

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - VIGIL

4:30PM - Anne Sidelka (30 Day)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - FIFTH

#### SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - Women's Guild

+11:00AM - People of the Parish

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - ST. AGATHA

7:00AM - Raymond Lisowski

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

7:00AM - Mr. & Mrs. Grabowski

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Memorial Garden

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 - SS. JEROME EMILLIANI & JOSEPHINE BALCHITA

7:00AM - Michael Price

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Judy Zauszniewski

8:15AM - Sister Elaine Theresa Burrows, SIW  
- Student Liturgy

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - ST. SCHOLASTICA

8:15AM - Mary Lou Drdek

4:30PM - People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - SIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - Helen Dzierzawski (30 Day)

+11:00AM - Sophie Juran (30 Day)

+Cup Mass



## Weekly Schedule

### Monday, February 5th

4:00-10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

6:45-8:00 PM PSR - Church

7:00 PM RCIA - School

### Tuesday, February 6th

4:00-10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

4:00-5:00 PM Children's Choir - Church

6:00 PM Alpha - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

### Wednesday, February 7th

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

### Thursday, February 8th

4:00 PM-10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym

5:00 PM Friends Supporting Friends - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Cafeteria

7:00 PM Divine Mercy - Church

7:30 PM Adult Choir - Church

### Friday, February 9th

Mardi Gras Set-Up

### Saturday, February 10th

9:30 AM-12:30 PM Catholic Renewal Ministry - Rectory (B)

5:30PM-Midnight Mardi Gras - Gym



### Sunday, February 11th Scout Sunday

6:00-8:00 PM High School Youth Ministry

## Financial Blessings

Collection for January 28th.....\$7,354.80  
Maintenance Collection.....\$855.00  
Votive Candles.....\$78.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

### TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Paul & Mary Lou LoBue** 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 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

It has been brought to my attention more than once that there seems to be a problem with people bumping into parked cars in our parking lot. The parking lot was resealed this past year and the parking spaces were repainted in the same places as they were before. The spaces themselves were not changed. I can understand that accidents happen but we must all be aware of the cars around us. There are many people who use our parking lot. These people range from Mass goers, to parents of our school children, to visitors at our athletic events, to renters of Utopia Hall.

We all need to be careful that we do not accidentally back into or hit another car. As I said, accidents happen, but if we do accidentally hit another car it is only right to either wait for the person to return to their car or at least leave a note with your name and phone number. If you do not have time to wait or do not want to leave your name and number on the windshield, then at least find myself or leave your name and number at the rectory with the license number of the car you dented so that we can get them in touch with you. It is the right thing to do.

Our Mardi Gras celebration is just a week away. One of our fundraiser events is called "Dessert Dash." This is where parishioners either bake a dessert or purchase one from a bakery and donate it to our celebration. People bid on chances to pick out a dessert and possibly win a Giant Eagle gift card. I am asking that parishioners and school parents help us by bringing in a dessert. You do not have to be attending our Mardi Gras celebration in order to support it with a special dessert.

Our Mardi Gras celebration is a great time. There is a lot of fun, good food, dancing and many chances to win some great prizes. This year we sold out in record time and I know that there may have been some of you who did not get a chance to buy tickets. If you would like to come and support our parish, there is still the after eight tickets. This ticket gets you in the door, one drink ticket and a whole lot of fun. Hope to see you there!

Peace and Goodness,  
*Fr. Bill*



***ALPHA***  
***Tuesdays at 6pm***  
***in Utopia Hall***  
***All are Welcome!***

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**St. Joseph of Leonissa** was born at Leonissa in Naples on January 8, 1556. Even as a young boy and as a student in early adulthood, Joseph drew attention for his energy and virtue. Joseph was offered a nobleman's daughter in marriage. He refused and joined the Capuchins in 1573 at the age of eighteen. Avoiding the safe compromises by which people sometimes undercut the gospel, Joseph denied himself hearty meals and comfortable quarters as he prepared for ordination and a life of preaching.

In 1587, Joseph went to Constantinople to take care of the Christian galley slaves working under Turkish masters. He was imprisoned for his work and warned not to resume it upon his release. He did and was once again imprisoned and condemned to death. Miraculously, he was freed and returned to Italy where he preached to the poor and reconciled feuding families as well as warring cities which had been at odds for years.

