



"...surely,
God is my helper;
the Lord is the
upholder of my life."

Psalm 54:4

C E L E B R A T I N G 4 0 Y E A R S



St. Thomas More Parish
&
St. Bernadette Mission

9TH TO 23RD OF
SEPTEMBER
2018

**23rd to 26th Sunday's of
Ordinary Time
Coming up...**

September 10th to 14th - * No Daily Mass *****

Saturday, September 15th

**** No Morning Mass ****

4:00pm – Mass at St. Thomas More church
(For Larry Bush)

Sunday, September 16th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church
(For the Intentions of the CWMC)

10:00am – Coffee Sunday

11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission, Nestleton
(For the People)

September 17th to 21st - * No Daily Mass *****

Saturday, September 22nd

**** No Morning Mass ****

4:00pm – Mass at St. Thomas More church

Sunday, September 23rd

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church
(For Amanda Littlejohn English)

11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission, Nestleton
(For the People)

September 24th to 28th - * No Daily Mass *****

Saturday, September 29th

**** No Morning Mass ****

2:45pm – Adoration and Confessions

4:00pm – Mass at St. Thomas More church
(For Joseph Devereaux Sr.)

Sunday, September 30th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church
(For the People)

11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission, Nestleton

Tuesday, October 2nd

9:00am – Mass at Rectory

Wednesday, October 3rd

5:30pm – Mass at Rectory

Thursday, October 4th

9:00am – Mass at Rectory

Saturday, October 6th

2:45pm – Adoration and Confessions

4:00pm – Mass at St. Thomas More church

Sunday, October 7th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church
(For the People)

11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission, Nestleton

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~ 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 ~

Those 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 way.

~ Mens' and Womens' Group (CWMC) ~

The Mens' and Womens' Group 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.

Thank you for your generous offerings

August 26th, 2018: \$ 1090.35

Average for 42 received envelopes: \$ 25.69

August eGive: \$ 1126 (Weekly avg: \$ 23.11 for 11)

Please remember in your prayers...

Those who are sick, especially:

Erica Perk, & Angelina Lipartiti

and those who have died, especially:

Mary Beyette & Ed Bobee

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

St. Thomas More Parish now offers
eGive, Electronic Giving

Easy | Secure | Convenient | Beneficial
See the parish priest to enroll

First Reconciliation and Communion Preparation

Parents wishing their children to receive their first Reconciliation and First Communion should visit firstcommunion.stthomasmillbrook.ca to let the parish know. Preparations begin in November!

Official statements about abuse scandals

In response to the recent revelations about abuse scandals in the United States, our Pope, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops as well as our Bishop have released official statements. These statements may be found on the website for the Diocese of Peterborough, peterboroughdiocese.org.

We pray for all victims of abuse, especially those betrayed by church leaders; may they experience healing and peace.

Becoming Catholic

If you or someone you know is curious about becoming Catholic or is simply interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, see Fr. Craig. Sessions begins this fall. There are already a few coming out, but more are always welcome! Sessions involve a video followed with open discussion.

Change for daily Mass schedule

Beginning in October, the Mass will no longer be celebrated regularly on Saturday mornings except on mornings with a CWMC meeting. Beginning in October, the Mass will be celebrated regularly on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm at the rectory.

Alpha: explore – life, faith, meaning

Begins Tues, Sept 25th, 6:30 – 8:30pm for 11 weeks at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall, 810 Frank St., Peterborough. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith, by looking at various questions and creating conversation. There's no pressure, no follow-up and no charge. Free child-care also! Alpha is an open, informal, and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together. Each evening begins with a free meal, short video and small group discussion. For more info and to register, visit peterboroughalpha.com or contact 705-745-8623.

Fr. Craig's Absence

Fr. Craig takes a pilgrimage Sept 9th to 28th. Visiting priests will celebrate Masses for both St. Thomas and St. Bernadette communities on Sat evenings and Sunday's. Daily Masses, however, will not be celebrated. Requests for Mass offerings should be made to Fr. Craig after his return. During his absence, those needing a priest for a funeral or the Sacrament of the Sick should contact St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral at 705-745-4681.

Consecration of the icon for our Diocese

The Consecration of the Icon ("Vitae Aeternae Verba Habes." or "You have the words of eternal life.", Jn 6:68, which happens to be the motto for our Diocese) will be held on Sun, Sept 30, 2018, at the 10:30am Mass at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral. An icon (a Greek word meaning "image") is a depiction of a holy person or scene. Icons are often called "windows to heaven". The iconographer is Marysia Kowalchuk from Madonna House in Combermere, ON. All are welcome to the Consecration of the Icon!

St. Peter-in-Chains parish CWL Retreat

The Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains will host a retreat on Sat, Oct 13th, in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Peterborough. The facilitator will be Enza Lamberti, an Associate Pastor for the Arch-Diocese of Toronto. The theme is 'Women's Prayer'. The retreat is open to all Women of Peterborough and the surrounding area. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. Lunch is provided.

Be aware of an email scam

Some report having received fake emails, purporting to be from clergy of the Diocese of Peterborough, requesting money. Such emails are a scam. Official emails from clergy of the Diocese of Peterborough will come from email addresses ending with "@peterboroughdiocese.org" or an official parish email address like "@stthomasmillbrook.ca". At this time, neither our parish nor our diocese ever requests money via email. As our diocese works with Peterborough Police Services on this matter, those who suspect having received such a scam email are asked to forward it to ab@peterboroughdiocese.org.

Upcoming Pilgrimages

- Sound of Music & Passion Play
Germany, Spring 2020
Hosted by Frs. Randy Foster and Bill Maloney
- Holy Land Pilgrimage, Nov 4th to 18th
Hosted by Fr. Joseph Devereaux and Deacon Randy Matters

See more details about these pilgrimages on the poster found in the main entrance of the church.

Life Chain 2018

Life Chain 2018 will be held on Sun, Sept 30th, from 2 to 3pm at the corner of Lansdowne and Monaghan Streets in Peterborough. Life Chain invites the churches in each city and town to stand on a designated local sidewalk and pray while upholding a pro-life sign message. Life Chain is a time to witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Please read Bishop Miehm's Life Chain 2018 - Letter of Endorsement on the Diocese of Peterborough website and plan to be part of this witness to our faith: peterboroughdiocese.org/en/about-us/bishop_letters.aspx. For further information, call 705-243-4133.