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First Sunday of Lent

Week of 5th of March 2017



"....so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous."

Romans 5:19

Coming up...

Tuesday, March 7th 9:00am – Mass in the Rectory

Thursday, March 9th 9:00am – Mass in the Rectory

Friday, March 10th 6:45pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 11th

9:00am – Mass in church 9:45am – CWC and Mens' Group Meetings 2:45pm – Adoration and Confessions 4:00pm – Mass at St. Thomas More (For George Black)

Sunday, March 12th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More (For the People) 11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission (For Mary Ann Lane)

Please remember in your prayers... Those who are sick, especially: Erica Perk

and those who have died, especially:

Anna Orlecki , Mary-Anne Lane & Deacon Gerry McMurray Contact Fr. Craig to have a name added to this list for four weeks.

Thank you for your generous offerings

February 19th, 2017: \$1069 Average for 35 received envelopes: \$28.06 February eGive: \$709 (Weekly avg: \$26.68 for 6)

St. Thomas More Parish now offers eGive, Electronic Giving

Easy | *Secure* | *Convenient* | *Beneficial* See the parish priest to enroll

~ Regular Sunday Masses ~

Saturday, 4pm at St. Thomas More, Millbrook Sunday, 9am at St. Thomas More, Millbrook & 11:30am at St. Bernadette, Yelverton (Old United Church, Hwy 7 W, Yelverton)

~ Sacrament of Reconciliation ~

Sat 3pm - 3:40pm; Sun 8:20am - 8:45am or by appointment.

~ Baptisms ~

Parents seeking baptism for their child should see the parish priest after Mass or visit baptism.stthomasmillbrook.ca to complete an information form and to learn more about the Baptismal Preparation Period. Preparation can begin before the birth of your child.

~ Marriage ~

Couples seeking Marriage must meet Father Craig at least one year prior to a desired date.

~ Birthday & Anniversary Announcements ~

Anyone wishing to publicly share a birthday or anniversary with the community at the end of Mass should see Phil Unger or Father Craig before Mass begins. Anyone wishing to renew their marriage vows and receive a special blessing for a significant anniversary should see Fr. Craig at least one week in advance of the anniversary.

~ Organic Fair-trade Coffee ~

Organic, fresh, 100% Columbian fair-trade, Arabica coffee is available for purchase from Bruce or Francisca Gazley, at 705-932-1723 or after Coffee Sunday for \$12/lb. Available coffees are espresso or medium or dark roast, whole bean or ground. Deliveries to St. Bernadette can be arranged.

\sim Mens' and Womens' Groups \sim

The Mens' and Womens' Groups support our parish with community building events, fundraising and by meeting many other parish needs. They meet every second Saturday of the month after the 9am Mass.

~ formed.org parish code ~



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What is your vocation in life?

Come and hear dynamic speaker Fr. John Perdue address "What is a Vocation? - the four vocations with an emphasis on family life". Fr. John will also present a video to tell us about his trip to the diocese of Keewatin-Le Pas with which we are twinned. This presentation is sponsored by St. Anne's Women's Group and the St. Anne's Vocation Team all on Thursday, March 16th at 7pm at St. Anne's Parish.

Soup Dinner for Millbrook Food Share

Be fed and support Millbrook Food Share at a community soup and bread dinner in support of Millbrook Food Share through your free will offering. Dinner is on Friday April 7th, 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

Way of the Cross

Follow Our Lord through his passion at The Way of the Cross, celebrated on Fridays throughout Lent at St. Thomas More church: March 3rd at 6pm, March 10th, 17th, 23rd, and 31st at 6:45pm and April 7th at 7pm

Announcement of Apostolic Administrator

By decree of Pope Francis, Bishop William McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary, has been appointed as Apostolic Administrator for our diocese. We thank him for his continued service to us and keep him in our prayers.

Catholic Women's Council and Men's Group

All men and women of the parish are welcome to attend the men's and women's group meetings next Saturday (March 11th) after the 9am Mass to make plans for serving our parish and larger community.

Living with Christ Parish Fundraiser

Help out our parish through a 'Living with Christ' Missalette subscription. Subscribe or renew by using the red and white forms found in the entrance of the church by March 15th. Submit the completed form to Fr. Craig. New subscriptions earn \$10 for the parish and renewals earn \$2 for the parish.

Women keep the land in their hearts in Paraguay

Supporting women is a priority for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. For this year's Share Lent campaign, we invite you to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow — *Women at the heart of change*. You will find testimonials from the four corners of the globe inside our Mini-magazine, distributed in church starting today. Don't forget to get your copy! Our first testimonial is from Marta and Silvia, two women from Paraguay who are members of an Indigenous women's farming association supported by Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. "I wish that there was land for everyone, that women were free [and] that they had the freedom to organize and defend their rights," Silvia tells us.

Women have always been at the heart of our organization! Did you know that in 1979, Development and Peace led a campaign to support the Grandmothers of Plaza de Mayo, in Argentina, whose children and grandchildren disappeared under the military dictatorship?

Prayer for Bishops

Most Glorious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray for our Bishops.

You have appointed Jesus, Your only-begotten Son to be the eternal High Priest for the glory of Thy Majesty and the salvation of humankind; grant Your blessings upon Bishop McGrattan. Bless him for his faithful fulfillment of his ministry to the Diocese of Peterborough, and give us a new bishop who will lead us by his holiness of life and wisdom. Direct him to guide our diocesan family so that we may grow in your love.

O Mary, Virgin Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Hold all bishops close to your Immaculate Heart! Amen.