

*I do it all for the  
sake of the Gospel...*

*...so that I  
may share in  
its blessings.*

*1 Cor 9:23*



**St. Thomas More Parish & St. Bernadette Mission**

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**4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time Coming up...

### Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – Mass at Rectory Chapel

### Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – Mass at Rectory Chapel

### Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

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, February 11<sup>th</sup>

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, 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

January 21<sup>th</sup>, 2018: \$ 898.30

Average for 34 received envelopes: \$24.66

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

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.

### 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.

### Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2018

The Lift Jesus Higher Rally is an annual event for Youth and Adults that 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 26<sup>th</sup> annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Learn more or sign up at, lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca

### Venturing in faith with John Henry Cardinal Newman

*A Moment in Lent - by Dr. Donald Graham*

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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall, 810 Frank St., Peterborough.

### **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!

### **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.

### **Help Needed: 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.

### **Peterborough Pregnancy Support Services**

*'All About Love Gala'*

Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 6pm @ The Venue Enjoy a delicious meal, entertainment by *The Second Generation Leahy Family*, and a silent auction. Early Bird tickets \$100. pp until February 9<sup>th</sup> (\$125. pp after) includes \$50 tax receipt *Perfect Valentine's Gift!* To reserve your ticket visit mypregnancycentre.org or call (705) 742-4015 to order.

### **Healing Masses on the World Day of the Sick**

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> is the World Day of the sick. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered at the Sunday and Saturday evening Masses on Feb 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Catholics facing illness, be it physical, mental, emotional, spiritual or otherwise, that threatens life are encouraged to come and meet Jesus, the great healer and physician, through this Sacrament.

### **Beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> – 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 4<sup>th</sup>, all are invited to journey through the Catholic Faith with the Creed as our guide. We are indeed on a journey, 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? 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.

### **Pre-lit Tree Needed**

Frances Gazley is looking for an outdoor/indoor pre-lit bare artificial tree like the ones often see at Christmas time. The tree would be used as part of a display for our upcoming Share Lent 2018 Development and Peace Campaign. The tree will be taken care of and will be returned by Palm Sunday. Can you help? Contact Frances at 705-932-1723 or gazleyf@gmail.com.

### **Catholic Divorce?**

The process of receiving an annulment in the Catholic Church can sometimes be difficult to understand. Come out to St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish Hall on Fri, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Fr. Raymond Rick, Diocesan Priest and Canon lawyer, is coming to speak and help all who come out to understand the process plus clear the air about some misconceptions regarding the annulment process. All are invited to a Coffee House style evening with snacks and drinks. No charge.

### **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 of Immaculate Conception Parish, Peterborough at 705-742-5466.

### **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 melnychuk01@sympatico.ca or 705-277-2420.