

ALLELUIA!



CHRIST IS RISEN!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, MARCH 31 - VIGIL

+7:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

+9:00AM - People of the Parish

+11:00AM - People of the Parish



MONDAY, APRIL 2 - MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:00AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, APRIL 3 - TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:00AM - Frame Pelleschi

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 - WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:00AM - Jewel & John Hovan

THURSDAY, APRIL 5 - THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:00AM - Michael Chapinka

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 - FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

7:00AM - Franklin Kuchar

8:15AM - Memorial Garden

SATURDAY, APRIL 7 - SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

8:15AM - Sister Elaine Theresa Burrows, SIW

*4:30PM - James Conforto

SUNDAY, APRIL 8 - SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

*9:00AM - Margarete Margevicius

+11:00AM - People of the Parish

2:00 PM - Divine Mercy Mass

+Cup Mass *Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for March 25th.....	\$8,627.75
Faith Direct as of March 15th.....	\$2,888.00
Maintenance.....	\$867.00
Votives.....	\$26.00
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.	

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

Every First Friday of the month we have exposition of the Eucharist from 2-7pm ending with Benediction. Call the rectory if you are able to commit to one half hour on April 6th.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 2nd NO SCHOOL

RECTORY CLOSED

Tuesday, April 3rd NO SCHOOL

7:00 PM

Adult Choir - Church

7:00 PM

Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

Wednesday, April 4th NO SCHOOL

5:00 PM

Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, April 5th NO SCHOOL

7:00 PM

Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM

Lectio Divina - Rectory

Friday, April 6th NO SCHOOL

2:00 PM-7:00 PM

Eucharistic Devotions - Church

7:00 PM

Benediction - Church

Saturday, April 7th

Utopia Rental - Cub Scouts

Sunday, April 8th

9:00-11:30 AM

Men's Basketball - Gym



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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Steve Cottos

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: 12:30 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

CHRIST IS RISEN! Today we celebrate the greatest feast in the church's calendar: Easter Sunday. The sadness of our Lord's death has vanished and the silence of His rest in the tomb is over. Today we shout with joyful acclamation, Jesus Christ is Alive! Our Savior has conquered sin and death forever. The devil has no more power over us for we are free of him forever. Free from the chains that Satan has used to weigh us down, free from the sins of our past that Satan has used to condemn us. Jesus has taken our mortal flesh with all its burden of sin and nailed them to the cross where sin and Satan can never imprison us ever again.

Jesus descended to Hell in order to free the lost souls who were captured by Satan. Satan has lost his fight. His reign of sin and death is no more. Jesus has broken those bonds which held us captive. Jesus has opened up for us the way to heaven. The gates once closed due to the sin of Adam is now open by the power of the Son of God. That beautiful, that glorious city, the heavenly Jerusalem is now open to us. The love of our Heavenly Father is restored to us through the single, selfless act of His Son.

Today we celebrate our salvation in Jesus Christ. We celebrate with the Universal Church the glory of our God. Today is the most glorious day of the Church's year. Easter Sunday is all about new life for the faithful people of God. Christmas is celebrated with great tidings of peace and joy. Unfortunately, it has become so commercialized by the retail stores that many people forget why we even celebrate Christmas but Easter, that is a different story. Easter is the holiest and most glorious of all days because it is not about presents and decorations but about victory and salvation our Savior won for us. Sure there is candy and baskets to help celebrate this wonderful event but those things can never take the place of an empty tomb.

The earth could not hold the Redeemer, a tomb count not contain Him and a cross was only the instrument that was necessary for our Savior to win the greatest of all victories, eternal life.

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN! My dear friends, celebrate this great victory today and every day of your lives. Let me ask you, what god is as great and glorious as Our God? There is none! Many blessings this Easter Sunday.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember Margaret Jeri in your prayers. God grant her eternal rest.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Hugh of Grenoble served as a bishop in France for fifty-two years. He had his work cut out for him right from the start. Corruption was everywhere: the buying and selling of Church offices, violations of clerical celibacy, lay control of Church property, religious indifference and/or ignorance. After two years, St. Hugh had his fill. He tried disappearing to a monastery, but the pope called him back to continue the work of reform.

Hugh was reasonably effective in the role of reformer because of his devotion to the Church and his strong character. In conflicts between Church and state he was an unflinching defender of the Church. He fearlessly supported the papacy. He was an eloquent preacher, restored his own cathedral, made civic improvements in the town and weathered a brief exile.

St. Hugh may be best known as patron and benefactor of St. Bruno, founder of the Carthusian Order. St. Hugh died in 1132 and was canonized two years later. His feast day is April 1st.



Please note the changes in the rectory hours:
Easter Sunday, April 1st - CLOSED
Monday, April 2nd - CLOSED

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Joshua Cochrac
St. Mary of the Falls,
Olmsted Falls
III Theology, St. Mary



Please keep Joshua and all seminarians in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let him know that he is in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to him at 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

WELCOME!

Please welcome all of our Catholics who have completed their initiation into our Church this Easter. May God bless them and keep them always in His care: Theodore Antrum, Alisha Figueroa, Jose Figueroa, Tina Hammock, Aidan Kernell, William Moore, Nelson Santos, Jr. and Alex Zheng. Congratulations to all those who received the Holy Eucharist for the first time: Miriam Hernandez, Angie Islas, Jasmine Lichtenberg, Alexander Quinteros, Jessica Rodriguez and Monica Rodriguez.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Pipe Organ Restoration Update: The Holtkamp Organ Company will begin work on our church pipe organ beginning in April. They will be taking the pipe organ out in its entirety and taking it to their shop for a complete repair and restoration. This process should take around 3 months, finishing up July 1st.

