

FEBRUARY 2019

MORRENEWS



*Put out into the deep water
and let down your nets for a catch.*

Luke 5:4

MORE INSIDE...

Generosity, Blessings and Baptisms

Can't Miss *coffee Sunday*
after the 9am Mass, Feb 17th
(and every 3rd Sunday)



SYMBOLON continues...

Saint Thomas More Roman Catholic Parish with Saint Bernadette Mission ~ CELEBRATING 40 YEARS ~

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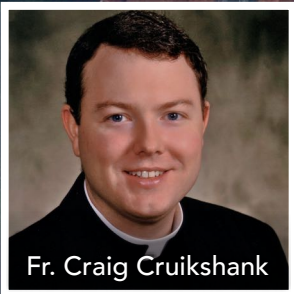
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Fr. Craig Cruikshank

MORE FROM OUR PRIEST...

The beginning of the New Year featured blessings and baptisms; a very good start. Also, thanks to the generous people of our parish at Christmas, an offering of nearly \$500 was given to Millbrook Food Share to help those in our area who may find themselves in need. Our Christmas decorations may have been put away, but I pray that those highlights which marked the Christmas season, baptisms, blessings and generosity, continue to appear in the life our parish throughout this year. May they become signs of God at work both in our parish and in our community that inspire all to become true disciples.



Gathered to celebrate the birth of Our Lord

JANUARY 2019 RECAP

The Christmas season was certainly a season of welcome. Just as many undoubtedly welcomed loved ones into their homes, many were also welcomed into our parish. Be it for a baptism or for the celebration of Christmas, the welcome of our parish begins at the doors. But it doesn't end there. A New Year started with a blessing for all those who work to enhance our worship and our welcome, both at the doors of the church and beyond.



Christmastime Baptism



Blessing those who bless us with their service



Braving the cold for a warm welcome

MORE COMING UP...

Make room on your calendar for the



~ mission ~

March 17th to 21st 2019

Led by Bishop Gary Gordon

**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

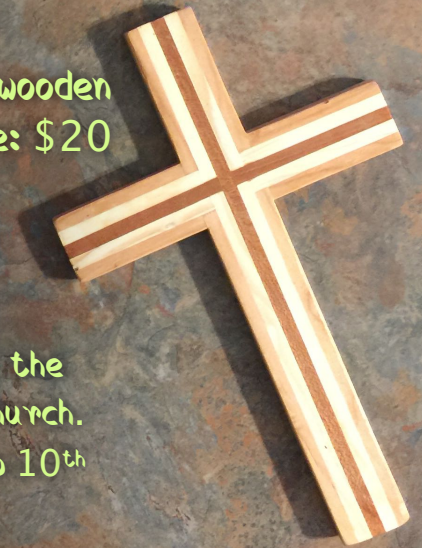
Enjoy homemade snacks, refreshments
and fellowship every third Sunday of
the month after the 9am Mass at

coffee Sunday



12" Handmade wooden
crosses for sale: \$20

See a sample and
pre-order form at the
entrance of the church.
Order yours by Feb 10th



2018 4TH QUARTER FINADNCIAL REPORT

	2018	2017
Offertory:	\$ 72,099.75	\$ 68,427.65
Other Income:	\$ 12,392.65	\$ 13,414.39
Total Expenses:	\$ 80,034.01	\$ 84,916.59
Overall:	\$ 4,691.23	\$ -3,597.31

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GEDEROSITY IN DECEMBER 2018

Offertory: \$ 7306.00 (envelope average: \$ 27.04)
eGive: \$ 1086.00 (average for 13 eGive'ers: \$ 18.86)
Christmas offering for Millbrook Food Share: \$ 496.05

St. Thomas More Parish
offers eGive, Electronic Giving

EASY | SECURE | CONVENIENT | BENEFICIAL
See the parish priest to enrol

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Those who are sick, especially:

Erica Perk

as well as those who have died, especially:

Natalia Melo

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

For a generous welcome of the victims of human
trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of
violence.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Jan 26th 4pm - For the people

Sun, Jan 27th, 9am - For Christina Fras
11:30am - For Dennis Murphy

Sun, Feb 3rd, 9am - For Angelina Lipartiti

Sun, Feb 9th, 9am - For Angelina Lipartiti

Sun, Feb 10th, 9am - For Ed Moran
and Joe Paquette



SYMBOLON™

In the early Church, Christians described their Creed, their summary statement of faith, as the symbolon, the "seal" or "symbol of the faith." Through video and small group discussions, SYMBOLON is a place to learn more about our faith and to discuss how it is lived out in each person's unique life. All are welcome to any of the sessions held in the parish hall on Sunday evening's at 6:30pm.

