



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.

Masses of Obligation

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 9 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.

Weekdays

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

Confessions

Saturdays - 3 - 4 p.m.

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, APRIL 7 - VIGIL

*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

MONDAY, APRIL 9 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

7:00AM - Valeria Andreychak

TUESDAY, APRIL 10 - EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00AM - George & Mary Stincic

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 - ST. STANISLAUS

7:00AM - Eleanor DiLello

THURSDAY, APRIL 12 - EASTER WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Mason Smerdel (Living)

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 - ST. MARTIN I

7:00AM - Kaduk & LoBue Families

8:15AM - Dee Marzola - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 - EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Stephen Rapsik

*4:30PM - Peter Voyt

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

+*9:00AM - Charlotte Saczawa

11:00AM - People of the Parish

+Cup Mass

*Mass of Remembrance

Weekly Schedule

Monday, April 9th

7:00 PM PSR - School
7:00 PM PPC - Rectory
7:00PM RCIA - School

Tuesday, April 10th

1:00 PM Women's Guild Meeting - Utopia Hall
4:00PM- 5:00 PM Children's Choir - Church
7:00 PM Adult Choir - Church
7:00 PM Holy Name - Utopia Hall
7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

Wednesday, April 11th

8:00 AM-11:00AM Class Picture Day - School
5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, April 12th

7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall
7:00 PM Divine Mercy - Church

Friday, April 13th

7:30 PM-10:00 PM JHYG Dance - Gym

Saturday, April 14th

8:30 AM- 7:00 PM Women of Inspiration Day - Utopia Hall
9:30 AM-12:30 PM Catholic Renewal Ministry - Rectory

Sunday, April 15th

9:00-11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym
9:00 AM Mass Confirmation: Spirit Day
11:00 AM Mass First Communion: Banner Day
6:00-8:00 PM High School Youth Ministry

Financial Blessings

April 1st and Easter totals will be in next week's bulletin.

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Please remember Margaret Jeri, Patsy Giachetti, John Burgund and Marie Stefanik in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

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

Clare (my dog) and I would like to thank everyone who has been so kind to us these past couple weeks. So many of you have been dropping off many wonderful and delicious goodies for us to eat plus all the cards and well wishes for the Easter season. As always, your kindness overwhelms me. Many Blessings to everyone!

I would like to take this opportunity and invite everyone (young and old) to consider bringing the Traveling Madonna into your homes for one week. The statue of the Blessed Mother has been going from house to house for the last two and a half years. All that is necessary in order to have her come into your home is call the rectory and pick a week that you would like to house her and then all that is left is to welcome her into your home. Once Mary is in your home there are some short prayers to say each day for vocations. The prayers only take five minutes at the most to say but are very powerful prayers.

I know that many families have had her more than once and I would encourage everyone to consider signing up for a week. If you have had her one or more times and would like to have her again, please feel free to sign up again as well. I would like to encourage more people who have not signed up to ask yourself why haven't you signed up yet? You can pick her up on Saturday at the rectory and drop her off the following Saturday. If you are home bound and are not able to get out to pick her up, we would be very happy to take her to you and we would pick her up the following week. I am asking all the families of St. Thomas More Parish, that includes our school families, to please consider bringing our Blessed Mother home. She has brought great peace to many people who have already brought her into their homes. There are plenty of weeks available. Again, please call the office to make arrangements to bring the Traveling Madonna into your home.

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. All are invited to come and spend the afternoon in prayer with us. There will be adoration, confession, Mass at 2pm followed by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. If you are available to join us please feel free to come by for just a bit or for the whole afternoon. All are welcome to come. Just because you have already gone to Mass once this weekend does not mean that you cannot attend the different services and attend Mass again. God Bless you and may the joy of our Risen Lord continue to strengthen you in this Easter season.

Peace and Goodness,

Fr. Bill

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Stanislaus - This week, on April 11th, is the feast of St. Stanislaus. This saint has a closeness with our own patron (St. Thomas More) as St. Stanislaus also opposed the actions of his king, just as Thomas More did.

Stanislaus was a gifted preacher and was named the bishop of Krakow in 1072. As bishop, St. Stanislaus spoke openly about the unjust wars and immoral acts of King Boleslaus II. After being excommunicated, the king ordered his soldiers to kill Stanislaus, however, they refused. The king killed St. Stanislaus with his own hands and was forced to flee Hungary where he spent his days praying for his actions. St. Stanislaus is the patron saint of Poland.

