

NOVEMBER

# THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS

More news

PRAY FOR THE DEAD.

MORE INSIDE...

Honouring the Saints

Remembering the Faithful Departed

Giving Thanks to our Veterans





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Fr. Antonio Barol

## MORE FROM OUR PRIEST...

In October we focus on the Rosary as a powerful prayer (weapon) to fight against the evils in the world. It is my hope that praying the Holy Rosary has become part of our daily schedule and has become one of our devotions. As children of our Mother Mary, we go marching towards the battle of life with the Rosary as our weapon.

In November the church honors our Saints and the Souls of our departed brothers and sisters. All Saints day is November 1<sup>st</sup> and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> is Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. We offer special masses for both days and it will be done in the church just in case more parishioners would want to celebrate the lives of the saints and to remember the departed members of their family, relatives and friends. The church offers us at least a day in a year to remember them and we pray for them for many of them might still be in the process of purification in purgatory, for they can no longer pray for themselves but we the living can still pray for them. Friday mass on All Saints day will be at 9:00 AM in the church, preceded by the Holy Rosary at 8:30 AM. Saturday for All Souls day will also be at 9:00 AM with the Holy Rosary at 8:30 AM. Please, let us come and celebrate the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of our spiritual life and the highest form of prayer. Let us ask their intercession for our parish family of St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette, that we may grow in faith, hope and love and that God will bless us with the abundance of good health and good things in life.



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# MORE ~ Women's & Men's Council

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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 2 individuals acting as Co-Chairpersons, a Treasurer and a Secretary. We meet monthly (except for July and August) at our Parish Hall. Historically, we were 2 separate groups – Catholic Women's Council and St. Thomas More Men's group. In January 2017, the two groups merged and became St. Thomas More Catholic Women's and Men's Council (CWMC).

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.

With the combined efforts of the CWMC and many other parishioners who offer help, we are able to fund projects to maintain our church and rectory when there is a shortfall of money in our parish. In recent years we have contributed towards replacing the furnace in the rectory, LED lighting in the church, signage for the church and rectory, television in the hall, replace refrigerator in the hall, special items for 1<sup>st</sup> communion and confirmation candidates, eaves trough cleaning on the church and rectory, repairs to the church brick work, eliminating bats, and the largest maintenance project was paying 80% of the cost to replace concrete steps and walkway at the east entrance to the church building. Supplies for the church hall are provided by our group fund raising. The Christmas party is another event sponsored by the group.

Donations are made to charitable groups in our Community such as Millbrook Food Share, Millbrook Community Care, and other Catholic Charitable organizations such Food for Children, Development & Peace, and Challice. In November 2015 a substantial donation of \$4,000 was made to the Refugee Fund sponsoring 2 young men to reside in our community.

Fundraising events organized are annual spaghetti/ham dinner and annual Christmas bazaar. Also a group of members cater funeral lunches as required, and dinner to the Millbrook Lions organization 4 times a year.

We are always looking for volunteers and would like to encourage more people to actually join the Women's and Men's Council. We invite you to offer new ideas for fund raising because it is so important to our parish. This also provides an opportunity for us to spend time together as a parish family.

Please email [stmcwcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stmcwcouncil@gmail.com) for more information on being a member of the CWMC.

## ST. THOMAS MORE MEN'S & WOMEN'S COUNCIL EXECUTIVE



Co-Chair – Bev Erratt



Co-Chair – John Korzeniewicz



Treasurer – Mary Melnychuk



Secretary – Phyllis Wysotski

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### ST. THOMAS MORE/ST. BERDADETTE 2019 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

	2019	2018
Offertory:	\$53,545.35	\$52,410.00
Other Income:	\$10,056.28	\$ 13,481.09
Total Expenses:	\$62,411.01	\$66,018.13
Overall:	\$ 1,190.62	-\$127.04

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

SEPTEMBER 2019

OFFERTORY— \$6,843.73



# MORE COMING UP...

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

## coffee Sunday

November  
17th



 **Baptism**

 **First Reconciliation**

 **First Communion**

 **Confirmation**

*Preparation begins this fall.  
See the priest to sign up!*

St. Thomas More-St. Bernadette Parish

# Annual Christmas Bazaar



**Saturday November 16th 2019**  
**9:00am - 1:30pm**  
**Millbrook Legion (King Street)**

**Lunch Served :** **Something for Everyone!**  
Chili or Chicken Fresh Home Baking  
Noodle Soup, Hand Crafted Items  
with a bun, dessert Penny Draw  
and beverage New-to-you-table  
Adults: \$5 **Draws: 1st Prize \$500 Cash,**  
Children: \$3 **2nd Prize \$200 Gas Card and**  
**3rd Prize Crochet Afghan**  
Draws are scheduled for 1:30pm

**Free Admission**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8  
ST. THOMAS MORE &  
ST. BERNADETTE  
ANNUAL FAMILY  
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK.  
(MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW)**

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER  
INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER**

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter,  
and reconciliation emerge in the Near  
East where diverse communities share  
their lives together



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## WE BELIEVE, WE REMEMBER, WE PRAY

