

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 – VIGIL

+4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - James Ferraro

+*11:00AM - Jeanette E. Wheeler

MONDAY, AUGUST 5 – WEEKDAY

7:00AM - John & Jewel Hovan

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

7:00AM - Paul & Helen Wransky

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 – SS. SIXTUS II & COMPANIONS & CAJETAN

7:00AM - Women's Guild

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 – ST. DOMINIC

7:00AM - Casmer Nagorka

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 – ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

7:00AM - Sister Elaine Theresa Burrows, SIW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 – ST. LAWRENCE

8:15AM - Mary Lou Meister

1:00 PM - Bernard/Ghann Wedding

*4:30PM - Antonio Musto

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

+*9:00AM - James Grabe

11:00AM - People of the Parish

+Cup Mass

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for July 28th.....	\$5,845.71
Maintenance.....	\$1,144.00
Votives.....	\$189.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Marriage Banns

III - Erica Bernard (St. Thomas More) & Anthony Ghann (St. Thomas More)

Weekly Schedule

Monday, August 5

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

Tuesday, August 6

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

7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

Wednesday, August 7

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, August 8

Spiritual Life: Bus Trip to Carey, Ohio

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

7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM Divine Mercy - Rectory

Friday, August 9

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

Utopia Rental

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

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Catholic Renewal Ministry - Rectory

Sunday, August 11

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym



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

The beginning of August brings the start of practice for fall sports. CYO practice for football and volleyball have already started. As my father always says, "Once you celebrate the Fourth of July, summer is over." How true that seems. I do not know where the time has gone, but the beginning of August means a time to be more careful when driving through the parking lot.

There are many children who are playing and running around while their big brother or sister is at practice. These young children can be playing in the open area or in-between parked cars. I ask and urge everyone to please be careful as you are driving through the parking lot. I also ask the parents of these children to please keep your eyes on your children. I know that it can be very easy to get lost in a practice or game and forget that your younger child is running around. It only takes a second for tragedy to happen.

I know that I say this every year around this time but it is just so very important. An accident can happen in the split of a second. It is no one's fault and that's why we call it an accident, but that does not mean that we should be careless. A tragedy can rip apart the lives of both the victim and the offender. This is why every year I beg everyone to please be careful and parents please keep your eyes on all of your children. Just because the parking lot is big and sometimes there are no cars around does not mean that a car cannot come driving through, sometimes at a pretty fast speed, and miss seeing your child playing or even simply walking around the parking lot.

School on the other hand will not be starting for St. Thomas More until after Labor Day. With the way the state has worked out the requirements for the amount of time that a child must attend school, we were able to work out a schedule in which the children are starting later. This will keep them out of the classrooms during those hot August days and still have them out of school at the end of the year at a decent time.

I hope that everyone enjoys their last few weeks of summer vacation and are safe in whatever you find yourself doing.

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.

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.

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!

"For by doing what God demands of us with total surrender of our innermost being, we cause the divine life to become our own inner life. Entering into ourselves, we find God is our own selves."

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of **Judy Eschuk**. 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

In the arms of Your Mercy, we find rest. Please join us on Thursday, August 8th at 7pm in the church for our next Divine Mercy Chaplet.



Please remember James Godley
in your prayers.
God grant him eternal rest.

CHICO'S BUS TRIP

Join Chico's Group on Wednesday, August 28th for a trip to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Windsor, Ohio. Cost is \$37/person (payment due by August 5th). We will visit Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mary Yoder's Restaurant, Middlefield Original Cheese Co-Op and End of the Commons General Store. Call Chico at 216-551-7561 with questions or to book your trip. No refunds or cancellations; must find a replacement.



Jennifer Stancato, Diane Lada, Dean Profio, Mary Ellen Popovch, 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 Hengoad, Judy Gallagher and Mick Jones. 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

PierogiFest - Old Brooklyn PierogiFest will be held at MQP on Saturday, August 10th from 3-10pm. Pierogies and Polish food will be featured plus games for adults and kids and toe-tappin' Polka bands! Spend time in the beer garden! Shop the Polish vendors! Don't miss the Pierogi-Eating Contest!

ST. CHARLES BORROME0: 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 - Come board the Gateway Clipper Fleet (Pittsburgh, PA) on Friday, August 16th for a luncheon cruise with entertainment. Cost of the trip is \$100/person. Please call Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 to book your trip.

Readings *of the Week*

Readings for the Week of August 4, 2019

- Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 [12a]/Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
- Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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@stmparish.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.

