

JANUARY 2019

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A great family Christmas potluck

Blessing of Ministers:
at Mass, Jan 12th - 13th



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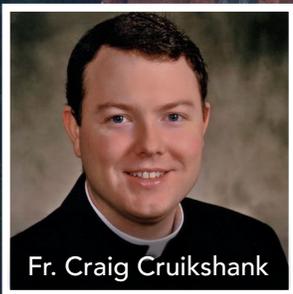
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Fr. Craig Cruikshank

MORE FROM OUR PRIEST...

On Christmas we celebrate not only of the birth of Jesus a long time ago, but also how Jesus enters our lives continually and in surprising ways. When we encounter the beauty of creation, the kindness of a stranger or some fortunate happening, we witness God-at-work, a kind of mini-Christmas. Christmas prompts us to always be on the lookout for God-at-work, to be looking for the various ways Jesus enters our lives. Christmas also prompts us to be Jesus for others, to creatively share his love and his message of Good News as the angels shared the Good News with the shepherds on that first Christmas morning. Through this, finding the presence of Jesus and sharing him with others, we have every good reason to continually celebrate, not just on Christmas day, but every day.

Merry Christmas to all!



Bravely making a Confession for the first time



Lighting the candle of hope



Enjoying a Christmas story at the family potluck

DECEMBER 2018 RECAP

The beginning of the month also marked the beginning of Advent. In our church, this season started with the lighting the first candle of the Advent wreath, the candle of hope. The light of this first candle is a great reminder that, even in the darkest of moments, the light of Christ gives us every reason to hope. A couple of young people from our community expressed their own hope when they celebrated for the first time the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As usual, the annual family Christmas potluck drew out a great crowd and a great variety of delicious home made dishes; there was barely enough room in the hall for everyone. What a great end to 2018! What great reason to hope for a fantastic 2019!

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

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.

MORE COMING UP...



BLESSING OF MINISTERS

We support those who serve us in the Liturgy with a blessing for ministers (lectors, hospitality ministers, servers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion) at all Sunday Masses on January 12th and 13th.



Journey through our Faith with the Creed **SYMBOLON**

Begins January 13th - Details at symbolon.stthomasmillbrook.ca



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sun, Jan 20th, 4pm
at St. Thomas More church

All are welcome for prayer and refreshments celebrating the week of prayer for Christian Unity

Enjoy homemade snacks, refreshments
and fellowship every third Sunday of the
month after the 9am Mass at

coffee Sunday



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MORE FROM OUR BISHOP...

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Advent season of preparation and expectation will soon give way to the joyful days of Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. I pray that this season will be for you and your family a time of peace, joy and deep faith.

My recent trip to the Holy Land included a day in Bethlehem, where our pilgrimage group celebrated Mass at the Basilica of the Nativity. Afterwards, we joined the long line of hundreds of faithful to enter the grotto, believed to be the very site where Jesus was born. It was an awesome feeling to enter that grotto, one of the oldest sites of continuous Christian worship; interestingly, I found the wait in line just as inspiring. Seeing the faith of so many pilgrims eager to show reverence to the Lord's birthplace was truly uplifting. It is a sign of the power of the Christmas story, one that still captures imaginations and moves hearts and minds. Jesus' birth is the great revelation of Divine Love, the Good News that God has visited His people and, in Christ, assumed our lowly humanity.

No wonder people are drawn to Nativity scenes at this time of year, which are places of prayer, reflection and wonder. A visit to Bethlehem isn't easy or practical, but in our Christmas crèches, we erect a piece of Bethlehem in our homes and churches. When you see a Nativity scene this Christmas, let it speak to you of the awesome power of God's love made visible in Jesus. May the power of the Lord's birth be a sign of hope for you and may it inspire you to show God's love to a needy and waiting world.

May you enjoy a very blessed Christmas Day and season. Yours in Christ,

+Daniel Miehm
Bishop of Peterborough



MORE FROM A PARISHIONER...

