

ST. THOMAS MORE

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Mission Statement

We, the faith community of St. Thomas More, a Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, Ohio, are centered in the celebration of the Eucharist.

By following the actions and teachings of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to build God's kingdom.

We seek to:

- *Celebrate God's presence* in the Eucharist, His work and the community.
- *Pass on* our faith and tradition.
- *Strengthen, love and support* all of God's people.
- *Nurture our gifts* and share them with others.
- *Invite and welcome* all who are in need of God.

Parish Staff

Rev. William G. Bouhall
Pastor

Rev. James J. Vesely
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Mr. Charles Zawadzki
Deacon

John Srsen
Music Director

Lisa Carson
Parish Secretary

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman
Youth Ministry

Mass Schedule

Masses of Obligation

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Holy Days

Eve of Holy Days - 6 p.m.
Holy Days - 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Rectory Times

Sunday - 9 - 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Friday - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Closed on Mondays from 1-2:30 p.m.
for Staff Meetings*

Confessions

Saturdays - 3 - 4 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Thursday - 7 a.m.
Friday - 7 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.
Saturday - 8:15 a.m.
Holidays - 9 a.m.

St. Thomas More School

Grades Pre-K - 8
4180 North Amber Drive
P: 216.749.1660

Jennifer Francis
Principal



SATURDAY, APRIL 6 – VIGIL

+4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*9:00AM - Irma Ricciuti

+*11:00AM - Bridget Previts

MONDAY, APRIL 8 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Daniel Whipkey

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Mary Lou Meister

7:00 PM - Confirmation

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - George & Mary Stincic

THURSDAY, APRIL 11 – ST. STANISLAUS

7:00AM - Mason Smerdel (Living)

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Rose Agnes Kvidera

8:15AM - Dee Marzola - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 – ST. MARTIN I

8:15AM - Sandy Pukys

*4:30PM - Ida Davis

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

+9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Angela Kaldus

+Cup Mass

*Mass of Remembrance

Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 8

6:45 PM - 8:00 PM

PSR - School

7:00 PM

Confirmation Practice - Church

7:00 PM

PPC Meeting - Rectory

Tuesday, April 9

1:00 PM

Women's Guild Meeting - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM

Confirmation - Church

Wednesday, April 10

5:00 PM

Class Picture Day - School
Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, April 11

7:00 PM

Marco's Night

7:00 PM

Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall

Friday, April 12

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Senior Lenten Luncheon - UH

1:00 PM

Children's Stations of the Cross

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Devotions - Church

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Confessions - Church

7:00 PM

Benediction & Stations - Church

Saturday, April 13

8:15 AM - 10:00 AM

Men's Group - Church

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - Gym

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Third Order of Mary - Rectory

Sunday, April 14

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Palm Sunday

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Men's Basketball - Gym

Strata Breakfast - Utopia Hall

Financial Blessings

Collection for March 31st.....\$6,482.10

Maintenance\$612.00

Votives.....\$64.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of **Robert Kristof**. Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember to send in any pictures that you take to the rectory. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2019.

"EGG-STRATA-GANZA"

Join the Parish Pastoral Council for their "Egg-Strata-Ganza" next Sunday, April 14th in Utopia Hall from 10am until 1pm.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Angela LoBue

SECRETARY: Dawn Thomas

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

Can there be any pain worse than seeing someone you love suffering? The fifth sorrow of our Blessed Mother: the Crucifixion. Mary stands at the foot of the Cross watching her son suffer and die one of the most painful deaths that I am sure you and I could even begin to imagine. She stands there with St. John and Mary Magdalene. She trusts in God and believes in His plan of salvation but it still does not take away the pain she is feeling.

As a priest, I see many people suffer, either physically, emotionally or even spiritually. But it is the pain I see in the face of their loved ones that can really be heart wrenching. So many people, as I am sure Mary did, wish that God would just let me take their place. A loved one's pain deals more with the heart. A person's heart is breaking when they see their child hurt by the cruel words of their peers. It is painful to see your spouse upset over the loss of a promotion or job. The pain of seeing your grown child lose the love of his or her life. The pain that Mary felt does not just mean dealing with the death of a loved one. No, it means seeing a loved one suffer.

This is what we learn from Mary as she stands helpless near by as she sees Jesus, her only Son, suffer. He suffers, even though he is innocent from any type of crime or sin, but He chooses to suffer for our sins. Mary holds no grudge towards us. In fact, in turn, she takes us into her heart and holds us ever so close. As she stood there feeling the brokenness of Jesus, she totally feels our brokenness and comforts us in our hour of need.