Joseph died on February 4, 1612. He was canonized in 1745.



## SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

**Scott Swinerton**  
**St. Mary of the Falls,**  
**Olmsted Falls**  
**I Theology, St. Mary**



Please keep Scott 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.

# St. Thomas More Church

Brooklyn, OH 44144

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of **January** - Edward McCann. Welcome to you!

## MUSIC MINISTRY

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

# Mardi Gras

Our 12th Annual Mardi Gras is on Saturday, February 10th from 5:30-Midnight. **DINNER TICKETS ARE SOLD OUT!** There are still \$10 tickets for admission after 8pm (NO DINNER INCLUDED) available at the rectory.

We will once again be playing DESSERT DASH at Mardi Gras. If you are able to make or buy some yummy baked goods, please drop them off in the gym starting at 11am on February 10th. Thanks for your generosity!



Congratulations and welcome Lillian Mae Madzia and Isabella Paula Thomas who were recently baptized at St. Thomas More. God bless you!



Vinny Mercurio, Nickola Badza, Ethel Whipkey, Patricia Blayney, Greg Jakupcik, Carol Loy, Mary Misch, John Misch, Raymond Misch, Allan Rzeszutek, James Malames, Anne Boughton, Sonny Peters, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Heather Hudak and Michael McClelland. 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

**Day of Reflection** - Join the St. Anne's Ladies Guild as they present the Annual Ladies' Lenten Day of Reflection on Saturday, February 17th from 9am to 2pm. This year's theme is "Hope is our Anchor: Jesus is our Hope." There is no cost to attend and lunch is included.

## ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

**Day of Recollection** - St. Charles Ladies Guild invites all men and women to participate in our Day of Recollection on Monday, February 19th from 8am until 3:30pm. Fr. Lou Thomas will be speaking on the subject of Lent. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. There will be a free will offering for Fr. Lou. Please RSVP: Norma Kross (256-324-2219) or Pamela Bennett (440-888-1469).

## ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

**Bus Trip** - Join us on Thursday, February 15th for a trip to the Hollywood Casino in Columbus. Cost is \$30/person with a Casino bonus: \$5 free slot play & \$5 food. Please contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 to book your trip.

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember June Marie Tenaglia, Donald LaPorta, Agnes Kaptein, Alina Eberhardt, Helen Krakovsky and Julius Tomeczko in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

## 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 - FEBRUARY

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.



**SECOND QUARTER 2017 – 2018**

**PRINCIPAL’S HONORS:**

**Grade 8** – Ramon Agustin, Mark Burns, CJ Forster, Owen Ha, Jessica Nary and Penelope Tsambounieris

**Grade 7** – Abigail Cepek, Carolyn Jiang and Jeremy Wallace

**Grade 6** – Dillon Fall, Quinten Ha-Lambert, Anna Ha, Colin Matier, Sarah Tran and Joseph Valencik

**Grade 5** – Isabel Adu-Gyamfi, Maria Burns, Lindsay Carson, Aiden Cepek, Tyler Liebert, Thien Nguyen, Sophia Porachan, Katherine Viets and Danise Vu

**Grade 4** – Delaney Burke and Chloe Meyer

**HONORS:**

**Grade 8** – Makayla Arnett, Emanuel Casiano, Ben Emery, Haley Erny, Gabby Lehman, Evie Rosa, Matthew Rygiel and Hayden Workman

**Grade 7** – Anthony Amoroso, Cy Colvin, Jaden Colvin, Sarah Handke, Jared Liebert, Iliana Santillo and Bridget Sprosty

**Grade 6** – Mario Cisneros, Nolan Francis, AJ Hill, Noah Nunney, Robert Rivera and Zachary Zambo

**Grade 5** – Katelyn Emerson, Alysha Murray, Lily Redmon, Robert Schillo, Madison Schmidt and Claire Scott

**Grade 4** – Jocelynn Ashwood, Jacob Hudak, Claire Noelker, Alena Predmetsky, Hazel Redmon, Isaiah Rivera, Lucy Thomas, Thomas Vu and Henry Widdowson

