



ST. THOMAS MORE

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Mass Times

Masses of Obligation

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

Rectory Times

Sunday
9 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday-Friday
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday - 3 - 4 p.m.

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.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 - VIGIL
 4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 +9:00AM - Gertrude Elkanick (30 Day)
 11:00AM - Julia Klekota (30 Day)

MONDAY, JANUARY 22 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN
 7:00AM - Mason Smerdel (Living)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 - SS. MARIANNE COPE & VINCENT
 7:00AM - Sofia & Gregory Staniszewski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 - ST. FRANCIS DE SALES
 7:00AM - Martin Malames

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 - THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL
 7:00AM - Kris Hosey

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 - SS. TIMOTHY & TITUS
 7:00AM - Maria Weissmann
 8:15AM - Dolores Marzola - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 - ST. ANGELA MERICI
 8:15AM - January Birthdays
 +4:30PM - Sister Elaine Theresa Burrows, SIW (30 Day)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 9:00AM - People of the Parish
 11:00AM - Raymond Petkosh (30 Day)
 +Cup Mass

Financial Blessings

Collection for January 14th.....\$6,687.50
 Faith Direct as of 1/4.....\$4,730.00
 Maintenance Collection.....\$1,080.00
 Votive Candles.....\$44.00
 Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember John Readinger and Norbert Dempsey in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, January 22nd
 4:00-10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
 6:45-8:00 PM PSR - School
 7:00 PM RCIA - School

Tuesday, January 23rd
 1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting
 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, January 24th
 5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, January 25th
 4:00 PM-10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
 7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Cafeteria
7:00 PM First Reconciliation - Church
 Following Reconciliation Adult Choir - Church

Friday, January 26th
 4:00-10:00 PM Basketball - Gym
 7:00 PM Praise & Worship - Church

Saturday, January 27th Utopia Rental
 9:00 AM-4:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym

Sunday, January 28th Donut Sale Utopia Rental
 9:00-11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym
 1:00-6:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym



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

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 came to my attention this past week that Pre-Term had started a campaign across America by means of billboards using the slogan, "Abortion is Normal." I have not seen these billboards as of yet, but I am sure we will all see them at some point. These billboards are wrong and even evil in nature. There is nothing normal about abortion. Abortion is the taking of one's life, it does not matter how big or small the body may be. The Church teaches us that life begins at the moment of conception.

Many innocent minds can be corrupted by such billboards as these. If your child or grandchild sees this billboard or one like it and begins to ask you questions, please be honest and use this as a teaching moment. As the Church teaches us that life is a beautiful and the greatest gift from God and we need to make sure that we honor that gift and not destroy it.

We need to teach our young people that abortion is not a form of birth control and it should never be an option if one finds themselves or their partner pregnant. There are other choices out there for those who find themselves in this situation. I know many people who have started a family because a brave, young woman was willing to make the most difficult choice ever and give their child to another family by adoption. These families have found great joy because a very courageous woman did the right thing. God bless all the mothers who had the courage to do what was best for their child and may God strengthen and comfort those mothers who unfortunately saw no other answer.

Please pray for the conversion of Pre-Term.

It has been brought to my attention that all the tickets for Mardi Gras have been sold out! This is a record for us. We have sold out before, but never this fast. Thank you to all those who have bought tickets.

Many of our parishioners have supported Mardi Gras in the past by supplying the event with different gift baskets. They are always great prizes. I would like to encourage parishioners to support our efforts to raise money for the parish by donating a basket of new items, soliciting a business you may know for a basket or making a donation to Mardi Gras. All baskets are marked with the name of the donor. This is a great advertisement for businesses and a wonderful way to support the parish. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Anthony of Padua was born Fernando Martins in Lisbon, Portugal. He was born into a wealthy family and by the age of fifteen asked to be sent to the Abbey of Santa Cruz in Coimbra, then the capital of Portugal. During his time in the Abbey, he learned theology and Latin. Following his ordination to the priesthood, he was named guestmaster and was responsible for the abbey's hospitality. When Franciscan friars settled a small hermitage outside Coimbra dedicated to St. Anthony of Egypt, Fernando felt a longing to join them. Fernando eventually received permission to leave the Abbey so he could join the new Franciscan Order. When he was admitted, he changed his name to Anthony.

