

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 – VIGIL

+*4:30PM - Bernadette Taylor

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

*9:00AM - Mildred Smith

+11:00AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 19 – ST. JOHN EUDES

7:00AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 – ST. BERNARD

7:00AM - Roger Benavides

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 – ST. PIUS X

7:00AM - Officer William J. Fores

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 – THE QUEENSHIP
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:00AM - Deceased Members of the Vargo Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 – ST. ROSE OF LIMA

7:00AM - Orland Family

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 –
ST. BARTHOLOMEW**

8:15AM - William Marzola

4:30PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 – TENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

+9:00AM - Rev. R. Joseph Murray

*11:00AM - Janet Keres

+Cup Mass

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 11th.....	\$6,860.00
Faith Direct as of 8/4.....	\$6,337.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,539.00
Votives.....	\$62.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Congratulations to Erica Bernard and Anthony Ghann who were married at St. Thomas More on August 10th. May God bless you both!

Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 19

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

Tuesday, August 20

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
Friends Supporting Friends
7:00 PM Finance Meeting - Rectory
7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

Wednesday, August 21

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, August 22

Friday, August 23

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
7:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary - Chapel

Saturday, August 24

Utopia Rental
8:15 AM - 10:00 AM Men's Group - Church

Sunday, August 25

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Athletic Car Wash & Donut Sale
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym
6:30 PM Spiritual Life Commission Meeting - Utopia



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

As I sit to write this article, the Feast of the Assumption is upon us. We as a Church are blessed to have Mary as a Mother, an intercessor and a role model of true discipleship. Mary should be and is an inspiration to many people, not just priests and religious. Mary's simple way of being present to Jesus especially during the Crucifixion, to the disciples and to many people today gives us great comfort and peace.

This feast day is not about Mary as our Mother. It is not about Mary as disciple nor is it about Mary as an intercessor. Yes, Mary is all these things, but the feast day that we all celebrated on Thursday was about Mary being assumed into Heaven, both body and soul. Because Mary was the Mother of God, our Heavenly Father did not want any decay to touch her body. She was taken into heaven and received her glorified body as we all will receive in the resurrection on the last day.

This Feast of the Assumption reminds us that in the end, Death will no longer have power over us. Death will be destroyed forever. Where Mary has gone, we hope to follow. I do think that many people have forgotten about the second coming, the final judgement and being reunited with our bodies which will be glorified just as Mary's is now. Jesus won the victory, Mary shares in His victory and we pray that one day we all will share in this victory.

I hope everyone remembered that this feast was a Holy Day of Obligation. It was a Holy Day because of the importance of Mary in the life of the Church and a hope to all who struggle in this life that there is a better place waiting for us once this journey is complete. Mary told St. Bernadette that she "could not promise her happiness in this life but only in the next." Mary makes this promise to all of us who do the will of the Father, listen to her Son and follow the lead of the Holy Spirit. Mary wants nothing more than to have all her children with her in Paradise. Let us make Mary proud and live lives pleasing to her Son. May we all find hope that as Mary was assumed into Heaven, body and soul, to be with her Son whom He Himself ascended into that Heavenly dwelling may one day share their glory.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill

**PRAYER OF THE MONTH - AUGUST
ST. THOMAS MORE'S DEVOTIONAL
PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you; and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am your own, keep me, guard me, as your property and possession. Amen.



Congratulations and welcome
Reagan Ann Osbourne and
Kaeden Joseph Biacsi
who were recently baptized at
St. Thomas More. God bless you!

"Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God."

St. Ignatius of Loyola

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of **Madelyn Koranda**. 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Join us on Friday, August 23rd at 7pm in the church for a night of worship and praise of Our Lord. There will be scripture, song and reflection. We will end the evening with a procession and Benediction.

ST. THOMAS MORE MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group meets each Saturday morning beginning with 8:15 Mass followed by a group meeting from 9-10 in the old church library. All men are welcome!

REMINDER: RECTORY HOURS

The rectory will be closed on Mondays from 1-2:30pm for staff meetings.