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As we are about to end October the month of the holy rosary, we will soon open November the month when we remember those who had gone ahead of us to our eternal home to be with God who created us that we might be with Him forever. The 1<sup>st</sup> of November is All Saints day, when we celebrate the 'triumphant church' those who are now rejoicing in God's presence. The following day November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrate 'all souls day' or all the faithful departed with the emphasis on praying for those who are in the purifying stage before they are welcomed into heaven. The doctrine on purgatory is about God's mercy. We know that there are those who die not in the state of grace that they are not yet worthy of heaven and they are not also for the fires of hell but needed some purification. If all saint's day is celebrating the 'triumphant church', all souls day is celebrating the 'suffering church', while we the living is the 'pilgrim church' still on a journey towards our eternal home. It is our task to help the suffering church by our prayers and sacrifices that they will be worthy to be with God.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, we also remember those who made their ultimate sacrifice for our country, that we become a free nation. November then is a special month of remembering those who had gone ahead of us, and like Judas Macabees in the Old Testament who offered a sacrifice offering to those who died during in the battle, our remembering is sincere and pure for we believe that there is life after death and prayer is a very special gift that we can offer to those who are no longer able to pray for themselves. Let us commend all our departed brothers and sisters into the hands of God. Eternal rest grant unto them oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

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# MORE INFORMATION...

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**PASSION PLAY 2020 OBERAMMERGAU GERMANY** - Once every ten years, the Passion Play is performed in Oberammergau, Germany. This is a spectacular once in a lifetime prayerful and spiritual experience. See the Passion Play 2020, Vienna, Danube River Cruise, Salzburg, and Munich. Chaplains: Fr. Randy Foster & Fr. Bill Maloney May 14-23, 2020 Limited space. Cost \$4598 + taxes/fees \$675 For further information contact Fr. Randy at 705-745-3229 or [frrandyfoster@peterboroughdiocese.org](mailto:frrandyfoster@peterboroughdiocese.org).

**DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION**—All altar servers are invited to the Altar Server Appreciation with Bishop Miehm. Join us Saturday, October 26 from 11AM to 3 PM at St. Alphonsus Church Peterborough. Don't miss out on Mass with Bishop Miehm, lunch, Altar Server Jeopardy and Dodgeball! Register now at [www.ptbovocations.ca/servers](http://www.ptbovocations.ca/servers) or call 705-874-1871 for details.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**— Saturday, November 16 at the Millbrook Legion. 9:00 a.m.— 1:30 p.m. Luncheon is served. Volunteers are needed to assist with this fund raising event. Sign up sheets are available at the entrance to the church. Items are required for the following tables: New to You, Bake Table, Crafts Table, Penny Jar table. In addition volunteers to donate soup and chili for the lunch as well as help in the kitchen and serve tables Also, volunteers needed to help set-up the hall and clean-up. All sold and unsold raffle tickets MUST be turned in to Bernie Durand prior to Saturday November 16.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 26 4:00pm—For the People  
Sunday October 27 9:00am—  
F+Bruce & Donna Greaves  
11:00am - For our Parish needs  
Friday November 1—Feast of All Saints  
8:30am Rosary, 9:00am Mass (church)  
Saturday November 2— Feast of All Souls  
8:30am Rosary, 9:00 am Mass (church)  
2:45pm Holy Hour with Chaplet of the  
Divine Mercy  
4:00pm— For Souls in Purgatory  
Sunday November 3— 9:00am - For the People  
11:00am –for Souls in Purgatory

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

those who are sick, especially:  
Erica Perk, Alma Arbeau, Shirley Kloeper, and Monica Perk  
and those who have died, especially:  
Dorothy Woods  
*Contact Fr. Tony to have a name added to this list for four weeks*

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Never known to fail  
 O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine  
 Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God,  
 Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the  
 Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother  
 O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I  
 Humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to Succor  
 me in this necessity (make request). There are none that  
 can withstand your power.  
 O show me herein you are my mother. Sweet mother, oh  
 Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse  
 to thee (say 3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your  
 hands (3 times).  
 Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine.  
 This prayer must be said for 3 days and after 3 days the  
 request will be granted (will never fail).  
 The prayer must be published immediately. HW

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# OCT/NOVEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

St. Thomas More church, Millbrook

St. Bernadette mission, Nestleton

St. Thomas More parish hall, Millbrook

St. Thomas More parish rectory, Millbrook

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>20</b> 8:15 - 8:45am - Confessions 9:00am - Mass 11:00am - Mass	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30pm - Mass	<b>24</b> Anthony Mary Claret 9:00am - Mass	<b>25</b> 9:00am - Mass	<b>26</b> 2:45 - 3:45pm - Adoration and Confessor 4:00pm - Mass
<b>27</b> 8:15 - 8:45am - Confessions 9:00am - Mass 11:00am - Mass	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:30pm - Mass	<b>31</b> 9:00am - Mass	<b>1 - All Saints Day</b> 8:30am - Rosary 9:00am - Mass (First Friday)	<b>2 - All Souls Day</b> 8:30am - Rosary 9:00am - Mass 2:45 - 3:45pm - Adoration and Confession 4:00pm - Mass
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