The St. Thomas More Catholic Women's and Men's Council (CWMC) is a group of volunteers from our Parish. We have an elected executive comprising of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. We meet monthly (except for July and August) at our Parish Hall. The purpose of our group includes maintaining the Church and the Rectory and surrounding grounds to the best of our ability, supporting parishioners in need, helping to build community within the parish and helping grow the church community. In addition, we are dedicated to supporting the local community through donations from our fundraising. The Women's and Men's Council is open to all women and men of St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette communities. We can be reached by email at stmcwcouncil@gmail.com.

MORE INFORMATION...

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK EVENT & SANTA Thank you to the St. Thomas More Womens' and Mens' Council for organizing the Parish Family Christmas Potluck in December and making it a great success. A very special thank you to Helene and John Korzeniewicz. Also, thank you to everyone who attended and brought their special dishes; the food was excellent and abundant! A very special thank you to Santa for making an appearance and giving gifts to all the children who attended.

2019 ST. JOSEPH DINNER Please join us for the 3rd Annual St. Joseph Dinner in support of Peterborough Campus Ministry. Catholic community is developing at Trent University, Sacred Heart College and Sir Sanford Fleming College, and this pastoral care needs support. The dinner will take place Sat, Feb 2nd, 2019 at Personal Touch Banquet Hall (1135 Lansdowne St.). Cocktail hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Our guest speaker is National Post columnist Fr. Raymond De Souza. Tickets are \$100 each and are eligible for a \$50 charitable tax receipt. They can be purchased online at www.ptbovocations.ca/dinner or by calling 705-874-1871. An excellent Christmas gift!

WEEKDAY MASSES & INCLEMENT WEATHER During winter: if school buses for Millbrook South Cavan Elementary School are cancelled due to inclement weather, please assume that the daily Mass is also cancelled for that day. Visit stsco.ca or tune your radio to a local station to learn of any bus cancellations.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE On-Line or in person (Toronto) Theology of the Body Certificate with Sr. Helena Burns, fsp. Questions? office@sacredheartcollege.com. Registration link: www.sacredheartcollege.ca/en/programs-and-courses/theology-of-the-body-certificate-with-sr-helena-burns.aspx

2019 WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Center, Pickering, ON; 2 Nights/3 Days: Mon Mar 11th – Wed, Mar 13th. Retreat Director is Fr. Henk van Meijel – director of Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre. Cost \$339 with transportation from Belleville or \$299 without transportation. Retreat is organised and escorted by Fr. Don Oberwarth, pastor of St Francis of Assisi, Frankford. For more information or to book, contact 613-929-8390 or womenslentenretreat@gmail.com.

WAY OF THE CROSS - HELP NEEDED For fourteen years, the Way of the Cross through Downtown Peterborough on Good Friday has touched hearts and demonstrated the greatest act of God's love for all people thanks to the help of a dedicated team. This year, help is most needed to maintain and repair the costumes used annually in the celebration. Anyone experienced or capable with making or repairing clothing (tailors, seamstresses, etc.) are invited to be part of the team that will ensure the success of this year's Way of the Cross. Those able to help care for the costumes or in any other way are asked to contact Fr. Craig at info@wotc.ca or 705-400-7888.

PETERBOROUGH AREA MISSION Bishop Gordon of the Diocese of Victoria in British Columbia will deliver a Lenten Mission for all parishes in Peterborough and from Monday, March 18th till Wednesday, March 20th. The Mission will be given at St. Peter-in-Chains Cathedral. There will be three separate presentations and each will be shared twice per day at 11am and 7pm. Plan to attend and be sure to invite and encourage everyone!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Dec 29th 4pm - For Ivy Matwey

Sun, Dec 30th, 9am - Angelina Lipartiti
11:30am - For the People

Sat, Jan 5th, 4pm - For the People

Sun, Jan 6th, 9am - For Angelina Lipartiti
11:30am - Rosa and Carlo Mammone

Sun, Jan 13th, 9am - For Angelina Lipartiti

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