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Epiphany Coming up...

Tuesday, January 9th 9:00am – Mass at Rectory Chapel

Thursday, January 11th 9:00am – Mass at Rectory Chapel

Saturday, January 13th

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

Sunday, January 14th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church (For William Malinson) 11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission (For the People)

Please remember in your prayers... *Those who are sick, especially:* Christine Fras, Erica Perk, & Hermine Jandristis

and those who have died, especially: David Weimen & Ed Moran Contact Fr. Craig to have a name added to this list for four weeks.

Thank you for your generous offerings

December 17th, 2017: \$ 971 Average for 35 received envelopes: \$24.00 December eGive: \$809 (Weekly avg: \$20.15 for 8)

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.

~ Announcements and Prayers before Mass ~

Before the 9am Mass begins, all are welcome to use the form at the entrance of the church to include names of the sick or departed. After speaking with the priest, announcements may also be included in the same manner.

~ Mens' and Womens' Group ~

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.

Development & Peace – Together for Peace

The theme of our Share Lent campaign, Together for Peace, invites us to build peace through dialogue and reconciliation and to consider mercy as a source of hope for the future; this is what Pope Francis underlined on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Join us at our Workshop on Saturday, Jan 13th at 9:15am, in St. Anne's Parish Centre, 859 Barnardo Ave., Peterborough. A light lunch is provided. Help us bring this message to our Diocese. Together, let us be proud to be artisans of peace! For more information contact kstaunton@cogeco.ca.



The Flying Fathers have returned!

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.'s John Perdue and

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 Tue or Thu 8:30-4:30. Call 705-874-1871 for details.

The Second Annual St. Joseph Dinner

Tickets are available for the 2nd Annual St. Joseph Dinner in support of campus ministry. Funds raised support Catholic ministry to students at Trent University and Fleming College. The dinner will take place Saturday Feb 3rd at the Evinrude Centre Banquet Hall in Peterborough. Cocktail hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Students from Trent, Fleming and Sacred Heart College will speak, as will keynote speaker Bishop Daniel Miehm. Tickets are \$100 and are eligible for a \$50 charitable tax receipt. They can be purchased online at www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner or by visiting the Vocations Office (820 Frank St.) on Tuesdays or Thursdays. For info, contact Fr. John Perdue at 705-874-1871 or vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org.

Cleaners Needed

Thanks to a dedicated team of cleaners, many comment on how clean and inviting our church is. However, our team of cleaners is in need of more members to offer a couple of hours every two months to help keep our beautiful church and hall clean. Anyone interested in serving our parish through this ministry are asked to contact Mary at melnychuk01@sympatico.ca or 705-277-2420.

Children's Liturgy

Shannon Brady has graciously offered to create and run a Children's Liturgy at St. Thomas More church at the 9am Mass. This is a great way to enable our parish to meet the needs of both parents and children. Shannon hopes to begin early in the New Year, but needs help. Any willing to help out on an occasional basis, especially parents of children who might enjoy such an offering, are asked to contact Shannon at shannon.brady@dcdsb.ca or 905-441-3259.

Offering to Community Care and Food Share

Thanks to your generosity at the second collection on Christmas Eve, over \$334 will be given to Millbrook Food Share to assist those of our community who are in need.

Kitchen Convener

Thanks to the efforts of the Kitchen Convener, who arranges for volunteers to offer the snacks we enjoy each month, Coffee Sunday is always enjoyed by many. For years now, Kris has done a wonderful job of ensuring that Coffee Sunday is great. St. Thomas More is now in need of a new Kitchen Convener to ensure that Coffee Sunday continues to run so smoothly by recruiting volunteers each month to offer snacks for all to enjoy. Anyone interested should contact Bev at bevy@nexicom.net or 705-944-5141.

Call for Conscience Campaign

The Call for Conscience 2018 Campaign is underway. Bishop Miehm and bishops across Ontario are asking for an email address and/or postal code from every Catholic family in their community. This information will be used to communicate periodically on issues of particular importance for the Catholic community.

The first campaign of 2018 is the Call for Conscience, inviting our elected Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and those seeking office this June to increase funding/access to palliative care, to protect health care workers wishing to abstain from any involvement in euthanasia/assisted suicide and to protect faith based facilities from participation in euthanasia/assisted suicide.

Please provide your contact information at the back of the church on the weekends of February 4 and 11, 2018. Thank you for living our faith!