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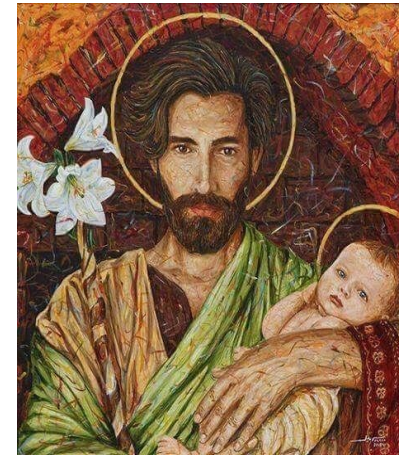
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Office Admin: Maryann Clancy/Patricia (Trish) Stanley

**Parish Information**

**Mass Times**  
*Weekday*  
Tues/Wed/Fri. 8:30AM / Thurs. 12noon  
(Rosary Recited before these masses)  
*Weekend*  
Sat. 5:00PM / Sun. 10:00AM

**Office Hours**  
Tues. & Thurs. 10 am to 3:30 pm

**Parish & Community Groups**  
C.W.L. / Annette Dunford  
K. of C. / Ray Johnston

*Music Ministry /*  
Tina McCarthy & Amy Melanson

*Cemetery Board /*  
Bob Condon 705-772-6071

*Hall Rental /* Contact Parish Office

**St. Joseph's School /** 705-652-3961,  
Principal, Wayne Clarke

**Reception of Sacraments**  
Marriage / arrange min. 6 months prior  
Baptism / call parish office  
Reconciliation / Sat. 4PM-4:30PM  
Home Communion upon request.

**Feast of the Holy Family**

Dear friends, This weekend, as we thank God for the gift of Christ's Word and Real Presence in the Eucharist, we also gather to give thanks to the Lord for the year 2024 which will soon conclude on Tuesday. And, as Blessed Solanus Casey would encourage us to do, we also thank God in advance for the goodness and kindness that will follow us in the year 2025.


Our faith challenges us to find God in all things, even in the challenges that we had this year in the same way that we find God in the gifts that we received. The Christian Catholic looks at the world and his own life with faith, hope and love, knowing that in the end, as I often say quoting saint Julian of Norwich, "All shall be well."

The year 2025 is also a Jubilee Year! Every 25 years, the Church highlights her being Mother and dispenses graces and favors to his children from God, inviting us all the Christian faithful to be reconciled with God and with one another. If you would like to learn more about the Jubilee Year and the graces that are made available during this especial time, please ask a priest or visit [Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope - Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough](http://Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope - Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough)

I join with Bishop Miehm in wishing you and your love ones, a blessed, joy filled New Year 2025! May the Holy Spirit fill you with Hope, this Jubilee Year. Fr. Randy

**"I rejoiced when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122.1**

We welcome all visitors and parishioners who have come to worship here today on this the **Feast of the Holy Family**. To our visitors, you may come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality, and friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, we are glad you're here and hope that you come back again. The doors of our parish and our hearts are open to you. Please be in touch. If you are a resident in this area, we hope that you will continue to grace us with your presence and register with us. You may call 705-652-3231 or stop by the parish office to register. If you are a visitor, we thank you for



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**WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH**  
**Feast of the Holy Family**  
*December 29-January 4*


**Mass Intentions for this Week**

**Tuesday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve**  
 5p.m. World Peace  
**Wednesday January 1 2025 New Year's Day**  
 10a.m. World Peace  
**Thursday January 2, 2025 noon**  
*Special Intention by a Parishioner*  
**Friday January 3, 2025 9a.m.**  
*Special Intention by a Parishioner*

**Saturday Vigil January 4, 2025 5pm**  
 For the People of the Parish

**Sunday January 5, 2025 10 a.m.**  
 +Jack Holland By Terry & Marcella Pecoski  
 +Nora Sweeney by Terry & Marcella Pecoski

- Office is closed this week Thursday Jan. 2 -



**Parish Office:** Maryann is off on sick leave please continue to pray for her. (Fr. Randy) .  
**Patrica Stanley** (sectary from St. Anne) will be in few times a month to help with some of the parish administrations.  
 Please feel free to leave a phone message, so I can return your call.

**New Year's Schedule**

**New Year's Eve: 5pm**  
 Lector: **Bob Condon**  
 Eucharistic Minister:  
  
**New Year's Day 10 am**  
**Feast of the Mother of God**  
 Lector: Bernard Leahy  
 Eucharistic Minister: Dcn Paul Dunford

**Pope Francis January Intentions**  
*For the Right for Education*  
 Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their rights to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.