Please remember Richard Minch and Elizabeth Vilt in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jennifer Stancato, Diane Lada, Dean Profio, Mary Ellen Popovich, George Tapocsi, Fran Blaha, Paula Ritter, Greg Jakupcik, Carol Loy, Vinny Mercurio, Martha & George Kysil, Debbie Tomusko, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Alexis Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Haley Simecek, Heather Hudak, Mary Misch, John Misch, Tom Misch, Tim Misch, Marge Goss, James Malames, William Kukoleck, Betty Sullivan, Juliana Turner, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Jean Palumbo, Marlene Sutowski, Ida Jean Hopkins, Joy Turner, Jeremy Cheetham, Pam Turner, Jennifer Palumbo, Colleen & Christian Purcell, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Melissa Korhely, Sean Szill, Jeff McCormick, Bobby Hengoed, Judy Gallagher, Mick Jones, Alice Gruden, Nickola Badza, Stephanie Liebert, Jeff Liebert and Angie Sima. 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

Blue Army Holy Hour - Because this month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, what better way to commemorate this month than by attending the Blue Army Holy Hour on Sunday, August 18th at 2pm in the Chapel. Prayers and devotions to Our Lady of Fatima will be offered before the Blessed Sacrament.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Great Adventure Bible Study - presents...How Christianity Confronts Culture: Then & Now! September 3-October 30 on Tuesdays from 9:30-10:45am or Wednesdays from 7-8:15pm. Cost is \$10/person. Please register by September 1st. Questions? Contact Brian Pelcin in the parish office. All are Welcome!

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Bus Trip - Join us on Thursday, September 26th for our Walnut Creek trip. Stops include Ashery Country Store, Hershberger Bakery & Farmer's Market, Der Dutchman (lunch included), Hillcrest Orchard, Heini's Cheese, Schrock Heritage Village & Breitenbach Winery. Cost is \$70/person. Please call Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or to book your trip. All are welcome!

Readings of the Week OLPI

Readings for the Week of August 18, 2019

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18
[14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic? If so, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414. Sessions will begin in September.

PSR

Information regarding registration for the 2019-2020 school year is available at the rectory. Classes will be held on Monday evenings from 6:45-8pm and will begin on September 16th. For any families with students in grades 1-8 that will be new to the program next year, please contact Terri Sozio at psr.stm@gmail.com. Forms are also available at the rectory.

CONFIRMATION 2020

If you will be in the 8th Grade for the 2019/2020 school year and are NOT in PSR or the Day School, please contact the parish or email bbarker@stmprish.net to get information on service.

FIRST COMMUNION

If your child is not enrolled in the day school or PSR and is interested in making his/her First Communion, please contact the rectory to register.

FAITH & VALUES APPEAL



Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Cleveland are changing the lives of children and their families.

Thanks to the generosity of people like you who know the value of a Catholic education, last year more than 3,500 students received need-based tuition assistance. When you give to the *Faith & Values Appeal* to support tuition assistance for a Catholic school student, you are giving a gift that will live on in the lives of those served in our school. Please pray that the generosity of our parishioners will continue to support the formation of our youth in Catholic schools where faith makes a difference. To donate online, go to www.CatholicCommunity.org/education or call Karen Joyce at 800-869-6525 x1910.

SELF-HELP SUPPORT GROUP/RECOVER INC.

Learn coping tools when feeling depressed, fearful, anxious or angry. St. Charles Borromeo Church Activity Center (5891 Ridge Road, Parma) on Wednesdays at 1:30pm (440-884-5169) or 7:30pm on Thursdays (440-842-0819).

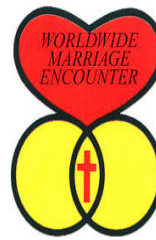
PARISH PRAYER

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.

RECTORY HOURS - STAFF RETREAT DAY

The rectory will be closed on Monday, August 26th from 9am-4pm for Staff Retreat Day. At some point during your day, could you please offer up a simple, Our Father or Hail Mary for us. We need your prayerful support as we look to the future of St. Thomas More. Thank you for your understanding!

