

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

HE HAS RISEN!

Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. He who was thought to be defeated has risen triumphantly. This is the glory of this day. Christ our Savior has trampled down the devil himself! Death no longer has any power over us! Our enemy has been beaten and Jesus Christ is victorious! Glory and praise to our God forever!

Our Lenten journey has reached its end. We have sacrificed, we have struggled with temptations, and we have loved God by showing love for our neighbor. We have made our promises to God and God has shown us His love for us by the sacrifice His only Son was willing to go through for our salvation. Do you know any other God as loving and as close to us as our God? I don't think so! Today we celebrate! Today we enjoy the fruit of Jesus' victory. Today we praise God for so great an act of love.

Do not let yourself be lost in our past failures and sins but let us all rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord. It is true that because of our sins Jesus suffered for us but today He shows us that sin no longer has a hold on us. We are free from the evil and the chains that sin has placed on each one of us. Today we stand tall and new in the eyes of our Good and Loving God.

I pray that each one of you may enjoy this Easter Sunday with family and good friends. May everyone celebrate and eat all the wonderful traditional food that I blessed yesterday. May you enjoy the ears off your chocolate Easter bunnies and all the jelly beans your hearts desire! Praise God for all He has done.

Peace and Goodness,

Fr. Bill



EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to all who donated towards the Easter flowers this year. This year's beautiful flowers were in loving memory of the following: Joseph P. Bazelides, Bloom, Mausser, & Sternad Families, Joseph J. & Joseph F. Buszko, Office William J. Fores, Gademmer Family, Joe & Marge Kaurich, Joseph S. Knapik, Loretta Kneier, Frank, Nettie, & Franklin Kuchar, Wanda Maslanka, Frank & Mary Pirozek, Steven R. Smet, Donald Sullivan, Eugene M. Wiencek, Vincent Viancourt, Vince & Frank Viancourt, and Mike, Helen, & Mary Ellen Yasko.

WELCOME!

Please welcome all of our new Catholics who were brought into our Church this Easter Vigil. May God bless them and keep them always in His care: Devon Artis, Samantha Deighton, Raymond Diaz, James Gravley, Arianna Harper, Alexandra Lehman, Kenneth Lorrington, Sherry Natal, Marissa Quinones, Jennifer Parrott, Jasmine Stansell, Brandon Thompson, Jacob Todd, Antonio Vega, Caryn Whipkey, Paul Wordell, and Jason Wundrat.

RECTORY CLOSED

The Rectory will be closed April 3-5th due to Easter.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers Eleanor Pucher, Jane Wiencek, and Luis Mateo. God grant them eternal rest.

HOLY HOUR

There is a Holy Hour at St. Thomas More every Wednesday evening in the Marian Chapel from 6-7pm. Don't forget to bring your Bible and rosary!

PARISH PRAYER FOR PEACE

Please pray for our troops, our country, and world peace. All are welcome to gather in the Marian Chapel to pray the rosary for peace on Tuesday, April 6th around 7pm following the Evening Mass.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at STM during the month of **March**— Francis Basich, Stephen & Domenica Basich, Robert & Coletta Hreha, Jeff Jurcak, Nicholas & Sarah Klingensmith, George & Ruth Koehler, John & Margaret Kolasinski, Jeff & Johanna Kukla and Family, Marianne Lihan, Kelly & Sarah McPhee and Family, Lillian Rhodes and Family, William & Joanne Uhl, George Vaca, Jean Virovec, Paul & Susan Wordell and Family. Welcome!

HANDICAP LOT

Attention to all those who park in the handicap lot. People are complaining that due to the shortage of spaces people are parking any which way they can. This type of parking is causing problems for those who are trying to leave and are finding themselves blocked in. Please be considerate and park in the marked spaces. Unfortunately, we are unable at this time to expand the handicap lot until the back assessments are paid off. So please be considerate to those who truly need to park there. Thank you for your help!

BINGO- MEETING AND START DATE

Previously there was an announcement that we would be starting bingo here at St. Thomas More Parish on Wednesday, April 7th. Unfortunately the modification to our current bingo license is taking longer than planned so the start up date has been moved to April 21st. The positive side of this change is that we will now have additional time to prepare ourselves in order to make this a true success.

With that thought, I first would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to help with this activity, as the support is overwhelming. Secondly, there is to be a Bingo Team meeting on Wednesday, April 7th at 6:30pm in Utopia Hall. During that meeting team assignments will be made and we will run through the actual bingo program. Hopefully this time will be convenient for everyone as it was the original bingo start day. Again, thank you for offering to help and God bless you all. ~Jim Higgins

STM MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Calling all golfers. The St. Thomas More Men's Golf League is taking registrations for the upcoming season. The league plays on Fridays at 4:30pm at Ridge-wood Golf Course in Parma beginning on Friday, April 16th and concluding on September 17th. The league is a match-play format and golfers of all skill levels are welcome. League dues are \$80 and include the league outing, 2 cookout nights and prizes. Golfers are responsible for their weekly green fees. For more information or to sign up please contact Jeff at 216-409-9239.

JHYG DANCE

The next JHYG Dance is April 9th from 7:30-10pm. A valid Dance ID and \$5 is required for admission. Chaperone Team A is assigned. Please note that the date of the May Dance has been changed to May 5th.

STM SENIORS

Our meetings are the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be April 8th in Utopia Hall from 11am-3pm. All who are 55 and older are welcome to attend. Coffee and donuts are served. We play card, Bingo, and Bunco. First visit will be free. Come join us!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Please note that our meeting on April 13th will be held in the Rectory and not in Utopia Hall.

Cluster Corner

CORPUS CHRISTI

Memorabilia- Please stop by to see the memorabilia displayed in the back of the church until April 18th.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Parish Bingo- Bingo is located in the Parish Center every Friday at 7pm. Doors open at 5:30pm (Early Bird). Food and snacks available. Police security inside and outside. Come give Bingo a try!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Pancake Breakfast- Join us on April 18th in Lower Monaghan Hall from 8:30-11:30am. Help us get to World Youth Day 2011. Breakfast includes scrambled egg, sausage, and pancakes with mixed berries and whipped cream toppings!

ST. LEO THE GREAT

Women's Reverse Raffle- The annual Women's Reverse Raffle is set for April 24th. Tickets are \$40 which includes dinner, drinks, and a chance at \$2,000. Tickets are available for \$25 for those not attending. For tickets call Vinny Funari at 216-401-2466.

MASS FOR NEWLY RECEIVED CATHOLICS

Bishop Richard G. Lennon will celebrate a special Mass for those who have gone through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults receiving the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist, since last Easter. This Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, April 18th at 2:30pm.

BIBLE STUDY- FAITH SHARING

When the year of St. Paul began, we thought it would be a good idea to read and discuss his letters. Our Bible "study" has become more of a faith sharing because we see what Paul wrote years ago really applies to us today. And we can testify what he said is true. If you would like to join us, we meet in the Church library at 7pm on Monday evenings, except on the third Monday.

HSYM ACTIVITY

The HSYM will hold an Open Gym next Sunday, April 11th from 7-9pm in the gym. This event is free and open to any high school student.

BULLETIN COVER CONTEST

Sharpen your pencils and put on your thinking caps. We are looking to redesign our cover for our church bulletin. Look over the current cover and see what changes you think we need to make. Any questions, please call Peggy at 216-402-2773.