Jlove you, O Lord, my strength." Ps 18:1 CELEBRATIDG 40 YEARS 4^{TH} OF

St. Thomas More Parish & St. Bernadette Mission

Dovember 2018

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time Coming up...

Tuesday, November 6th

9:00am - Mass at rectory

Wednesday, November 7th

5:30pm - Mass at rectory

Thursday, November 8th

9:00am - Mass at rectory

Saturday, November 10th

2:45pm – Adoration and Confessions

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

Sunday, November 11th

9:00am – Mass at St. Thomas More church (For the People) 11:30am – Mass at St. Bernadette Mission, Nestleton

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

as well as those who have died.

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

Thank you for your generous offerings

October 7th, 2018: \$ 1146.25 Average for 31 received envelopes: \$ 33.93 October eGive: \$ 1166 (Weekly avg: \$ 20.25 for 13)

St. Thomas More Parish now offers eGive, Electronic Giving

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

Sisters in Christ Weekend Retreat

For High School Girls on Theology of the Body Nov 30th - Dec 2nd, 2018 At Villa St Joseph in Cobourg (445 Monk Street) Early Registration \$25 (after Nov. 23rd: \$30) For more information or to sign up please contact Mother Parousia m.parousia@servidoras.org 705-745-7631 St. Thomas More Parish & St. Bernadette Mission

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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.

~ Womens' and Mens' 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.

Our Christmas Bazaar will soon be here!

Be sure to mark Sat, Nov 17th on your calendars our annual Christmas bazaar at the Millbrook Legion from 9 till 1:30pm.

All your favourite things will be available again: Penny Table, delicious baked goods, crafts made by our own parishioners, New-To-You, religious items and a tasty chili or chicken soup lunch combo. In case you haven't heard already, we are selling raffle tickets for 3 prizes: \$500 cash; a wall quilt donated by Jeanne and a crocheted afghan, donated by Helene. You can also buy draw tickets for Christmas gift basket.

Help is needed to bake goodies, donate some handicrafts or penny table items and/or helping to sell behind one of the tables or preparing and serving the lunch. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrance to the church, but if you have any questions, please contact Bev Erratt or any of the other CWMC members and they can help direct you.

November discussions on end of life issues

Mortality is something every person will face in life. In November, a series of speakers will come to our parish hall to lead discussions and answer your questions about end of life issues: something everyone will have to confront one day. Everyone is invited.

Wed, Nov 7th at 6:15pm - Fr. Tom Lynch speaks on topics like, euthanasia, DNR orders, removal of life support, etc.

Wed, Nov 14th at 6:15pm - Fr. Craig speaks on topics like, the funeral liturgy, burials and wakes, eulogies, cremation, etc.

Wed, Nov 21st at 6:15pm - Bill Shields of Fallis and Shields Funeral Home speaks about pre-planning funerals.

Wed, Nov 28th at 6:15pm - Gerald Connolly, of the Knights of Columbus, speaks about wills and estate planning.

Questions about these or any related topics can be anonymously submitted into a box found at the entrance of the church. Questions submitted will be given to the respective guest speaker before their presentation. Each evening will also feature a question period.

Carpenter's Cup Sports Edition

High School aged young men are invited to the Carpenter's Cup Retreat - Sports Edition! The Carpenter's Cup brings young men together for a weekend of competition, meaningful talks and prayer. The retreat will take place Nov 23-25 at JPII House (820 Frank St. Peterborough). Register at www.ptbovocations.ca/carpenterscup.

Early bird rates until Nov 16th Call Fr. John for details: 705-874-1871.

Sacred Heart College presents...

"Living a Public Faith: A Catholic's Duty" with Rev. Dr. Andrew P.W. Bennett Nov 8th @ 7pm Sacred Heart Church, 208 Romaine St, Peterborough, Reception to Follow.

First Reconciliation and Communion Preparation

Preparations begin soon! Children in grade 2 or beyond are welcome to begin preparing for these two great Sacraments. Parents can register children at firstcommunion.stthomasmillbrook.ca. Registration closes on Nov 4th.

Development & Peace Fall Campaign

Share the Journey

Pope Francis launched the campaign during his weekly audience in St. Peter's Square on Sep 27th, 2017. The Share the Journey campaign brings together more than 200 Catholic organizations. This includes Development & Peace, Catholic Relief Services, CAFOD, and our sister Caritas agencies in every continent.

The Pope challenges us all to open our arms wide to welcome refugees and all forced to leave their homes and possessions, who set off in hope, in the true sense of the word, hope being all that hey have left.

Together, we on all our governments, and on all people, to play their part in welcoming and protecting people forced to flee their homes due to armed conflict, climate change, development megaprojects, persecution... The causes of forced displacement are multiple, interwoven and complex.

Postcard signing will be Nov. 18 - more info next week.

Youth Retreat

Created: A Youth Retreat on Theology of the Body St. Alphonsus Parish Hall, Nov. 16-18, sponsored by Sacred Heart College. Contact: Nicolas Du Bonnet, 705-745-8623 (ex. 204) or nicolas@stalphonsus.net

Mass Intentions

Since the 2nd century, Catholics have had a tradition of requesting that a Mass be offered for a particular intention. Today, the faithful often ask that a priest celebrate a Mass for a particular intention, perhaps in thanksgiving for something, for a birthday or anniversary, for someone who has passed away or for some other intention. In this way, the intentions of one individual are joined to the prayers of the whole Church. While a request cannot be turned down for lack of funds, petitioners are asked to offer \$20 for an announced Mass intention. This is not a 'fee' for the Mass, but a way for the faithful to provide for those things necessary for the Mass and it morally obliges the celebrant to keep the intention in his own prayers. At St. Thomas More Parish, including St. Bernadette Mission, Mass intentions can be requested from the priest after each Mass.