*Marriage
& Banns*

I - Jessica Singh (St. Thomas More)
& Steven Zivkovic (St. Thomas More)

*Women's
RETREAT*

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.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

In the arms of Your Mercy we find rest. Please join us on Thursday, April 12th at 7pm in the church for our next Divine Mercy Chaplet. We meet for the Chaplet on the second Thursday of every month.

TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Jim & Paulette Higgins** 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.

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.



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 and Ida Jean Hopkins. 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

NightFire - NightFire returns on Friday, April 13th from 9:30 to 11:30pm. Come to a beautiful evening of music and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and by candlelight. NightFire is a great time to pray for those who have strayed from the practice of the Catholic Faith.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 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 Comedienne 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.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 10th at 1pm in Utopia Hall. Our guest will be from Eden Valley Enterprises, "Cleveland Faces and Places." Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10th at 7pm in Utopia Hall. All members of the Holy Name Society are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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!

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Please continue to keep in your prayers our newly formed Catholics. Also, please remember, for those being confirmed, that we will have a rehearsal on Monday, April 23rd at 7pm in the church and Confirmation will take place on Tuesday, April 24th at 7pm.

CONFIRMATION - Please remember our Holy Spirit Retreat Day on Sunday, April 15th beginning with Mass at 9am. We will conclude by 4pm.

YOUTH MINISTRY

All high school teens are invited for an evening of laser tag from 9pm until 12:30am on Friday, April 20th at Arena 51 in Middleburg Heights. The cost of the outing is \$20 and includes laser tag, pizza and beverages. More info including the online permission slip and payment are located on the parish web site (stmparish.net). Our next weekly gathering will be on Sunday, April 15th from 6-8pm in the Youth Ministry Center.

THANK YOU

We changed lives this Lent, thanks to YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.

AM 1260 THE ROCK

AM 1260 The Rock's Spring Spirit Drive is just around the corner! This will be the third year of AM 1260 The Rock gracing Cleveland's airwaves with EWTN's programming. Join us as we focus on the beauty and mystery of the Trinity during this Spirit Drive, April 18th-20th. Debbie Georgianni, co-host of "Take Two with Jerry and Debbie", will be leading the Spirit Drive on AM 1260 The Rock. Join us for three amazing days, April 18th, 19th and 20th!!! Keep the airwaves filled with the TRUTH of the Catholic Church!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Join us for the best Kentucky Derby Party in town and help fight hunger in Cleveland at the same time. St. Vincent de Paul Society's 18th Annual Kentucky Derby Party is Saturday, May 5th from 4-8pm at Great Lakes Brewing Company Tasting Room. 50/50 raffle, mouth-watering Derby fare, valet parking and more. Admission is \$65 (before April 8th) and \$75 (after April 8th). Tickets for the 50/50 raffle cost \$10 each or 3/\$20 (winner need not be present). For details call 216-696-6525 x2520 or visit www.svdpcle.org.

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 Racetrack and Casino. 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.

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring-your relationship cold, distant-thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help.

Retrouvaille (rediscovery), which is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but open to all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow-up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440-357-6580 or 800-470-2230 or go online to www.helpourmarriage.org.

ST. BASIL ADULT SINGLES DANCE

All are invited to the St. Basil Adult Singles Retro Spring Dance on Saturday, April 28th from 7:30 to 11:30pm in the St. Basil the Great Family Life Center Gym at 8700 Brecksville Road in Brecksville. Admission is \$9 for members and \$10 for non-members which includes DJ, pizza, munchies, pop and desserts. Wear your retro outfit if you like. Couples are also welcome. Enjoy an evening of good food, dancing and fellowship. Call Carol at 216-513-6107 with any questions.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Married Couples Weekend: Athletes and musicians practice hours to become the best. Professionals work hard to become successful. How many ours have you devoted to making your marriage the best it can be? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and give your relationship the attention it deserves. Weekends are presented by trained Catholic couples and a priest. Next weekend held will be May 4-6. To sign-up or for information please call 330-305-9963 or visit www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org.

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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Readings for the Week of April 8, 2018:

- Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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