MARRIED COUPLES GET-AWAY WEEKEND



How would you like to learn more about your spouse and God on the same Weekend? A Marriage Encounter Weekend can do that for you! The fall Weekend is just around the corner, so make plans now to attend; October 11-13 at the Homewood Suites in Solon. Call Jack and Fran at 330-

305-9963 or GreatMarriagesOhio.org for info or to sign-up.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The 50th Anniversary of Marriage Mass in the Diocese of Cleveland is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 10am in the Cathedral of St.

John the Evangelist, with the Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez as presider and homilist. Please

note the date change. This Mass is for couples residing within the Diocese of Cleveland married 50 years. Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over), or who have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register. Registration is all done online.



Please use the following link: <https://ccdacle.wufoo.com/forms/50th-wedding-anniversary-mass-2019/>.

Registration will not be available via fax or email. Registration for the 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass closes on Monday, September 16th.

**St. Thomas More
ATHLETICS**



Car Wash & Donut Sale

**Sunday, August 25
8:30am until 12:30pm**



**Donuts - \$8 a dozen
Car Wash - Freewill Donation**

NEW LOCAL PROGRAM ON AM 1260 THE ROCK!

Join AM 1260 The Rock for the premiere of *Where We Worship* on Sunday, August 18th at 11am. Hosted by veteran broadcaster Bob Tayek, *Where We Worship* is a **BRAND NEW local program** which will look at parishes throughout our diocese where we make our spiritual home. In the premiere episode, we will encounter historic St. Stephen's parish on Cleveland's West Side. Rebroadcast on Saturday, August 24th at 4:30pm.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: AN UNDERSTANDING OF ALZHEIMER'S AND OTHER DEMENTIA

Mount Alverna Village invites you to Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters on Tuesday, August 20th at 6pm (Ancora Memory Support at Mount Alverna Village, 6763 State Road in Parma, 44134). For more information call 440-663-1101 or email bbaszuk@franciscancommunities.com.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON

An inter-parish men's group will meet September 6th for a First Friday luncheon at St. Clarence Church. Registration begins at 11:15am, followed by the luncheon, then an inspirational talk, and concludes with Mass. Cost is \$10. Please call George Perz at 440-937-6606 by Tuesday, September 3rd to make a reservation.

SISTERS OF THE INCARNATE WORD

Please join the Sisters of the Incarnate Word as we pray at our Labyrinth; Path of Blessings on Saturday, September 7th from 9:30-11am (6618 Pearl Road, Parma Heights). Coffee, pastries & conversation immediately following. Please RSVP by calling 440-886-6440, ext. 415. You may leave a message. You may also RSVP via email: siwdevelopment@yahoo.com.



UNITY CATHOLIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

To serve all of our members better we have updated our hours. The Byzantine Office is now permanently closed and we have extended hours at the Parma, Brunswick and Lakewood Offices.

NEW HOURS AT ALL OFFICES

- Mon, Tues.....10am - 5pm
- Wed.....Parma open 10am - 5pm
(other offices closed)
- Thurs.....10am - 5pm
- Fri.....10am - 6pm
- Sat.....10am - 1pm

Please call 440-886-2558 or visit our website www.unitycatholiccu.org for more information.



UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral will hold its Ukrainian Festival on August 24th & 25th. Free Admission & Parking. Live Music ~ Fabulous Prizes ~ Ukrainian Cuisine ~ Kids Games ~ Petting Zoo ~ And much more. For more information visit: www.stjosaphatcathedral.com or call 440-886-2108.

MIDDLE EASTERN FESTIVAL

Join St. Elias Church for their annual Middle Eastern Festival August 31st through September 4th. Middle Eastern Food ~ Rides & Games ~ Raffle ~ Live Entertainment ~ Casino. For menu & more: [Facebook.com/steliasmelkite](https://www.facebook.com/steliasmelkite)