"She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy." Proverbs31:20

19th November 2017



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33rd Week of Ordinary Time Coming up...

Monday, November 20th

6:30pm – Alpha at St. Thomas More church hall Why and How Should I Tell Others?

Tuesday, November 21st 9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More Rectory

Thursday, November 23rd

9:00am - Mass at St. Thomas More Rectory

Saturday, November 25th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church 2:45pm – Adoration and Confessions 4:00pm – Mass at St. Thomas More church (For the people)

Sunday, November 26th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church (For Don and Donna Fenton) 11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission

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

Christine Fras, Erica Perk & Hermine Jandristis

and those who have died, especially:

Valerie Finney & Keith Walton Contact Fr. Craig to have a name added to this list for four weeks.

Thank you for your generous offerings

October 29th, 2017: \$ 1069 Average for 36 received envelopes: \$19.36 October 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.

\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.

~ Bulletin Ads ~

Bulletin ads not only provide revenue for our parish but also builds community identity and supports local businesses and interests. Please consider advertising or encouraging businesses and organizations you support to advertise in our bulletin. Contact Mary at 705-277-

2420 or melnychuk01@sympatico.ca for details.

Special Collection for Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund

The crisis in Myanmar has resulted in the influx of an additional 816,000 Rohingya refugees into Bangladesh since August, the majority being women and children. This has triggered a humanitarian emergency on such a scale that concerted international action is urgently required.

In order to address this situation, Canada launched the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund on October 31, 2017. For every eligible donation made by individuals to registered Canadian charities before November 28th, 2017, the Government of Canada will contribute an equivalent amount to the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund.



Flying Fathers

The Peterborough Vocations Office announces the return of the Flying Fathers! The Lord has raised up a new generation of hockey playing priests who will compete at the Ennismore

arena on Mon, Jan 29th at 6pm, featuring two priests of the Diocese of Peterborough, Fr. John Perdue and Fr. Paul Patrick. Tickets are \$15 each, children under 12 free, and can be purchased at www.ptbovocations.ca/hockey or by visiting the

Vocations Office (820 Frank St. Ptbo) on Tues. or Thurs. 8:30-4:30. Call 705-874-1871 for more details.

Christmas Potluck Dinner - Dec 10th at 4:30pm

We begin outside at 5pm with a short blessing and lighting of the parish outdoor nativity set and continue with a delicious pot-luck dinner and fellowship.

Sisters in Christ Retreat

High School-aged young women are invited to an awesome retreat to bring you together as Sisters In Christ - the retreat will be SIC! Teaser: last time, an escape room was involved. This retreat runs from November 24-26 at Villa St. Joseph in Cobourg (445 Monk Street - we will carpool). Early bird registration fee of \$25 before Nov. 15, registration is \$30 afterwards. Register at www.ptbovocations.ca/sic. Call 705-874-1871 for details.

At Alpha next week: November 13th at 6:30pm Why and How Should I Tell Others?

All are welcome to join Alpha at any point! It's free and dinner's included!

The experience of faith is deeply personal. From within, we are tempted to keep it to ourselves. Additionally, many encourage us to keep our faith to ourselves. Should we listen to these voices, or should we tell others about our faith?

Questions explored on week seven:

- Do Christians have a duty to share their faith with others?
- How can we respectfully express our faith?
- How does God equip his people to express faith?

Employment Opportunity - PVNC School Board

Lay Chaplaincy Team Leader at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Lindsay. This is a permanent part-time position. Visit applytoeducation.com or contact the school board office for full details. Application deadline: Nov 24th.



St. Thomas More Parish Family Christmas Potluch Dinner

Sunday, December 10th at 4:30pm