Currently, we have raised \$173,000 for the Pipe Organ Restoration Project, which means we are getting closer to our goal of \$200,000. If you have made a donation or monthly pledges, we thank you for your generosity! For those who have been making pledges, we ask that you complete your pledge by June 1st, if possible. Finally, if you are still considering giving a donation, we would really appreciate it, as it will help us get closer to our goal.

Thank you for all of your support with this project!

WOMEN OF INSPIRATION DAY

This year's Women of Inspiration Day is Saturday, April 14th beginning at 8:30am. Registration forms are available at the rectory and all church entrances. Deadline to register is April 5th.



Patrick Giachetti, Vinny Mercurio, Bob & Carol Loy, Joe Carnivale, Rebecca Woytek, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Haley Simecek, Heather Hudak, Judith Sochacky, Luke Rosati, Sonny Peters, Nickola Badza, Helen Kuhel, Mary Misch, John Misch, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Robert Wykoff, James Malames and James Mortach. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for the month.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Easter Monday - Is becoming more known as Dyngus Day around Cleveland! We begin the celebration with a Potluck Breakfast after the 8am Mass in the Marian Lounge. Father Doug Brown will supply the coffee and you bring the great stuff from your Easter table! They will even have some polka music playing!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030

Tea Party - Join us on Saturday, April 21st for St. Charles Ladies Guild High Tea Party (for ages 10-99) in the lower parish hall from noon to 3:30pm. Entertainment by Comedian Carolyn Rae ("How I lost 380 pounds without a diet or exercise...not a diet story"). Tickets are \$10 (16-99) and \$7 (10-15). A lite luncheon will be provided. Bring your favorite tea cup and saucer. Please call Pat Lawler at 440-843-9186 or Pam Bennett at 440-888-1469 for ticket info.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Reverse Raffle - Join us on Saturday, April 21st for St. Leo the Great Athletics Women's Reverse Raffle. Doors open at 5:30pm, with dinner beginning at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$50. Dinner ~ Adult Beverages ~ Sideboards and More! 21 and over. Tickets available at the rectory office.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of **March** – Allison Scott ◊ Evelyn Sandiga and Adria Vega & Anais Hernandez. Welcome to you!

WOMEN'S GUILD

The St. Thomas More Women's Guild will hold their annual Spring Style Show & Luncheon on Saturday, April 28th in the gym. Door open at 11. Luncheon is at noon. Fashions by Dress Barn. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the rectory or from a Women's Guild Board Member. Tickets must be purchased by Monday, April 23rd. There will be no ticket sales at the door. Tickets are already going fast, so get yours today!

TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Fr. Bill Bouhall** this week. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2018. Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna.

2018 MARDI GRAS UPDATE

All of the expense receipts have been submitted and the final net profit is **\$20,443**. Thank you to all of those who worked so hard to make this event so successful. Mark your calendars next year: **Saturday, March 2, 2019**.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL



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 - APRIL

Act of Hope - O my God, trusting in Your promises and the infinite merits of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, I hope for the pardon of my sins and the graces I need to serve You faithfully on earth, and to obtain eternal life in heaven. Amen.

ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

We prayed, fasted and gave alms and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends as we encounter our Risen Lord. We reflect on our brothers and sisters we have walked with, and we commit to bringing Easter joy to each person we meet in our daily lives. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The March 50/50 Drawing winners were Rose Marie Bloom (\$100) and Evelyn Carnivale (\$50). Tickets for the April 50/50 Drawing are being sold by Holy Name Members. Thanks to all the faithful who buy tickets every month.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory. One of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you and set up a meeting. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

CHICO'S BUS TRIP

Join us on Wednesday, May 2nd for a trip to the Rivers Casino. Cost is \$31/person. Casino Bonus: \$20 free play. Call Chico at 216-551-7561 or Betty Konopka at 216-459-1434 to book your trip.

ST. LEO SENIORS BUS TRIP

Join us on Wednesday, April 18th for a bus trip to the Meadows. Cost is \$32/person with a bonus: \$25 free play. Please call Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or to book your trip.

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Please keep in your prayers all those individuals who were baptized and brought into the Church this past Saturday at the Easter Vigil. May they continue to follow the light of Christ on their path and allow His light to shine brightly in their lives.

CONFIRMATION - Please keep the Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they participate in their Holy Spirit Retreat Day on Sunday, April 15th.

PSR

The students and catechists of the PSR program wish the St. Thomas More Parish community a blessed and holy Easter season. May the resurrection of our Lord touch our hearts with peace, hope and love.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Happy Easter from the St. Thomas More Youth Ministry! May the blessings of our risen Savior be with you all during this time of year.

The High School Youth Ministry will be on a spring break April 1st and 8th. We will gather on Sunday, April 15th from 6-8pm. Also, any and all high school teens are welcome to join us on Friday, April 20th from 9pm until 12:30am for a night of Laser Tag at Arena 51 in Middleburg Heights. More details will be sent out via our text and email systems as well as on the parish web site.

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 8, 2018



Holy Hour & Confession from 1:00-2:00 pm
Mass at 2:00 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction
at 3:00 pm

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Brooklyn, Ohio



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Wednesday April 18th
11am – 9pm



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EASTER PRAYER
OF THANKSGIVING

Good and gracious heavenly Father,
we come before you on this Easter Sunday
with full and grateful hearts for the gift of
the Paschal Mystery that you showed us
in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son,
our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in
your saving love.

Bless also those who have yet to profess
belief in you.

You are God for all.
We ask all this in Christ's name.

Amen.

Readings for the Week of April 1, 2018:

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/ Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31