SEE YOU AT THE FEST!

Join us this Sunday for The FEST. It takes place on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership (28700 Euclid Ave. in Wickliffe) from 12 noon-10pm. Come hear great music (Jordan Feliz, Tenth Avenue North, Matt Maher, and Casting Crowns), enjoy activities for the entire family, join thousands for Mass at 8pm with Bishop Perez, and experience the event of the summer. There is plenty of close parking and something for everyone. For a complete schedule of the day and parking directions go to: www.theFEST.us. See you at The FEST!

**2019 ST. THOMAS MORE FESTIVAL
UPDATE**

All of the expense receipts have been submitted and the final net profit is **24,890.10**.

Thank you to all of those who worked so hard to make this event so successful.

Mark your calendars for next year:
Sunday, June 28, 2020.



NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at St. Thomas More during the month of **July** – Mark, Erin, Sadie, Connor & Kaeden Biacsi and Christian Hecker.

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.

ASSUMPTION

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Thursday, August 15th, which is a holy day of obligation. Our vigil Mass is Wednesday, August 14th at 6pm and Masses on the holy day are at 7am, 8:15am, 11:15am and 7pm.



50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

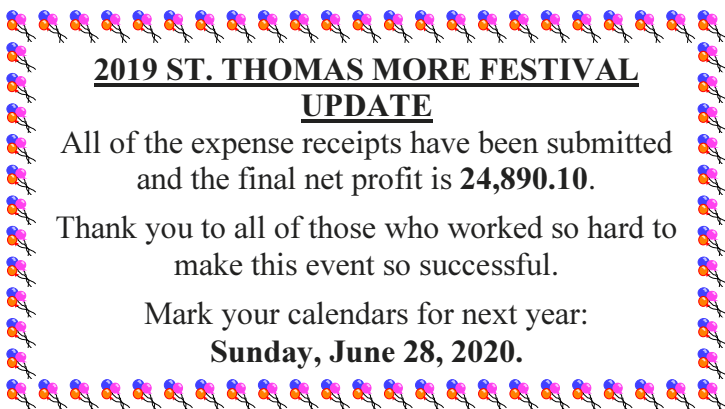
The 50th Anniversary of Marriage Mass in the Diocese of Cleveland is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 10am in the Cathedral of St.

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://ccdcle.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.





Catholic Diocese
of Cleveland

Office of the Bishop

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Marriages of Grace is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission is to enrich and strengthen Catholic marriages in the Diocese of Cleveland. It is their belief, and mine, that although couples receive formation prior to getting married, and are able to seek help when they find themselves in trouble, little is offered that continuously nurtures these same husbands and wives. The goal of *Marriages of Grace* is to ensure that all Catholic marriages receive such nourishment and are given the resources necessary to persevere in a culture that is becoming increasingly challenging to the institution of marriage. As your bishop, I endorse their goal and mission.

Marriages of Grace offers support throughout a Catholic couple's life-long journey via its annual Marriage Enrichment and bimonthly CanaNights. CanaNights are "date nights" that provide couples an opportunity for fellowship while learning about a topic related to marriage and family life. CanaNights feature social time with appetizers, cocktails, and a speaker followed by a Q&A session. The structure of CanaNights is similar to the Theology on Tap series, and harnesses the resources of our seminary professors, diocesan priests, and deacons.

For more than a decade, their annual day-long Marriage Enrichment has provided ongoing learning in a prayerful environment with other Catholic couples seeking to live a joyful, vibrant marriage centered on Christ. This retreat includes a keynote speaker, breakout sessions, confessions, Mass, dinner and social time. I presided at their opening Mass this past March and was deeply impressed. Former speakers include Fr. Joseph Koopman, Fr. Damian Ference, Fr. Patrick Schultz, Fr. Ryan Mann, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Teresa Tomeo, and Brooke Taylor. Next year's Marriage Enrichment is scheduled for February 29th and will feature EWTN theologian and convert, Dr. David Anders.

The priestly and religious vocation depends on holy married love. It is my hope that you will lend your prayerful support to *Marriages of Grace* by welcoming their initiatives in your parish. Please encourage your married and engaged couples to join in their events, volunteer to hear confessions, offer Mass, and enjoy fellowship with them. For more information, please visit www.marriagesofgrace.org or email info@marriagesofgrace.org.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nelson J. Perez".

Most Reverend Nelson. J. Perez, D.D.
Bishop of Cleveland