We must never think that Mary's life was always easy and carefree just because she was the Mother of our Lord. No, as Mary promised St. Bernadette, "I cannot promise you happiness in this life only in the next," so Mary lived that out in her own life. This life is filled with heartache and pain but like Mary we must never give up. The pain and suffering we feel for others is only an opportunity to trust in God and His plan. Mary did and so should we. If our goal is eternal life then we must follow the example of Mary and give our lives over to God.

If you do not know how to do this, I have only one suggestion. Turn to Mary and she will guide you and show you the way.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill



Please remember Patricia Korbas
in your prayers.
God grant her eternal rest.

SAINT THOMAS MORE



***Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for
the things we pray for.***

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

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

ST. THOMAS MORE MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet each Saturday morning beginning with 8:15 Mass followed by a group meeting from 9-10 in the old church library.

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Benjamin Schweigert
Queen of Heaven,
Green
III Theology, St. Mary



Please keep Ben 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 4170 North Amber Drive, Brooklyn, OH 44144.

St. Thomas More Church

Brooklyn, OH 44144

MUSIC MINISTRY

Divine Mercy Chaplet - In the arms of Your Mercy, we find rest. Please join us on Thursday, April 11th at 7pm in the church for our next Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Organ Recital - Save the date! There will be an Organ Recital on Sunday, May 5th following the 11am Mass. There will be also be a blessing of the pipe organ from Fr. Bill. We look forward to seeing you there!

LENT 2019: CRS RICE BOWL

Encounter Ona - We encounter Ona in Gaza, where, despite lack of economic opportunity, people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory and one of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you to set up a convenient time to meet. 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.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Nickola Badza, Christina E. Janus, Carol Loy, Vinny Mercurio, Fran Blaha, Greg Jakupcik, Diane Lada, Mary Misch, John Misch, Tim Misch, Tom Misch, Alice Gruden, Collin Nemet, Kenneth Klubnik, Biaggio Boytim, George Tapocsi, Mary Ann Cowgill, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Heather Hudak, Juliana Turner, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Jean Palumbo, Marlene Sutowski, Ida Jean Hopkins, Joy Turner, Jeremy Cheetham, Pam Turner, Ben Purcell, Mary Ellen Popovich, Donald Marks, James Malames and Jennifer Stancato. 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

Lenten Mission - Join us for our Lenten Mission. Fr. John Eudes Brohl, ORC will offer talks on April 7th-April 10th at 7pm. Each evening talk is preceded by the Simple Soup Supper at 6:15pm in the Marian Lounge.

ST. CHARLES BORROME0: 440-884-3030

Pilgrimage - Registration is now open for a pilgrimage to Mother Angelica & Rhoda Wise Historic Sites on Thursday, April 25th. Cost is \$45/person (hot lunch & snacks included). Questions? Please contact Brian Pelcin in the Parish Office.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Bus Trip - The April 25th trip to "Mayberry" is cancelled. St. Leo the Great Athletics Women's Reverse Raffle is on Saturday, April 27th. Doors open at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:30pm. Dinner-Open Bar-Sideboards and More! Tickets are \$50 and available at the rectory. *21 and over *

Please support our cluster parishes with their Lenten Fish Frys. You can call their rectories for dates, times and prices.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of **March** - Kevin Kozar and George, Maisie & Orban Mitchell. Welcome to you!

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 9th at 1pm in Utopia Hall. Seminarian Ben Schweigert will share his experiences from Rome. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

This weekend a group of teens have gathered for their overnight retreat. They have given up access to social media, TV, video games and more to spend the weekend exploring their relationship with God. Thank you for those who prayerfully supported our retreat participants.

2019 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 PM

The following Fridays from 3:30-6:30pm
April 12th

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, April 15th: 4:30-5:30 PM
Wednesday, April 17th: 5:30-6:45 PM

No scheduled confessions on Holy Thursday,
Good Friday & Holy Saturday

THIRD QUARTER 2018 - 2019

PRINCIPAL'S HONORS:

- Gr 8 – Abigail Cepek, Sarah Handke, Carolyn Jiang and Jeremy Wallace
- Gr 7 – Dillon Fall, Quinten Ha-Lambert, Anna Ha, Noah Nunney, Sarah Tran and Joseph Valencik
- Gr 6 – Isabel Adu-Gyamfi, Maria Burns, Aiden Cepek, Tyler Liebert, Thien Nguyen, Sophia Porachan, Lily Redmon and Danise Vu
- Gr 5 – Delaney Burke, Kevin Delaney, Jeffery Jiang, Chloe Meyer, Isaiah Rivera and Thomas Vu
- Gr 4 – Nevaeh Aldridge, Molly Francis, Brendon Kiscoe and Willa Streeter

HONORS:

