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Administrator: Fr. Craig Cruikshank

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017



## Coming up...

**Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** 9:00am – Mass in the Rectory

## Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – Mass in the Rectory For Christian Unity

## Saturday, January 28th

9:00am – Mass in Church 2:45pm – Adoration and Confessions 4:00pm – Mass at St. Thomas More (For Don and Donna Fenton)

## Sunday, January 29th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More (For Teresa and Andy Wachon) 11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission (For the people)

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

## and those who have died, especially:

Mary Avison, Anna Mae Eckert & Mary-Anne Lane Contact Fr. Craig to have a name added to this list for four weeks.

## Thank you for your generous offerings

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017: \$965.45 Average for 34 received envelopes: \$25.82 December eGive: \$281 (\$70.25 weekly avg.)

## 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, Yelverton (Old United Church, Hwy 7 W, Yelverton)

~ Sacrament of Reconciliation ~

45 minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

## ~ Baptisms ~

Parents seeking baptism for their child should see Father Craig after Mass or visit the website to download the information form. The Baptismal Preparation Period is completed at your own pace and usually takes about three weeks. 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.

#### ~ formed.org parish code ~



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#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> is the week of prayer for Christian Unity. Please keep this need in your prayers: that we would always work to fulfill the desire of Jesus for all the baptized to be one united community of faith.

Loving God, in Jesus you gave us the one who died for all. He lived our life and died our death. You accepted his sacrifice and raised him to new life with you. Grant that we, who have died with him, may be made one by the Holy Spirit and live in the abundance of your divine presence now and forever. Amen.

#### Welcoming the Baptized

Through baptism, the baptized truly become children of God. As a parish, we can assist not only by giving good instruction on what baptism is but also by helping the baptized and their families to experience the love and gifts of God.

Father Craig is looking for several families or individuals to become 'Parish Ambassadors to the Baptized'. The priest will still provide all instruction and for baptism, but these ambassadors would journey with new families for a period of time, helping to welcome them into our parish and community.

There are no special talents required to assist in this ministry. Any baptized person open to sharing the joys they receive from their faith and parish community are invited to assist in this ministry. If interested, please speak with Father Craig after Mass or contact him by phone or email before the end of January.

#### **Church Cleaning Help**

Because of some dedicated individuals, many comment on how clean our church always is; a clean church lets others know how important our worship space is to us. But, more help is needed. If you would be willing and able to offer 90 minutes once every two months to join one of the cleaning teams, please contact Bernie Durand at bdurand@nexicom.net or 705-932-1936.

#### Also needed: 5 Gal buckets

If you happen to have some to spare, the parish could use some 5 gallon buckets with lids to hold and carry the sand and salt needed to deal with ice in our parking lot and walkways. Thanks much.

#### The Carpenter's Cup Gaming Challenge

The Carpenter's Cup is back! High school aged young men are invited to a weekend of meaningful talks, Mass, adoration and a gaming competition! Guys will compete on PS4, WiiU and NES systems to see who takes home the Carpenter's Cup trophy! The retreat will take place Feb. 3-5 at JPII House (820 Frank St. Ptbo). For more information or to register visit www.ptbovocations.ca/carpenterscup

#### Help Needed for the Way of the Cross

Good news - the annual Way of the Cross through downtown Peterborough will be returning again this year, hosted by the Vocations Office of the Diocese. At this time, Father John Perdue is looking for young men and women of high school or university/college age to act in the production. Community service hours can be obtained. Rehearsals will take place on Fridays from 3:30-5:30 at JPII House (820 Frank St.) beginning on Feb. 10, and the actual event will be on Good Friday, April 14th from 10AM to 1PM beginning at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains. If you are interested, please call Father John (705.874.1871) email vocations@peterboroughdiocese.org or text @wotc to 289-278-3338.

#### Mens' Breakfast

Men of our parish are invited to share a breakfast at Madison's in downtown Millbrook on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> after the 9am Mass (approx. 9:45am). This is a chance for men of our parish to gather, get to know one another better, and have a good time.

#### Prayer for Bishops

Most Glorious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray for our Bishops.

You have appointed Jesus, Your only-begotten Son to be the eternal High Priest for the glory of Thy Majesty and the salvation of humankind; grant Your blessings upon Bishop McGrattan. Bless him for his faithful fulfillment of his ministry to the Diocese of Peterborough, and give us a new bishop who will lead us by his holiness of life and wisdom. Direct him to guide our diocesan family so that we may grow in your love.

O Mary, Virgin Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Hold all bishops close to your Immaculate Heart! Amen.