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Fr. Antonio Barol

MORE FROM YOUR PRIEST:

LENT: It is the time of the year that we remember the highest sacrifice that the Son of God offered to humanity; his Passion and Death on the cross. He said, "No greater love than this, that a person lays down one's life for a friend." Let us not forget that death was not the end of Jesus' life, but after three days he rose from the dead to fulfill his promise that after suffering, and dying on the third day he will rise again. This is what we call the Paschal mystery, suffering, dying and rising again, the central point of our faith.

During Lent the church is asking members to journey with the Messiah, by participating in some kind of Lenten sacrifice of fasting and abstinence. There are two days of fasting and abstinence, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All Fridays in lent are considered days of abstinence. The difference lies in, fasting is cutting down our food intake for the day while abstinence is to abstain from meat. But we can extend the idea of fasting and abstinence to other things like denying oneself from things of pleasure and ease, i.e. from excessive use of TV, indulgence to sweets, alcohol, or gambling and going another mile in the spiritual aspect of life such as attending weekday masses, more prayer time, scriptural readings and participating in some Lenten devotions like stations of the cross and others. Let us try to do some spiritual nourishment this Lent, so that we will be ready to renew our baptismal promises during the Easter vigil.

May we all have a blessed and spirit-filled Lent.



Congratulations to the children who participated in the amazing Nativity play.



Donations presented to Millbrook Community Care and Food Share



Fr. Joseph returns to celebrate the funeral mass for Monica Perk

MORE NEWS/EVENTS...

THE WAY OF THE CROSS: Volunteers are needed, especially actors and parade marshals, for this year's Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 10th. Please email Deacon Aidan Murphy at deaconaidanmurphy@gmail.com if you are able to help. In addition, this is truly an amazing event to attend.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Beginning Sunday, February 16, the Traditional Latin Mass will be offered weekly at 5:00pm at Sacred Heart Church in Peterborough. All are welcome.

CURSILLO MOVEMENT: The next Peterborough Ultreya will be held on Saturday, February 29th at St. Alphonsus Parish hall from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. To learn more about this movement, check the following website: <https://www.peterboroughdiocese.org/en/get-involved/cursillo.aspx>.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday, March 6th is World Day of Prayer. Millbrook and area Ecumenical Service for World Day of Prayer will be hosted this year by Millbrook/Cavan United Church. The service will be held at Centennial Place from 2 to 4pm (this includes beverage and snacks). The country reflected this year is Zimbabwe. Everyone is welcome to attend this very special World wide event. <https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/what-is-wdp/>

PARISH VOCATION TEAM: On Saturday, February 8 the Vocation Office held its 4th Annual St. Joseph's fundraising dinner. It was an amazing and very moving evening of music, sharing by two post secondary youth, keynote speaker, and a roast beef dinner. Followed by a dance for the students. Hope for our future Church was palpable! Please keep Fr. John Perdue and the members of CCO in your prayers!



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:00pm - Vigil Mass at St. Thomas
More church

Sunday 9:00am - St. Thomas More church
11:00am - St. Bernadette mission church
in North Nestleton

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 5:30pm at the Parish Rectory*

Thursday & Friday at 9am at the Parish Rectory

*On the 3rd Thursday of the month, mass is scheduled at 11:00am at Centennial Place Millbrook and on the 2nd Thursday mass is scheduled at 10:30am at Springdale County Manor NH, Cavan

HOLY HOUR/DIVINE MERCY/CONFESSIONS: Offered regularly at St. Thomas More church
Saturday evenings 2:45pm – 3:45pm. Sunday mornings 8:15am - 8:45am (Confessions & Rosary)

LENT SEASON SCHEDULE

Wednesday February 26 - 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Mass in the church

**Friday February 28 5:30 pm Mass in the church
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross**

All Friday masses during Lent will be in the church at 5:30pm to be followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm. Let us go another mile in our spiritual journey in Lent by making a habit to attend weekday masses especially the Friday on which is followed by the devotion of the Stations of the Cross.

HOLY WEEK

During the Holy Week take note of the following Liturgy:

Monday April 6 7:00pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral - Bishop Daniel Miehm

Thursday April 9 5:00pm St. Thomas More - Mass of the Last Supper with washing of the feet followed by Vigil of the Blessed Sacrament until 7:00pm.

Good Friday April 10 3:00 pm St. Thomas More - Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross (special collection for the Holy Land)

Also on Good Friday, please consider attending the 'Way of the Cross' in Peterborough - Live Stations of the Cross by our young people from the diocese starting at 10:00am. More information to follow.

Saturday April 11 7:30 pm at St. Thomas More. Easter Vigil. Blessing of fire/Exultet (Easter Proclamation), Readings of Scripture, Singing of Gloria, Renewal of Baptismal promises, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Solemn Dismissal.

MASS INTENTIONS*

FEBRUARY—MARCH

Sunday	Feb. 23	9:00am	For the deceased members of Melnychuk Family
		11:00am	For the People
Wednesday	Feb. 26	5:30pm	Ash Wednesday For the People
Thursday	Feb. 27	9:00am	Int. of Quade Odrowski
Friday	Feb. 28	5:30pm	Mass in Church - Int. of Brenda Busch
Saturday	Feb. 29	4:00pm	4:00pm Mass (OPEN)
Sunday	Mar. 1	9:00am	Int. from Michael and Lorraine Chappelle
		11:00am	St. Bernadette (OPEN)
Sunday	Mar. 15	9:00am	For the intentions of St. Thomas More CWMC

*At St. Thomas More Parish, a Mass intention may be arranged to be offered at any of the regular Masses that do not already have an intention arranged. Those wishing to arrange for a Mass intention at St. Thomas More Parish or St. Bernadette Mission should see or contact the parish priest.

Masses are often requested for a loved one who has recently died or on the anniversary of a death. However, the gift of a Mass intention is also a wonderful way to offer prayers on the event of a wedding anniversary, a birthday, an anniversary of ordination or entrance into religious life. Masses may also be offered for the intentions of a person about to undergo surgery, who is recuperating from an illness, who wishes to overcome addiction, sin or has some other special need. Masses may be offered in thanksgiving for blessings, family, health and answer to prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick, especially:

Erica Perk/Alma Arbeau/Shirley Kloepfer/Hermie Jandristis/Des Broadley/ Anna Marie Battaglia/Jan Moran/Diane Korcsak/Pat Jones/Jacob Meneses/
Mary Pamela Kelly

As well as those who have died

Monica Perk/Apolonia Podelino/Resurrection Salinas

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

St. Thomas More Women's and Men's Council meet monthly, in the church hall (with the exception of July and August) . All parishioners of St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette are invited to join the STM Women's and Men's Council. We welcome your input and appreciate your assistance. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 14, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Email stmcwcouncil@gmail.com if you have any questions. We are currently looking for a volunteer to record minutes at our meetings.

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