- Gr 8 – Anthony Amoroso, Jaden Colvin, Lily Kuebler, Jared Liebert and Bridget Sprosty
- Gr 7 – AJ Hill, Danielle Jordan, Robert Rivera and Zachary Zambo
- Gr 6 – Alysha Murray, Madison Schmidt and Katherine Viets
- Gr 5 – Gabby Cisneros, Jacob Hudak, Gianna Marino, Claire Noelker, Alena Predmetsky, Hazel Redmon, Jaime Stutzman, Lucy Thomas and Henry Widdowson
- Gr 4 – Grace Delluomo, Meghan Francis, Ellie Loudon and Emily Schillo

MERIT

- Gr 8 – Cy Colvin
- Gr 7 – Aiden Butler, Nolan Francis, Colin Matier and Mercedes Rodriguez
- Gr 6 – Makayla Butler, Katelyn Emerson and Diego Nunney
- Gr 5 – Noemi Cartagena, Anais Hernandez and Bradly Wissel
- Gr 4 – Stefani Erny, Christopher Hutchins, Ania Oshaben, Carter Pedraza, Mia Viera and Mekhi Williams

ACHIEVEMENT

- Gr 7 – Mario Cisneros, Rockwell Gillis, Katelyn Motrych and Amerie Williams
- Gr 4 – Rocco Cimbalos, Makayla Grodek, Austin Prather, Mathew Rydzewski and Sabina Titchenell

LENTEN REMINDERS

Good Friday, April 19th, is a day of **abstinence** from meat (for those who have reached their fourteenth birthday) and also days of fast. The day of **fast** is limited to one full meal and two small meals (for those between the ages of 18 and 59). All Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. **Prayer** opportunities include the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 1pm (Student) and 7pm. An **almsgiving** opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. **Confession** opportunities include Saturdays from 3-4pm. Please refer to the confession schedule. **Eucharistic Devotions** will be held on Fridays from 2-7pm in the Church.

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

Most Fridays during Lent we will have exposition of the Eucharist from 2-7pm. Call the rectory if you are able to commit to one half hour on April 12th.

Readings for the Week of April 7, 2019

- Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/ Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/ Jn 8:12-20
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49 ©LPi

St. Thomas More High School Youth Ministry

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny



Saturday, April 13
9am - 11am

St. Thomas More Gym

PreSale (end April 11)

\$7 Adults;

\$5 Children (10 & under)

Menu
Pancakes
Sausage
Fruit/Applesauce
Juice, Milk, Coffee

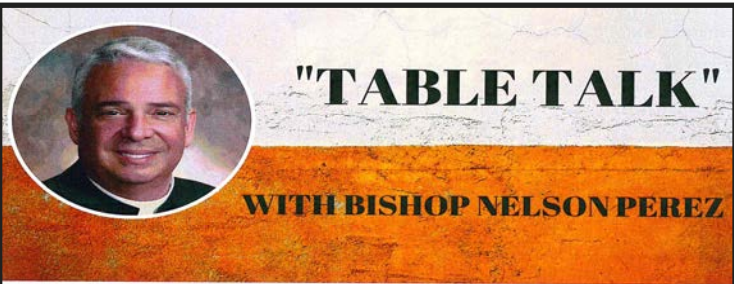
Presale tickets are **ONLY** available online at:
stmparish.net/easterbunny2019
(cash, check, PayPal, credit card)

At the Door (cash or check only)

\$8 Adults; \$6 Children (10 & under)



Come join us for breakfast and pictures.
Please bring your own camera.



"TABLE TALK"

WITH BISHOP NELSON PEREZ

Airs Thursday April 18th at 5 p.m. on AM 1260 The Rock. Join host Dick Russ for a one-hour conversation with Bishop Perez including questions submitted by you. Re-broadcast on Saturday April 20th at noon and Sunday April 21st at 1 p.m. Submit questions by April 1st to tabletalk@am1260therock.com.



www.am1260therock.com



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 15th:

Mass at 7am

Confession from 5:30-6:30pm

Tuesday, April 16th:

Mass at 7am

Wednesday, April 17th:

Mass at 7am

Confession from 5:30-6:45pm

Tenebrae Service at 7pm

Thursday, April 18th: **HOLY THURSDAY**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

Friday, April 19th: **GOOD FRIDAY**

Outdoor Stations of the Cross at 12pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm

Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Saturday, April 20th: **HOLY SATURDAY**

Blessing of Food at 11am

Blessing of Food at 1pm

Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm

Sunday, April 21st: **EASTER SUNDAY**

Mass at 9am

Mass at 11am

ST THOMAS MORE WOMEN'S GUILD'S



STYLE SHOW!

Featuring Fashions by **dressbarn**
sizes 2-24

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

TICKETS: \$10 – Available at the Rectory

Doors open 11:00 AM

Lunch served at NOON

MENU: Chicken Salad, Potato Salad, Croissant, Fruit, Chips & Cake

CHINESE RAFFLE! DOOR PRIZES!