**Liturgical Ministry**

	Sat. 5:00pm mass	Sun. 10:00am mass
	<b>Lector</b>	
Dec. 28/29	Larry Carlow	Joanne Armstrong
Jan. 4/5	Bob Condon	Bernard Leahy
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	
Dec. 28/29	Ray Johnston	Brian Condon
Jan. 4/5	Wendy Tedford	Annette Dunford
	<b>Ushers</b>	
Dec. 28/29	Gerald Heffernan	Mike Moloney
Jan. 4/5	Murray Carlow	John Sullivan
	<b>Cleaners</b>	
Week of Dec. 30	Marian Coughlin & Marian Leahy	
Week of Jan. 6	Jean Heffernan & Rosemary Towns	
	<b>Counters</b>	
Dec. 31	Marian Coughlin, Mike Towns, Jim Holland	
Jan. 7	Pawel & Ingrid Zbieranowski	


**Parish Meetings & Community Events**

**December 31** New Year's Eve Mass 5p.m.  
**January 1 2025** New Year's Day Mass 10a.m.  
 (Day of Obligation in Canada –Feast of Mother of God)  
**January 7** CWL meetings Parish Hall 1p.m.  
**January 14** K of C meeting Parish Hall 7p.m.  
**January 14** Sacramental Classes Reassumes following school at the Church.  
**January 24** K of C is hosting a Card Party at the parish hall all are welcome, for further information see poster.

The **BLESSED MOTHER** Candle burns this week : +**Monica Sullivan** by **Bernard Sullivan**



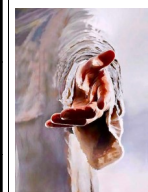
The **ST. JOSEPH** Candle burns this week for: +**Joseph Wihibbs** by **Dr. Karen Gregory, Mike, Kate, Crystal & family members.**



**Parish Stewardship Collection—past week**

Your generously gave \$1557.00 Your love for your parish community is in keeping with your forefathers and foremothers hard work and service that continues to build this parish. Today, you help to keep it alive and thriving through your time, talents and donations. God Bless and Thank you Fr. Randy

**Praying for and with our Loved Ones**



Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently died and those who remain in the silence of our hearts. We also keep in prayer those in Nursing Homes, Retirements Residence or are shut-in/hospitalized. In special way, let us pray for the health and well being of:

**Joe Ross, Jonathan Noyce, Maryann Clancy, Marie Moher, Paul Yasyszczuk, Kevin Sullivan.**

(Persons on the above list will be listed for 3months, if further prayers are needed, or to add/remove someone from the list, please contact the office or Fr. Randy.)

**Most Appreciated**


I would like to take this time to thank all those who work so hard to decorated inside and outside of our church for the Christmas Season. The church was just beautiful and show our love for God's house of worship.

To all the Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, ushers and the choirs, for all your hard work and serving the Lord in your ministry.

I cannot overlook those who come when weather is bad or snow has fallen to make sure our sidewalks and steps to the church and rectory is clean off for our safety. Thank you, each and one of you, God Bless.

**New Year's blessing for your Home on the day of Epiphany**

The blessing is traditionally inscribed on the doorway above the main entry into your home. After praying of blessing, use the bless chalk (which will a piece will be available at the back of the church for you take home over before the Feast of the Epiphany. Write the following with the chalk 20+C+M+B+25 . Continues below



One of our Catholic Tradition is a time to bless your home for the year on the Feast of the Epiphany. This is a great family activity— Children love blessing things, and they'll find writing with chalk on your doorframe pretty exciting, especially if you lift them up to do it themselves. Just make sure that you explain to them what you are doing and why!

The numbers on the end represent the current year, wit the letters in the middle between crosses, representing the names of the three wise men (Can you remember their names they are found in Scriptures) "CMB" also stands for "Christus, Mansionem Benedicat", a Latin phrase that means "May Christ Bless this House". Crosses, representing Jesus' present in our home and in our hearts, are drawn to separate the letters.

Once you have completed the marking then the parent(s) should trace a cross on the forehead of each of their children and any guess present. (Casper, Melchior & Baltasar are the names)

**Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope 2025** marks a celebration occurring only every 25 years: an Ordinary Jubilee Year. Jubilee years carry a rich tradition in which the people of Israel, freed from slavery, proclaimed liberty to captives and forgiveness to debtors. People returned to their homeland and renewed their trust in God by relying solely on what He provided. During this Jubilee Year, the Church takes as its beacon: "Hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5). Bishop Miehms and myself joyfully invite you to prepare your hearts to mark this year. In our diocese, we will renew our hope in these areas during 2025: • Hope in God's mercy • Hope in Jesus' Great Commission that we evangelize • Hope in our marital relationships in the Church • Hope in our relationship with those who are struggling.

Each deanery has a Church of Pilgrim for you to visit over the coming year, in which one can obtain indulgence, by attending all or one during the Jubilee Year.. For more information on indulgence for the holy year see the Diocesan Webpage.

St. Michael in Cobourg -St. Peter's-in-Chains City of Peterborough (principle) -St. Patrick in Kearney -Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lindsay

**Thursday's pray for Vocations**

**Let us pray for all our Retried Priest and Religious who served our Diocese.**