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17th September 2017

St. Thomas More Parish and St. Bernadette Mission

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Bishop: Bishop Daniel Miehm Administrator: Fr. Craig Cruikshank

24th Week of Ordinary Time Coming up...

Monday, September 18th

6:30pm – Alpha in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, September 19th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church

Thursday, September 21st

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church

Saturday, September 23rd

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church

2:45pm – Adoration and Confessions

4:00pm – Mass at St. Thomas More church
(For Larry Bush)

Sunday, September 24th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church
(For Intentions of the CWC)

11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission
(For the people)

Please remember in your prayers...

Those who are sick, especially:

Erica Perk & Joseph and Hermine Jandristis

and those who have died, especially:

Reynold Meekes

Contact Fr. Craig to have a name added to this list
for four weeks.

Thank you for your generous offerings

Aug 27th, 2017: \$894

Average for 29 received envelopes: \$26.72

August eGive: \$809 (Weekly avg: \$26.10 for 7)

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, North Nestleton
(Old United Church, Nestleton Rd., North Nestleton)

~ 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.

~ Mens' and Womens' Groups ~

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 ~

Get your free subscription to formed.org and access amazing Catholic ebooks, talks, study guides, videos and movies using our parish code: 88RHT8.



Formed.org: Suffering and the Problem of Evil

In the last few weeks, people of the world have endured hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, flooding and mudslides. In light of such tragedies, the question naturally arises: "If God is so good, why does He allow bad things to happen?" Access these features and more for free through your formed.org account.

Listen: 15 Things to Do in the Midst of Suffering

Suffering is a mystery we all face that tests our faith. Internationally known speaker Jeff Cavins shares personal insights he gained through his own pain. He shows us how we can join our sufferings with those of Jesus on the cross, bringing renewed meaning to the suffering we experience.

Audiobook: Tears of God by Fr. Benedict Groeschel

Christianity professes a God who endured suffering and death. Our faith invites you to approach the foot of the cross to share your own burdens and suffering our Savior who too endured pain and sorrow.

Watch: Unbreakable - A Story of Hope and Healing in Haiti

In 2010, an earthquake brought devastation to Haiti, an already impoverished nation. This video is a reminder of the triumph of the human spirit and of how the bonds of hope are oftentimes born out of the shackles of despair.

Read: Faith Basics - Death, Where Is Your Sting?

What meaning can we find in death? The answer to this question can be the difference between hope and despair. Our Church promises an answer that it has cherished and protected since our Savior ascended into heaven with the promise of a return. This book explores how our faith tackles the problems of death.

St. Thomas More annual fall festival dinner

Coming soon, Friday, September 22nd, in the Church hall. This is a major fundraiser for our parish, and we invite all parishioners, new and familiar, to help make this a successful event! Mark your calendars.

Development & Peace Workshop

Women at the Heart of Peace

This fall, Development and Peace launches a new campaign called Women at the Heart of Peace to invite Canadians to learn more about the vital role women play in conflict prevention and peacebuilding. Join us in paying tribute to the women who build peace in communities around the world. To learn more about the campaign and how to be a part of it, please join us at a workshop on Sat., Sept. 30th at St. Anne's Parish Centre, 859 Barnardo Ave., Peterborough. Registration and coffee 9:30 am. For further details contact kstaunton@cogeco.ca or 705-745-0034.

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

Why is there such a collection?

Annually, the Bishops of Canada make an appeal for financial assistance to support their work and the work of each diocese through the Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada (CNCC). The President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), Bishop Douglas Crosby of Hamilton, describes this Collection as an invitation to "all the faithful to participate in the life and mission of the Church through their active involvement in the life of their parish community, their prayers, their diverse charisms, their moral support, and the contributions of their time and talents. The CNCC is an opportunity to help our diocese participate in the mission of our local bishops.

The annual CNCC is on Sept 23rd and 24th. This charitable initiative furthers the collegiality of the Bishops' ministry in leading, shepherding, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and pastorally caring for all of God's children, disciples of Christ in Canada.

Workshop for Greeters and Ushers

Both existing and new greeters and ushers are encouraged to attend a short workshop at 6pm at the church on September 23rd. Together, we'll explore how we can ensure that those who join our worship are also warmly welcomed.

LifeChain

As Catholics, we are called to proclaim the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. One of the easiest ways to do this is through the annual LifeChain. Join others in silent, prayerful witness for life on Sun, Oct 1st from 2-3pm on the corner of Lansdowne and Monaghan in Peterborough. A prayer service follows at St. Alphonsus church.

Alpha, a search for more in life

Explore life's greatest questions and ask yours in a comfortable and safe place, dinner included! Alpha begins at St. Thomas More Parish on Sept 18th. Visit www.millbrookalpha.ca for details, to preview Alpha and to sign up.

Questions explored on week one:

- *Where do you go when you have big life questions?*
- *What makes you happy?*

Becoming Catholic

Adults interested in possibly becoming a Catholic or in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact Fr. Craig soon to learn about the process.