#### Do You Hear What I Hear?!

Join us for a truly special evening of sacred music as the St. Michael's Choir, a world-renowned boys' choir of 150 voices, performs in our church on Friday, May 22, 2026 at 7:00 pm. Known for their excellence, beauty of sound, and moving performances, this choir offers an unforgettable musical experience in a sacred setting.

Tickets are \$25 per person, with all proceeds supporting the Church Building Fund. This concert also makes a wonderful Christmas gift for someone special.

For tickets or more information, please contact Mary Jane Connell at 705-793-2013.

#### Food Bank - Omemee

Thank you to members of the parish who have donated food to the Omemee Food Bank. It is gratefully appreciated especially during the Christmas season.

There is a donation box at the entrance to the church to place donations. It is picked on Sundays after church and taken to the food bank. Special needs are: litre size containers of juice, instant coffee, ketchup, cereal, feminine hygiene products and cleaning products.

#### Looking for Children's Activities - Hall Gathering Room

Sunday Morning Coffee after Mass on the first Sunday of the month is a highlight - catching up with neighbours and friends. And, we love the energy of all the children who join us! Parish Council is looking for donations of games, toys, non-messy craft activities for the kiddos. If you are purging your homes to get ready for Christmas, think of the Hall's growing 'toy box.' Thank you!

#### Christmas Gift Giving: Mass Intentions and Christmas Flower Fund

During the Advent season, many parishioners choose to request a Holy Mass for the repose of the soul of a loved one. This is a beautiful and longstanding tradition in the Church, offering prayer and remembrance for family members and friends who have passed. Mass intentions may be requested through the parish office or by placing a request in the offertory basket.

Another way to remember loved ones at Christmas is through a donation to the Christmas Flower Fund. Donations may be made in honour of a family member by contacting the parish office or by leaving a contribution in the offertory basket, along with your name and the name of the person you wish to honour.

## Thank You For Joining Us

There is no need to travel far By air or steamship lines To pray in large cathedrals Or ask aid at famous shrines

No doubt it is a blessed privilege To visit shrines of fame But you do not need to pass St. Luke's Prayers are answered here the same. Within its humble atmosphere Your heart with peace will fill, In the little church our pioneers built The church in Downeyville. ~M. Milloy Harrington

Parish Registration & Volunteer Forms are available at the church entrance.

THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH

THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2025

#### **PASTOR**

Rev. Israel Oruebi, Administrator FrIsraelOruebi@ peterboroughdiocese.org

#### **SACRAMENTS**

Contact us for information about:

Communion - Hospital/ Home

Anointing of the Sick

**Baptisms** 

Marriages

**Confessions:** 

Saturday at 4 pm

Any time by appointment

### CONTACT

Office Hours: Friday 12-4 pm Administrator: Rose Hartin











# ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

# **WELCOME**

We welcome all who come to worship at St. Luke's. We pray you find peace, hospitality and friendship with us. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, the doors of our Parish and our hearts are open to you.

I rejoiced with those who said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1



# MISSION STATEMENT

The people of St. Luke's Parish strive to love and serve God and humanity through prayers and action, nourished by the sacraments and the Word of God.

# **SCHEDULE**

Mass	Time	Intentions	Requested By
Mon. Dec. 15	8:30 AM	Children of the Parish	School Advent Service
Tue. Dec. 16		No Mass	
Wed. Dec. 17 Adoration 4 pm	5:00 PM	Joanna Ferreira	Virginia deMelo
Thu. Dec. 18	6:30 PM	Children of the Parish	Christmas Mass & Concert
Fri., Dec. 19	8:30 AM	Scott O'Leary	Knights of Columbus
Sat. Dec. 20	5:00 PM	Don & Gladys Begley	The Begley Family
Sun. Dec. 21	9:00 AM	Larry Morrissey	Susan Scully

Lectors Saturday Don Blancarhd Eucharist Mary Ann Martin

Sunday Joan Perdue Counters Julie Chisholm & Joan Perdue

Jan. 7 Café Sandy, Dan & Megan O'Neill Greeter Jan Murtha

Altar Servers Sunday Sammy & Ellie Ray & Emma Jilesen

#### Parish Stewardship

Last Week's Offertory	\$1,440.00	<b>Building Fund Donations</b>	\$0
Automatic Deposits (15 <sup>th</sup> & 30th)	\$2,951.33/ month	Building Fund Total	\$35,430.22

**Thank you for your support!** E-Transfer to office@stlukesdowneyville.ca

## LITURGY LEADERS

Parish Council	Cathie Morrissey	705-344-9345
inance Committee	Bob Connell	705-740-6754
Music	Joan Herlihey	705-799-7346
Counters	Rose Hartin	705-799-5980
Children's Liturgy	Jaclyn Giffen	705-799-6943
Eucharistic Ministers	Cathie Morrissey	705-799-6943
_ectors	Margret Ann O'Connell	705-799-5320

## **2025 SCHEDULE**



# PARISH NEWS

#### Prayers for the Sick of the Parish

Jason Bell, Sr. Lillian Ferguson, Andy Lepage, Fr. Ron Meyer, Joe O'Neill, Msg. Jim Scott, Angela Staples, Tawny Young. Please also pray for St. Luke's parishioners who are in nursing or retirement homes. If you wish to include someone in our prayers, please contact the parish office.

#### St. Luke's School News

Our school community has been working very hard to prepare for our annual Christmas concert this coming Thursday, December 18th at the Church. Many preparations are underway, including preparing the program, creating decorations, practicing songs and other exciting performances! We will gather as a home, school, parish community to celebrate our faith with an Advent Mass at the Church that begins at 6:00 pm and our Christmas concert will follow immediately after Mass in the Church. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Thank you to all who have generously donated to our Advent Donation Drive! We collected many toys for the Lindsay Kinsmen Toy Drive and non perishable food items for the Omemee Food bank. This coming week is our last week of collections and we will be collecting personal hygiene items and baby items. If you are able, please send in items with your child or drop any items off at the front office. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

## Whats's Going On?

School Advent Services - Dec 15 @ 9 am School Christmas Mass & Concert - Dec 18 @ 6 pm Candlelight Mass of Commemoration -  $200^{th}$  Anniversary - Dec 31 @ 5 pm Progressive Euchre - Jan 2 @ 7 pm Community Cafe - Jan 7 @ 10 am Grade 9 Info Night - STA - Jan 13 @ 6:30 pm

#### **Bulletin Deadline**

Notices for the December 20/21 and December 27/28 bulletins are due by December 17.

### **PARISH GROUPS**

Knights of Columbus	Adam Ranger	519-709-9612
Parish Hall	Jessica Carroll	705-341-1641
Funeral Reception	Mary Jane Connell	705-793-2013
Cemetery Board	Patricia Herlihey	705-799-7301
Hearts & Shamrocks	Office	705-799-6943
Prayer Group	Jan Murtha	705-799-5110
Caretaker	Mary Jo Connell	705-799-6389

### SCHOOLS

St. Luke Elementary Principal Rebecca Brady (705) 799-5265 St. Thomas Aquinas Principal Matt Bowen (705) 878-4117 PVNCC School Board Trustee Mary Ann Martin (705) 799-1617