"...those who do what is thus come to the fight..."

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 11^{TH} March 2018

4th Week of Lent Coming up...

Tuesday, March 13th 9:00am – Mass at Rectory Chapel

Thursday, March 15th

9:00am - Mass at Rectory Chapel

Saturday, March 17th

- 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, March 18th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church (For the intentions of the mens' and women's group)

10:00am – Coffee Sunday at St. Thomas More church

11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission (For Stan Longsdale)

6:30pm – Symbolon discussions at St. Thomas More Led by Fr. Craig The Bible

> Please remember in your prayers... *Those who are sick, especially:* Erica Perk

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 25th, 2018: \$ 838.80

Average for 29 received envelopes: \$ 27.07 February eGive: \$ 901 (Weekly avg: \$ 22.53 for 10)

Symbolon – Mar 18th: The Bible

God has a personal message of love for each and every person at every time and place. In this discussion, we will explore what it means to claim that the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit, how the Bible was assembled, how Catholics interpret the Bible, how we can know with confidence that the Bible contains God's revelation for our lives and more.

See all the details at: symbolon.stthomasmillbrook.ca.

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.

\sim Announcements and Prayers before Mass \sim

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.

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. However, help is needed. 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.

Development & Peace Corner

Peterborough Diocese will host our Solidarity Visitor, Felix Morka for a presentation on Sat. Mar. 17 at 7pm at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall – 810 Frank St. Felix is a Harvard educated lawyer and Executive Director of The Social and Economic Rights Action Centre, our partner in Nigeria. SERAC has worked for over 20 years with slum communities in Lagos and elsewhere in Nigeria to promote and protect the socioeconomic rights of inhabitants, including their rights to adequate housing/shelter, livelihood, water, food, access to electricity, and education. SERAC's work in slums involves rights-based community organizing, empowerment, advocacy and litigation in response to threatened or forced evictions.

Join us at St. Alphonsus and hear how SERAC is training community leaders with the knowledge and tools they need to engage in effective dialogue with the government.

Also, don't forget the Share Lent Collection on Mar 17 & 18. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please pray for the Nigerian People.

Space Sought for Campus Ministry

As ministry to Trent University and Fleming College develops, Fr. John Perdue is exploring the possibility of establishing a physical space for campus ministry. Anyone reading this who has a space available that is easily accessible to students or who has a suggestion for a space is invited to contact Fr. John at 705-874-1871 or vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org

The Office of Tenebrae (The Office of Darkness)

Tue, Mar 27 at 7:30pm. As part of the Holy Week services at the Cathedral, the Cathedral and Diocesan Choirs will lead 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.

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. An information meeting will be held at Immaculate Conception parish hall in Peterborough on March 22nd, 7pm. Those interested in participating in this 10 day faith experience please contact the spiritual leader for the pilgrimage Fr. Bill Moloney at 705-742-5466.

Retreat Day, "Sacred Spaces: 'A Celtic Pilgimage"

(Sr. Linda Gregg CSJ) - March 14, 2018: 9:00 a.m. 4 p.m. Villa St Joseph, 445 Monk St, Cobourg

This Retreat Day will be a pilgrimage to the Celtic Christian tradition, briefly locating its historical and geographical background and then entering into the Celtic Christian way of seeing in the "thin places" of creation. The Celtic spirit sees God's presence abiding in all creation, glimpsing doorways to the sacred where heaven and earth are one.

Cost is \$40 and includes lunch and snacks. To register, call 905-372--2741, or email: villa@csjcanada.org.

Sacred Heart College presents...

"Theology of the Body Certificate Series" with Sr. Helena Burns, fsp

Today's culture is all about love, sex, the body, beauty and relationships. So is God. Through JPII's original and dynamic synthesis, we will unpack God's story of love, sex, the body, beauty and relationships.

Starting Mar 17, the Theology of the Body certificate program will be offered through Sacred Heart College in Peterborough. The course is available both in-class and online.

Dates: Mar 17th, Apr 7th, 14th, 21st, May 5th and 12th.* **Program also available online, serving all areas of our Diocese*. Time: 9:30am - 4pm at Sadleir House, 751 George St. N, Peterborough.

\$150.00 for students in the Theology of the Body Certificate Program (book included); \$75.00 for students auditing the Theology of the Body Program. Students registered in the Certificate program will receive a text and must complete some written assignments before being awarded the Certificate. Call the College or register online: www.sacredheartcollege.ca/en/programsand-courses/theology-of-the-body-certificate-with-srhelena-burns.aspx

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.

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