



SATURDAY, JULY 8 - VIGIL

4:30PM - Carol Clark (30 Day)

SUNDAY, JULY 9 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM - Women's Guild

+10:00AM - Bernice Turcek (30 Day)

12:00PM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 10 - WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Living & Deceased of the Ritter & Naylor Families

TUESDAY, JULY 11 - ST. BENEDICT

7:00AM - Margaret Oprea

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 - WEEDAY

7:00AM - Georgeanna & William Wallen

THURSDAY, JULY 13 - ST. HENRY

7:00AM - Memorial Garden

FRIDAY, JULY 14 - ST. KATERI

TEKAKWITHA

7:00AM - Eleanore Yench

8:15AM - Adam & Mary Kowalski

SATURDAY, JULY 15 - ST. BONAVENTURE

8:15AM - Mason Smerdel (Living)

4:30PM - Robert Turek (30 Day)

SUNDAY, JULY 16 - FIFTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM - William Bobnar (30 Day)

10:00AM - Cecelia Inman (30 Day)

+12:00PM - People of the Parish

+Cup Mass

Financial Blessings

Collection for July 3rd.....	\$8,860.35
Maintenance Collection.....	\$2,349.00
Votive Candles.....	\$110.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Mary Kay Molzan** this week. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2017. Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember to send your pictures to the rectory.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, July 10th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 11th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School

7:00 PM Holy Name - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM Peace Prayer Group - Church

Wednesday, July 12th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, July 13th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School

7:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM Divine Mercy - Church

Friday, July 14th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vacation Bible School

Saturday, July 15th

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Third Order of Mary - Rectory (Room A)

Sunday, July 16th

9:00-11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember Joan Fenohr and Donald Zoppo in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Nick Adkins

SECRETARY: Susan Sidley

REGISTRATION

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register with the priest after Mass. If you move out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Sunday: 1:30 PM or during any weekend liturgy. Prior to baptism of their first child, parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism class. Please call the rectory at 216-749-0414 to schedule an interview.

MARRIAGES

Should be arranged with a priest by calling the rectory 6 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

It is the fourth of July as I sit here and write this bulletin article. Today we are called to celebrate the gift of freedom. We celebrate this freedom by gathering together to have picnics, to play games or maybe even go to a baseball game downtown. Fireworks will be shot off in all the different cities and even some in neighbors' backyards all in celebration of our independence.

Celebrating our independence is a great reminder of who we are called to be as a country. We are a strong, influential and brave nation. We are willing to fight for the rights of all our citizens. One of the most important reasons our ancestors came to this land was for the freedom of religion. Having said that, it is necessary to make sure that this freedom, which is so important to us, is actually exercised.

In a time when this world is in trouble, the threat of war, terrorism, and mass destruction is always looming over our heads, we realize that we need God more than ever. Listening to the news this morning as I was getting dressed for Mass, there was a breaking news story that the North Koreans had successfully launched a long distance missile. They also reported that if North Korea wanted to they may be able to hit Alaska. If ISIS has no hesitation in killing a bunch of teenagers at a concert in England, what makes us think that they would not have any trouble doing it here? We are not as safe as we want to believe that we are. I think sometimes we can get too comfortable and we think that no one would ever try to attack us. We are the United States. We settle with all our possessions and think to ourselves, "no worries." We need to be aware of the dangers that are out there. This does not mean that we should stop living our lives, but we need to use our intelligence.

This is the time we need God most of all. It will be too late once a missile goes off here in our land or a bomber starts killing our children. If we do not ask for God's protection now before these things happen, we can't blame God once they do. Everyone wants to blame God for all the bad in the world, but let's be honest, when was the last time you prayed for the safety and protection of our country? People are too busy trying to get God's name out of the Pledge of Allegiance to realize that we need Him now more than ever.

You have heard me say this all the time, the church is getting emptier and emptier every week. This is not just here at St. Thomas More, but throughout the diocese and the country. This is a problem not just in the Catholic faith, but in all denominations. The fact that we have become too self-reliant means that we count on ourselves and not on the grace and help of our Heavenly Father. Our Blessed Mother is the patron saint of the United States. Did you even know this? We need Her to continue to intercede for us with Her Son. Our country is a great country because we have always valued the intercession

of God in our country and in our lives. If we are to remain a strong and powerful nation, we must seek the wisdom, protection and guidance of our God in heaven. Please remember to pray for our country and the men and women who risk their lives for us every day.

On a different note, I would like to share with you some good news for the parish. As we all know, the Sisters of the Incarnate Word won our big drawing at the Festival. In their kindness, they have chosen to donate the whole amount, as well as the seller's prize, back to St. Thomas More. In a time when we can all use a little extra money, this was truly a very generous gesture on the good Sisters part. Please keep them in your prayers and be sure to thank Sr. Elaine Theresa for their generosity.

Peace and Goodness,

Fr. Bill

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Feast Day: July 16)-Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th century they became known as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." They soon celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary. In 1726, it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to Her and often championed the mystery of Her Immaculate Conception.

Saint Teresa of Avila called Carmel "the Order of the Virgin." Saint John of the Cross credited Mary with saving him from drowning as a child, leading him to Carmel, and helping him escape from prison. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus believed that Mary cured her from illness. On her First Communion day, Thérèse dedicated her life to Mary. During the last days of her life she frequently spoke of Mary.

There's a tradition-which may not be historical-that Mary appeared to Saint Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites, and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary's own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to Her in a special way. The scapular reminds us of the gospel call to prayer and penance-a call that Mary models in a splendid way. Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, is the patron saint of Chile. (Saint of the Day - Franciscan Media)

MUSIC MINISTRY

In the arms of Your Mercy we find rest. Please join us on Thursday, July 13th at 7pm in the church for our next Divine Mercy Chaplet.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

In the past few months some of our parishioners have fallen and needed to have surgery. Then they were sent to a healthcare facility for rehab. The healthcare facilities do not notify a parish when a member of their congregation is a resident of their facility. It is really the responsibility of the family to notify the parish when their loved one is in a facility for rehab.