Jan 27th – The Sacraments: led by Fr. Craig

Feb 10th – The Eucharist: led by Fr. Craig

Feb 24th – Walk through the Mass: led by Fr. Craig

Mar 3rd – Penance and Anointing of the Sick: led by Fr. Craig

Mar 10th – Matrimony and Holy Orders: led by Fr. Craig

Mar 17th – A Catholic Moral Vision: led by John Jalsavac

Mar 24th – Authentic Love: led by Mary and Larry Melnychuk

Mar 31st – God's plan for sexuality: led by Frank and Andrea Colagiacomo

Apr 7th – Building a civilization of love: led by Charlene Rostkowski

Apr 14th – Protecting the dignity of the human person: led by Andy and Theresa Wachon

Full details found at symbolon.stthomasmillbrook.ca

Coming up on January 27th: The Sacraments

Many may wonder how God's people today can benefit from the acts of Christ so long ago. The answer is found in the Sacraments. Through the Sacraments, God the Father continues to guide and strengthen his people and the presence of Jesus himself is made real. But, what is a sacrament and how do they work? Do I really need all of this ritual? Can't I just have a simple relationship with God? Come out for the discussion.

MORE INFORMATION...

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS Have you ever wondered what the Holy Land is like? Dreamed of visiting the places where Jesus was born, grew up, walked, taught, healed, suffered and even died? A pilgrimage would answer and fulfill such questions and dreams. This year, Faith Journey's is offering another such opportunity. The dates are November 19-29, 2019. There will be an information meeting Tue, Feb 5th, at 6pm in Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. If you're interested or have questions, call Fr. Bill Moloney, the Pilgrimage Chaplain, at 705-768-0844.

OTHER UPCOMING RETREATS ADD PILGRIMAGES See the poster in the entrance of the church to learn more about upcoming retreats and pilgrimages.

- 13 Day Pilgrimage to Spain - 11 Day Pilgrimage to Hungary, Poland, Austria, Czechia

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE SHARE LENT WORKSHOP on Sat, Jan 26th, St. Anne's Parish Centre beginning at 9am. This Lent, Pope Francis invites us to build a culture of encounter, a culture of mercy and compassion. Begin your journey toward Easter by joining us at the Share Lent Workshop. Take this opportunity to learn to walk together in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and then share this experience with your individual parishes by bringing the Share Lent Campaign back home. For further information email kstaunton@cogeco.ca.

A MASS FOR CONSECRATED LIFE will take place on Sat, Jan 26th at 5pm. All are welcome. A reception follows at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997, a day of prayer for those women and men who have devoted their lives to God in consecrated life. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA are a series of practical instructions and meditations arranged to help you come to a deeper knowledge of self and God. St. Ignatius's intention is to lead you to a renewed conversion of life and a deeper experience of the love of God. Up-Coming Spiritual Exercises offered by the Institute of the Incarnate Word in the Peterborough Diocese 2019: For women: St John the Baptist Parish Family Day Weekend, Fri, Feb 15th (evening) - Mon, Feb 18th (midday). For men: Sacred Heart Parish, Victoria Day Weekend, Fri, May 17th (evening) - Mon, May 20th (midday) Cost: \$80. Questions or to sign up: contact M. Parousia at m.parousia@servidoras.org or 705-745-7631. Retreats also offered in Cobourg. Please contact office@stmichaelscobourg.ca or 905-372-6844 for more details.

PILGRIMAGE TO GERMANY Fr. Randy Foster and Fr. Bill Moloney are planning a trip to Germany for the 2020 Passion Play. 2020 may still seem far away, but details for the Passion Play must be arranged a year advance. If you are interested please contact Fr. Randy Foster at frrandyfoster@peterboroughdiocese.org or 705 745 3229. Both priests are looking forward to making this wonderful, spiritual and beautiful journey with you. More details available on the poster found in the entrance of the church.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2019, 'STORMS' The 27th annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on Mar 2nd, 2019. Program features separate adult and youth conferences. Learn more at lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca or see the poster at the entrance of the church.

CAMP NORTHERN LIGHTS offers young people an outdoor leadership experience in a Catholic context. For decades, this camp has also offered youth who may not normally have an opportunity to enjoy a summer camp experience, the chance to do so. A special collection for this camp will be taken up in our parish during the Masses on Feb 9th and 10th. Envelopes are found in this bulletin. Learn more about Camp Northern Lights by visiting campnorthernlights.wordpress.com.

Visit stthomasmillbrook.ca to see details about arranging
for a baptism, marriage, birthday and anniversary announcements or blessings

MORE IN FEBRUARY 2019

St. Thomas More church, Millbrook

St. Bernadette mission, Nestleton

St. Thomas More parish hall, Millbrook

St. Thomas More parish rectory, Millbrook

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:15 - 8:45am - Confessions 9:00am - Mass 10:00am - Coffee Sunday 11:30am - Mass 4pm - Ecumenical Prayers	9:00am - Mass	9:00am - Mass 5:30pm - Mass	9:00am - Mass	9:00am - Mass		2:45pm - 3:45pm - Confessions & Adoration 4:00pm - Mass
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