



SATURDAY, APRIL 28 - VIGIL

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*9:00AM - Marianne Rotatori

*11:00AM - Vivian Olesick

MONDAY, APRIL 30 - ST. PIUS V

7:00AM - Albert Sbeghen

TUESDAY, MAY 1 - ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

7:00AM - Vincent Giordano

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2 - ST. ATHANASIUS

7:00AM - Frank & Mary Pirozek

THURSDAY, MAY 3 - SS. PHILIP & JAMES

7:00AM - Anthony Ogorzaly

FRIDAY, MAY 4 - EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Norman R. Cushler

8:15AM - John & Erma Thomas & Family -
Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, MAY 5 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15AM - George & Elizabeth Alexsovich

10:00AM - First Communion

+*4:30PM - Rev. John Juhas

SUNDAY, MAY 6 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*9:00AM - Deacon Martin Thiel

11:00AM - People of the Parish

+Cup Mass

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for April 22nd.....	\$7,876.50
Faith Direct as of 4/15.....	\$3,356.00
Maintenance	\$825.00
Votives.....	\$77.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

The Catholic Conference of Ohio is offering voters guidance on State Issue I. General information about the upcoming primary election can be found at <https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/?http://myohiovote.com/>

Forms are also available at the rectory.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 30th

6:45 PM-8:00 PM

PSR - School

7:00PM

RCIA - School

Tuesday, May 1st

7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Adult Choir - Church

7:00 PM

Rosary for World Peace -
Chapel

Wednesday, May 2nd

5:00 PM

Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, May 3rd

6:30 PM

First Communion Practice -
Church

7:00 PM

Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall

Friday, May 4th

8:00 AM-2:30 PM

Jesus Day

2:00 PM-7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration-Church

7:00 PM

Benediction - Church

Saturday, May 5th

10:00 AM

Utopia Rental

First Communion - Church

Sunday, May 6th

9:00 AM -11:30 AM

Men's Basketball - Gym

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

High School Youth Ministry

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 May 4th.

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

Last weekend our Festival tickets were available for pick up in the back of the church. If you have not already picked up your tickets I would ask that you would please do so. I know that it is hard to believe but the St. Thomas More Festival will be here before we know it. It is right around the corner (June 24th).

The selling of the raffle tickets is very beneficial to the Parish and School communities. I am sure that you have noticed that our weekly collection has decreased very devastatingly over the past couple of years. Unfortunately this is due to many of our parishioners moving into assisted living facilities or taking up residence with family members. We must also take into account that many of our faithful supporters have passed away (God rest their souls). All these factors plus the decline of young people (not all but the majority of them) not making Church a priority in their lives. This has caused the parish to seek different ways to try and make up the deficit. Just so that you know, the final tally is not in just yet, but our Easter collection is nowhere near where it was last year.

Our Bingo has seen a decline in its attendance as well and this has caused it to not be as profitable as it once was. This parish counts on two major fundraisers: Mardi Gras and the St. Thomas More Festival. These are the two major fundraisers that help to pay the day to day expenses. The money raised from these two fundraisers help pay for unexpected repairs, supplies and other expenses that are needed to keep St. Thomas More functioning properly.

This is why it is so important that we spark interest in the Festival and in the raffle itself. The raffle is the major source of profit. While the day itself generates a fair amount of profit, it does not compare with the raffle sales. I am asking everyone to please consider selling or buying at the very least your thirty dollars worth of tickets so that we can continue to operate this parish and school without worry.

It is hard to run a parish when expenses are rising and the income is declining. I am asking everyone to please support this community by supporting our Festival. Thank you in advance for being proactive in helping to make our Festival a huge success.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill



First Communion will be celebrated next Saturday, May 5th at 10am. Please keep all of our Communicants in your prayers. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. George - It is uncertain when St. George was born and historians continue to debate to this day. However, his death date is estimated to be April 23, 303 A.D.

George was born to a Gerontios and Polychronia, a Roman officer and a Greek native of Lydda. Both were Christians from noble families of the Anici and George. *Georgios*, in the original Greek, was raised to follow their faith.

When George was old enough, he was welcomed into Diocletian's army. By his late 20's, George became a Tribunus and served as an imperial guard for the Emperor at Nicomedia. On February 24, 303 A.D., Diocletian, who hated Christians, announced that every Christian the army passed would be arrested and every soldier should offer a sacrifice to the Roman gods.

George refused to abide by the order and told Diocletian, who was angry but greatly valued his friendship with George's father. Diocletian was unable to keep the news to himself when George announced his beliefs before his peers. In an effort to save George, Diocletian attempted to convert him to believe in the Roman gods, offered him land, money and slaves in exchange for offering a sacrifice to the Roman gods, and made several other offers that George refused. Finally, after exhausting all other options, Diocletian ordered George's execution.

In preparation for his death, George gave his money to the poor. He was lacerated on a wheel of swords and required resuscitation three times, but still George did not turn from God. On April 23, 303 A.D., George was decapitated before Nicomedia's outer wall. His body was sent to Lydda for burial, and other Christians went to honor George as a martyr.