We never think of what could happen to us, especially when we are in good health. That is why now is the time to tell your children, or a neighbor, to notify the parish if something should happen to you and you are laid up for awhile.

FAITH FORMATION

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who would like to join the Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in September and run through May. Register now by contacting the parish office at 216-749-0414.

PSR: 2017-2018

The Parish School of Religion provides religion classes once a week for students in grades 1-8 who attend a public school or a home school program. Classes are led by volunteer teachers who truly enjoy sharing our Catholic Faith with our young parishioners. Registration will open in early August with forms being mailed to returning families. If you have any questions email Colleen DeVenney at psr.stm@gmail.com.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Brian Bradbury, Carol Loy, Bob Poole, Dee Marzola, Mary Miller, Judy Sever, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Nickola Badza, Dorothy Pavelka, Marianne Rotatori, Daryl Booth, John Malames, James Malames, Florence Zunt, Joseph Palumbo and Jeremy & Sierra Cheetham. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

SummerFest-Join us on Saturday, July 29th from 1-9pm right on the grounds of MQP. There will be food trucks, music, magic acts, balloon art, the Euclid Beach Rocket car, the Cake Walk along with other Midway Games and games for the kiddos. Don't forget the raffle with a Grand Prize of \$3,000.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Carnival-Please see page 5 for more details.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Bus Trip-Join us on Friday, August 18th for our Gateway Clipper trip to Pittsburgh, PA. We will board the Gateway Clipper Fleet and enjoy a luncheon cruise (included) with entertainment, then visit the Rivers Casino (Casino Bonus: TBA). Call Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or to book your trip.

PARISH PRAYER

O God, the Creator and giver of all things, bless this parish. Strengthen our faith; grant us the spirit of sacrifice and service so that, with Your grace, we may provide for the needs of our members, glorify You and sanctify ourselves. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH-JULY

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our regular meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11th at 7pm in Utopia Hall. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. All Holy Name members are welcome.

ST. THOMAS MORE WOMEN'S GUILD

In June, the Women's Guild installed the following officers for 2017/2018: President - Bernice Barker, Vice-President - Diana Parkison, Treasurer - Diane Lada, Recording Secretary - Jan Woytek and Corresponding Secretary - Dolores Hules. We were able to donate \$4,000 to Rev. William Bouhall for church expenses because of the great success we had with our fundraisers. Thank you to all who participated.

Travel with

Fr. John Miceli &

Fr. William Bouhall

October 7 - 17, 2017

Cost: \$3,990

(Airfare included from anywhere in the U.S.)

Rome ◇ Assisi ◇ Tuscany ◇ Florence

Siena ◇ Padua ◇ Venice

To register, please contact 855-842-8001 or 508-

340-9370. You may also register online at

www.proximotravel.com

2018 MASS INTENTIONS

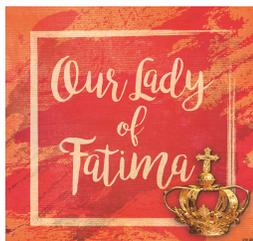
The Mass book for 2018 is now available at the rectory, Monday through Friday from 9am until 4:30pm. A donation of \$10 is requested for each intention. The Mass intentions will only be for the 7am Masses. **To ensure that everyone is able to schedule their Masses, at this time you may schedule two Masses per family.**

POPE FRANCIS: YOUTH SURVEY

The Catholic bishops of the world are planning to meet in October 2018 for the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. The theme of this gathering is "Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment." In preparation for this, Pope Francis wants input from the Catholic faithful. The Diocese of Cleveland has made the survey available on the diocesan website home page, www.dioceseofcleveland.org through August 1st. All are invited and encouraged to participate by taking this short survey.

THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

The World Apostolate of Fatima, Cleveland Division will host the Northeast Ohio Fatima Centennial Conference "Our Lady Speaks" on July 28th & 29th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Independence in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima. A limited number of discounted tickets are available on a first come-first available basis. For more information, visit www.neofatimaconf.com or contact Tom Dereska at 216-256-2516 or tdereska@bluearmyclleveland.org. To volunteer, please contact: Steffanie Maynard at 440-845-1759 or smaynard@bluearmyclleveland.org.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Tonight (Sunday), all high school teens are welcome to our weekly gathering from 6-8pm. Weather permitting we will be outside.

If you have a high school teen in your family and want them to get more involved in our ministry, have them opt into our text list. Send the word STMOREYM to 84576. Texts are sent out every week when an activity is planned.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for The FEST on August 6th. More info at www.thefest.us.

CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

All are invited to attend Catholic Renewal Ministries 35th Annual Conference on July 14th and 15th at Magnificat High School. Contact Shirley or Tom Fumich at 440-610-6604 for registration information or visit www.crmweb.org.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FEAST

Join us at Our Lady of Mount Carmel (6928 Detroit Road) for our 91st annual feast from Wednesday, July 12th thru Sunday, July 16th. Join us for games, rides, Italian food & music & a casino. All are welcome!

2017 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

You Did It For Me: 167 parishioners of St. Thomas More have pledged \$19,290 toward our parish goal of \$18,292. That is 105.46% of our overall goal! From Matthew's gospel, Jesus tells us, Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for the least among us, you did it for me." You can view stories of inspiration by visiting <http://www.catholiccommunity.org/2017appeal>. Thank you so much for your generosity!



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Main Grounds open daily at 6:30pm

6:00pm Wednesday - Opening Parade & Bike Decorating Contest