**MERIT:**

**Grade 8** – Emily Emerson, Timothy Hartman, Samantha Jenkins and Jenna Stutzman

**Grade 7** – Jose Figueroa, Lily Kuebler and Amanda Liepold

**Grade 6** – Aiden Butler, Rockwell Gillis and Katelyn Motrych

**Grade 5** – Hunter Cancian, Giovanni Cimbalos, Ricky Miller, Diego Nunney, Samantha Simko and Kiara Webb

**Grade 4** – Gabriella Cisneros, Jason Khumbah, Gianna Marino, Steven Seabold and Jaime Stutzman

**FAITH FORMATION**

RCIA - Please pray for our candidates and catechumens as they take part in the Rite of Election on February 18th.

CONFIRMATION - Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the sacrament.

**PSR**

Souper Bowl of Caring - Please support the Souper Bowl of Caring on the weekend of February 3rd and 4th. Students in the PSR program will be at the doors of the Church that weekend to collect funds to support the making of bag lunches and homeless kits that will be donated to the St. Malachi Center on February 18th. Please be generous as we respond to the call of Christ to care for the least among us. Donations will be accepted up until February 18th. Please drop them off at the rectory to the attention of PSR.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

This weekend, team members are busy meeting for our annual overnight retreat. Any high school student is eligible to come on our retreat March 3rd-4th at the St. Leonard Youth Retreat Center in Avon. More info, registration and payment info is available on our web site ([www.stmparish.net](http://www.stmparish.net)).

Next weekend we will have our normal weekly gathering on Sunday, February 11th from 6-8pm. Bring friends!

**ATHLETICS**

Thank you to those who purchased donuts last week. The funds raised help support the costs of running the athletic program. Our last sale of the season will be on February 24-25th.



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to all who donated towards the Christmas flowers this year. This year's beautiful flowers were in loving memory of the following:

Alexsovich & Balbier Families  
Carl & Ruth Altenburg  
Bloom, Mausser, Sternad & Helms Families  
Florence Brown  
Norman R. Cushler  
Robert C. Dloniak  
Officer William J. Fores  
Andrew J. Gruden, Sr. & Andrew J. Gruden, Jr.  
Rosemary & John Holpuch  
Holt & Merzlikar Families  
Rosemary Hules  
Louis & Mary Kaduk  
Harold Kastak  
Edward & Loretta Kneier  
Dominic Konopka  
Nettie, Frank & Franklin Kuchar  
Paul & Nancy LoBue  
Wanda Maslanka  
John Micuch  
Andrew Miller  
Marian Moenich  
Joseph E. Palumbo  
Joe & Peg Palumbo  
Michael Palumbo  
Frank & Mary Pirozek  
John Sforzo  
Steven Smet  
Evelyn Smotzer  
Michael Stewart  
Stella Szymanski  
Tlaciil & Poole Families  
Wallen & Rusin Families  
Eugene M. Wiencek  
Mike, Helen & Mary Ellen Yasko

**#YOUR MERCY**  
Transforming Lives + Communities

The 2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will take place next weekend in our parish. This year's theme is Your Mercy: Transforming Lives and Communities. Your generous support will transform the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable. The in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 10-11.

## THANK YOU!

*I want to thank the parishioners who sent my daughter Eileen cards at Lutheran Concord Reserve. It's nice to belong to a parish of such caring and thoughtful people. God bless you all,  
Jakupca Family*

## BLESSED CANDLES

This past Friday was the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is on this feast day that we bless candles. Anyone interested in purchasing these blessed candles can find them in the priest's sacristy at a cost of \$2.

## 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.

## MEN'S CONFERENCE

**Men!** Want a spiritual jump start? Make plans to attend the 18th annual Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio "Answer the Call" conference at the Holiday Inn Rockside in Independence on Saturday, February 24th. It will be a day of dynamic speakers, music, fellowship and much more. The conference begins with a light breakfast at 8am, and concludes with 4pm Mass. Registration includes breakfast, lunch and all conference programs. Visit [www.cmfneo.com](http://www.cmfneo.com) to register.

## Readings for the Week of February 4, 2018:

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39  
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10  
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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