

**"MAKE ME TO KNOW
YOUR WAYS, O LORD;
TEACH ME YOUR PATHS.**

PSALM 25:4



St. Thomas More Parish & St. Bernadette Mission

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18TH FEBRUARY 2018

1st Week of Lent Coming up...

Tuesday, February 20th

9:00am – Mass at Rectory Chapel
(For Jim Durand)

Thursday, February 22nd

9:00am – Mass at Rectory Chapel

Saturday, February 24th

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

Sunday, February 25th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church
(For Ed Moran)
11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission

Please remember in your prayers...

Those who are sick, especially:

Erica Perk, & Hermine Jandristis

and those who have died.

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

Thank you for your generous offerings

February 4th, 2018: \$ 764.50

Average for 28 received envelopes: \$ 24.11

January eGive: \$814 (Weekly avg: \$ 20.42 for 9)

Help Needed: Church Cleaners

Thanks to our dedicated 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 melnchuk01@sympatico.ca or 705-277-2420.

St. Thomas More Parish now offers eGive, Electronic Giving

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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.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2018

The annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally for Youth and Adults focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, confessions, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and a Eucharistic Procession. Led by leading EWTN television hosts, musicians, theologians, authors and clergy, The 26th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on March 3rd, 2018. Learn more or sign up at lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

Peterborough Pregnancy Support Services

'All About Love Gala'

Saturday April 14th 2018, 6pm @ The Venue. Enjoy a delicious meal, entertainment by *The Second Generation Leahy Family* and silent auction. Tickets \$125 each includes \$50 tax receipt. To reserve your ticket visit: 2018-all-about-love.eventbrite.ca or call (705) 742-4015

A Moment in Lent - by Dr. Donald Graham

Venturing in faith with John Henry Cardinal Newman

Spend an evening savouring the wisdom of a superb guide to the spiritual life. Energize your Lent with John Henry Cardinal Newman and let his life lessons inform yours! Feb 22nd at 7pm at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall, 810 Frank St., Peterborough.

Operation: Supporting my Parish

Those who subscribe to the 'Living with Christ' Mass companion have an opportunity to support St. Thomas More Parish through their subscription. When renewing or starting a new subscription, please use one of the forms found at the entrance of the church. Submit the form and payment to Fr. Craig by Palm Sunday. Each new or renewed subscription earns money for our parish.

Development & Peace Corner

Share Lent in the name of peace:

For this year's Share Lent, Development and Peace is encouraging us to come together for peace! You will find inspiring testimonials in the Mini-magazine distributed in church today.

This week, our search for peace takes us to Cambodia to meet ICSO, a Development and Peace partner that works with minority Indigenous communities to help them have their rights recognized by the government, defend their land against corporate interests, and develop sustainable economic activities that enable them to live with dignity.

Mark March 17th on your calendar to come and meet Felix Morka our Solidarity Visitor at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall, Ford St., Peterborough, at 7:00pm. See you there!

Beginning March 4th – Symbolon

The Creed serves as a means to recognize Christians and provides unity among all Christians. On Sunday evenings in the parish hall beginning on March 4th, all are invited to journey through the Catholic Faith with the Creed as our guide. In the first session we will see how faith, our response to God's invitation, 'fuels' our journey. How is faith more than just belief? What are some key elements to prayer? How can we find signs of God? Symbolon is a place to learn more about our faith and to discuss how it is lived out in each person's unique life. See all the details at: symbolon.stthomasmillbrook.ca.

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – Nov 11-20, 2018.

Have you ever dreamt of being alive 2,000 years ago, walking beside with Jesus. To have actually witnessed the miracles or heard the parables first hand. If that is the case, Faith Journey is offering an excursion of a lifetime. Visit Nazareth, Cana, the River Jordan, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, Bethsaida, Mount Tabor, Tabgha, Jericho, the Valley of death, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and many more of these sacred spaces. The price is \$2695 plus \$695 for airport tax and fuel surcharge. If you are interested in participating in this 10 day faith experience please contact the spiritual leader for the pilgrimage Fr. Bill Moloney at 705-742-5466.

Parish Contact Update and Permission

Good communication within our parish requires up-to-date contact information of our valued parishioners. Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date by filling in the clipboard at the entrance of the church or by visiting update.stthomasmillbrook.ca (can be done from your phone right now!). There, you will also have the option of granting permission for representatives of our parish to contact you in the event of the death of one of our parishioners.

Help Needed: 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 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.

The Office of Tenebrae

The Office of Tenebrae of Holy Thursday (The Office of Darkness) will be anticipated on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:30 pm as part of this year's schedule of Holy Week services at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains in Peterborough. The Cathedral Choir and Diocesan Choir will lead the Gregorian Chant and other musical settings under its Music Director, Claudio Engli. We invite everyone to attend this moving service during the most important and significant week of the liturgical year.

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