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.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all those who were Confirmed on Tuesday, April 24th. God Bless!

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Holtkamp Organ Company has begun work on our church pipe organ. 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.

Currently, we have raised \$173,000 for the restoration project, which means we are closer and closer to our goal of \$200,000. If you have made a donation or monthly pledges, we thank you for your generosity! We ask that all pledges be completed by June 1st, if possible. If you are still considering a donation, we would really appreciate it. Thank you for all of your support with this project!

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.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

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, James Mortach, Peggy Palumbo, Greg Jakupcik, Martha & George Kysil, Anne Boughton, Joseph Swancer, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Eleanor Royko, Robert Palumbo, Ida Jean Hopkins, Donald Marks, Ethel Whipkey, Marlene Sutowski, Doris & John Polander, Pearl Beningo and Israel Caminero III. 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

Prayer Service - Join us for a prayer service dedicated for all those affected by cancer on Saturday, May 5th at 7pm in the church. Anointing of the sick will be available. A reception will follow the prayer service in the Marian Lounge. Prayers will be offered to St. Peregrine, patron saint of cancer patients.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030

Life & Times of Mother Angelica - All area parishioners, families & guests are invited to experience a multi-media drama of the Life & Times of Mother Angelica on Tuesday, May 1st from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Activity Center, 2nd floor. Experience how a cloistered nun with health problems and a disadvantaged childhood founded and became CEO of EWTN, the largest religious network in the world through humble obedience to Jesus Christ. Freewill Offering. Open to all. Light social sponsored by SWIFT. Any questions, please call Joan Kuczek at 440-884-0338.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Bus Trip - Join us on Wednesday, May 30th: "Weinies in the Woods." We will travel to Erie, PA to the Tom Ridge Environmental Center, bird watch in Presque Isle State Park, cook hot dogs on a stick and enjoy a picnic lunch, visit Sara's for dessert and go to Waldameer Park for a train ride. Cost is \$85/person. Please call Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or to book your trip.



Please remember James Kozar, Millie Grubach and Josephine Ferrara in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

The Women's Guild will be selling Mother's Day cards after all Masses on April 28/29 and May 5/6. The price of the cards are \$2 for living and \$1 for deceased. All registered will be remembered at five masses throughout the year with the first one being on Mother's Day. The cards are also available at the rectory.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of **Brian & Mary Ann Sowers**. Please call the rectory to host the Traveling Madonna in 2018. Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna.

Marriage Banns

II - Kelly Spring (St. Thomas More) & Michael Dumovic

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Best Brick Fundraiser - In today's bulletin, you will find the flyer and order form for our school's Front Door. Guests are Best Brick Fundraiser. Perhaps you are a current school family, a school alumnus, or a parishioner who understands the importance of keeping our school flourishing and up-to-date. This is your opportunity to leave your name and/or message as part of the history of our school for all who enter to see. Your support of our school ensures the longevity of our success in teaching God's word to our future leaders. Without your support, we are unable to move forward with our project.

If you are interested in making a monetary donation towards the project, you may do so by contacting the school at 216-749-1660, x224 or x227 or email at jfrancis@stmschool.com or busmgr@stmschool.com.

Texas Roadhouse - Order forms for the Texas Roadhouse gift cards are due this Monday, April 30th. Order forms are available in the back of the church, at the rectory or online (www.stmparish.net). Thank you for your support.

Apples for Students - We would like to thank everyone who shops at Giant Eagle and has chosen St. Thomas More School as your Apples for Students recipient. Our check this year totaled \$1,152.

If you are not aware of the Apples for Students program, it allows you to support our school simply by shopping at Giant Eagle. You can register our school to be associated with your Advantage card by going online and entering our school number: 2906. If you need assistance, we will be happy to help you during school hours in the school office.

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Congratulations to our newly confirmed as they are now fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION - Congratulations to our newly confirmed 8th graders! Please keep them in your prayers as they strive to live their Catholic faith each and every day!

PSR

The PSR classes are quickly approaching the end of the year. The students have continued to grow in their faith by learning about the many treasures in our lives and how keeping Jesus close in our hearts is the key to living lives of love, hope and joy. The act of serving others has also been a key component to our studies. The students and catechists will celebrate all that has been accomplished this year with a closing Mass on Monday, May 7th at 6:45pm. Please feel free to join us!

YOUTH MINISTRY

This weekend (Sunday from 6-8pm) we are holding a campfire and cookout. This event is the first event for the incoming Class of 2022 (in addition to all current high school students). FREE food, games, prayer and more!

Next Sunday, May 6th, we'll be outside (weather permitting) to enjoy some outdoor activities. All high school students are welcome.

CUB SCOUTS-APPLEBEE'S UPDATE

Thank you to all the parishioners that came and supported our Dining to Donate at Applebee's. We were able to raise almost \$350 from this event. We could not have been so successful without your support. Thanks again!

Readings for the Week of April 29, 2018:

Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21[cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
St. Joseph the Worker:	Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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