNDAY, December 29

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:00 p.m. (Sat.) + Frank & Lina Mauro
(Estate of Lina Mauro)

9:00 a.m. + Bonnie Bush

(George & Family)

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



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

Pilgrims of Hope---Jubilee Year 2025

Jubilee Opening Mass will be on December 29th, 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.



Christmas Masses

LAY MINISTRY

Tues. 4:00 p.m.

Tues. 7:00 pm

Wed. 9:00 a.m.

Wed. 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister

Colleen Petersen

Joanne Bolton

Judy Lukes

Aileen Doris

Reader

Roddy Turpin

Mary Pat Goodridge

Patrick Lynch

Carolyn Doris

December 24 - December 25, 2024

Gift Bearers

Al Collicutt & Roddy Turpin

Greg & Jean Hall

Joe Lukes & Pat Scott

Jackie Bolin

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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4:00 p.m. (Sat.)

Sun. 9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister

Eileen Parry

Judy Lukes

Anna Marie Bolin

Reader

Roddy Turpin

Gladys Fowler

Rose Wornoff

December 28 - December 29, 2024

Gift Bearers

Rose Rabishaw & Colleen Petersen

Lou & Shirley Leveck

Grace & Joy Davis

CWL Ongoing Stamp Collection

Dear Parishioners. Now that our mail service has been restored, all used stamps would be greatly appreciated for Development and Peace. Please trim 1.5 cm. around each stamp. The box will remain at the back of Our Lady of the Assumption Church till the end of January. Any questions call Carina at 416-509-2689.

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. To become a member visit devp.org/joinus.

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. 23rd 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.

Christmas Wish

From the CWL. May you have the gift of FAITH the blessing of HOPE and the peace of his LOVE

The First CWL meeting of 2025 will be on Tuesday January 7th at 1 p.m. In the parish hall. Come and join us.

Thank you for your generosity!

December 15, 2024: Offertory - \$2200.00

Fuel - \$25.00

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S LEAGUE

It's amazing with a membership of just under 100 CWL ladies within our parish no one wants to step up for leadership roles ! Excuses being: too old, done that, too busy?! Was Mary too busy when God called her? Was Joseph too old?

Discernment is God calling us. We all have gifts from God, talents & sometimes it's really hard for us to see those talents and use them. We have use them.!!! But I promise and know 1st hand you will reap many blessings from helping our League. We support each other in so many different ways. We are an amazing community & with a drop of a hat we ALWAYS rally around for our fundraising projects -annual suppers, bazaars & food raising campaigns etc.

Our Parish CWL has been flourishing since the late '50's early '60's why change now-there's lots of work to be done within our community & in this parish this league is needed.

So, if you wonder if there's more to Church than Sunday Mass & saying hello in the parking lot- stop dragging your feet & get involved!!!! EVERYONE'S NEEDED! Nominations accepted til January 6th call Joanne Bolton 705-313-6750 Election :January 7th Church Hall 1:30 COME OUT TO SUPPORT OUR LEAGUE AND YOUR FRIENDS

Confession Times Before Christmas

Sun. Dec. 22	7:00 to 8:00 pm
Mon. Dec. 23	7:00 to 8:00 pm
Tue. Dec. 24	10:30 to 11:30 am

Christmas Mass Times

Tue. Dec. 24	4:00 pm - Assumption 7:00 pm - Assumption
Wed. Dec. 25	9:00 am - Assumption 10:30 am - St. John's

New Year's (Mary, the Mother of God)

Tue. Dec. 31	4:00 pm - Assumption
Wed. Jan. 1	9:00 am - Assumption 10:30 am - St. John's





CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Christmas, like all those before, is a celebration of joy and hope, as it proclaims the wondrous love of God for us. In a Christmas homily a few years ago, Pope Francis reminded us that the birth of Christ brings people hope and courage in troubled times. A Christmas carol lyric puts it even more poetically: “the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.” The coming of God to redeem us, promised so long ago, proclaims that we are precious and beloved. This knowledge invites us to face the future with courage and confidence, despite any challenges or fears that may afflict us.

The theme of hope is even more pronounced this Christmas, as Pope Francis will inaugurate the Jubilee year on Christmas Eve at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. The Church celebrates such Jubilees every twenty-five years, and the Holy Father has declared this holy year to be a Jubilee of Hope. We are invited, with the universal Church, to embark on this celebration, and to embrace the great virtue of hope – one that will be lived out in our desire for peace, our respect for life and our loving care for those who suffer in any way.

The Solemn Opening of the Jubilee in our diocese will take place at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 29 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, an event that I am looking forward to celebrating. Though it is a busy time of year and not all of you live close to Peterborough, I invite and encourage you to join me for this Mass, as we initiate the Jubilee of Hope in our diocese.

May this great Christmas season, when we celebrate God’s love revealed in “a child born for us,” instill in our hearts an ever-deeper hope and inspire us to bring hope to others. May the joy of Christ’s birth, the foundation of our hope, be with you and yours this Christmas.

Yours in Christ,
+Daniel Miehm
Bishop of Peterborough

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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):

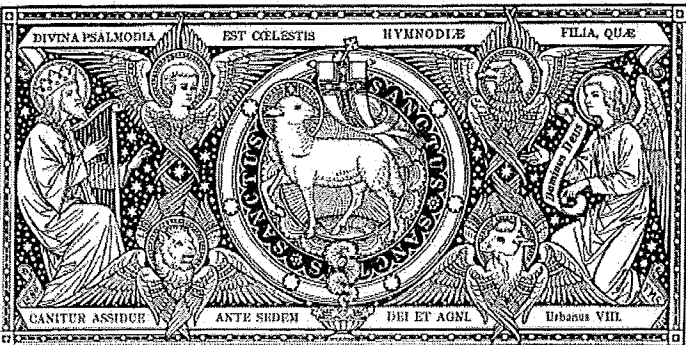
Francis and Friends! | Drawing Closer to God | The Saints!

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

Catholic Heroes of the Faith | Robin Hood | Ryan DeParrate

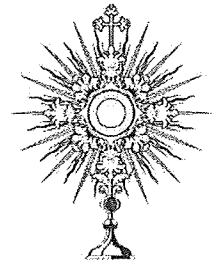
SENIOR/HIGH SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS (13+ YEARS OF AGE):

SEARCH | Blindsight | 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.

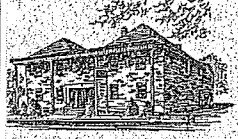
You will also find below links to videos summarizing the symposium's highlights.

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

In French: <https://youtu.be/AjftNnExC8>

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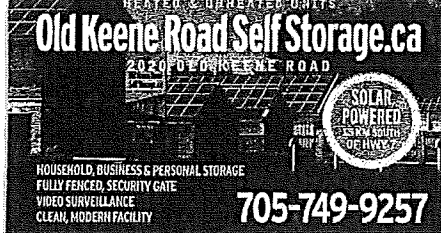
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