Anthony traveled to Morocco to spread God's truth but became extremely sick and was returned to Portugal to recover. However, the voyage was blown off-course and he arrived in Sicily, then traveled to Tuscany. Anthony was assigned to the hermitage of San Paolo.

Some time later, Dominican friars came to visit the Franciscans and there was confusion over who would present the homily. The head of the Franciscan hermitage asked Anthony to speak on whatever the Holy Spirit told him to speak of. Although he tried to object, Anthony delivered an eloquent and moving homily that impressed both groups. News of his eloquence reached Francis of Assisi, who held a strong distrust of the brotherhood's commitment to a life of poverty. However, he found a friend in Anthony.

Anthony was only thirty-six years old when he died and was canonized less than a year later. Upon exhumation of his body some three hundred and thirty-six years after his death, his body was found to be corrupted, but his tongue was totally incorrupt.

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

David Verbsky
St. Mary,
Chardon
I Theology, St. Mary



Please keep David 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

Praise & Worship - Join us this Friday, January 26th 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.

On Saturday, January 27th, the Saint Martin de Porres High School Choir will be singing for the 4:30pm Mass. Please consider attending this Mass and hear the Saint Martin de Porres High School Choir!

TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Mary Kay Molzan** 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.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

In the month of November, we remembered our beloved dead. Why not remember them the whole year round? Memorial Candles for 2018 are now available. Forms are available at the rectory.

TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a tax contribution statement for your 2017 donations, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414. Or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the rectory to Lisa's attention.

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 and do NOT include dinner available at the rectory.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Vinny Mercurio, Deanna Pisano, Carol Loy, Nickola Badza, Martha & George Kysil, Frank Colonna, Ann Dloniak, Tim Sullivan, Annette Pirozek, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Alexis Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Heather Hudak, Bob Bonus, Sr., Greg Jakupcik, Elizabeth Werley, Mary Misch, John Misch, Raymond Misch, James Malames, Jean Romano, Joseph Carnivale, Joseph Palumbo, Meg Zalar, Robert Palumbo, Judy Jadrach and Ethel Whipkey. 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

Burgers & Beer - Join us on Saturday, January 27th from 8-11pm for our 6th annual Burgers & Beer. Tickets are \$20!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Pre-Cana - Join us on Saturday, February 10th at the Parish Activity Center. Engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage are required to participate in Pre-Cana before their wedding. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

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.

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 - JANUARY

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.

MASS FOR LIFE

Mass for Life will be celebrated on Monday, January 22nd at 10am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. This Mass is celebrated on the 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. A Rosary for Life will follow the Mass.

Readings for the Week of January 21, 2018:

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

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St. Thomas More School Kindergarten Registration 2018-2019 School Year

January 29, 2018 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

or

February 5, 6, 7, and 9, 2018

Monday – Friday 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Thursday 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

(In the main hallway of the school)

**If you are unable to make these times please contact the school office to make other arrangements for registration (216)749-1660.

Please bring the following items with you at this time:

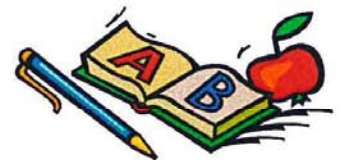
Child's birth certificate

Child's baptismal certificate (if applicable)

Immunization records

Small photo of child

\$100.00 non-refundable registration fee



*A student enrolling in our Kindergarten program
must be 5 years old by September 30th

**All registrations will be handled on a first come-first served basis

***Approximate registration time is 20 minutes

For more information, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Francis, Principal
(216)749-1660 x224

CONGRATULATIONS to the following St. Thomas More students whose artwork has been chosen to be in the Padua Franciscan High School Art Show.



- K – Skylar Schill
- **Grade 1 – Samuel Widdowson**
HONORABLE MENTION
Grade 1 – Grant Delluomo
- **Grade 2 – Lucia Nunney**
Second Place
Grade 3 – Willa Streeter
Grade 4 – Lucy Thomas
- Grade 5 – Katherine Viets
Grade 6 – Anna Ha
- Grade 6 – Quinten Lambert-Ha
- **Grade 7 – Amanda Liepold**
HONORABLE MENTION
Grade 8 - Owen Ha
- Grade 8 – Samantha Jenkins

The Art will be displayed at Padua High School
January 17th, 2018 - January 26th, 2018 from
8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
and
January 20th, 2018 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Padua's 3rd Floor Library

PSR

After a longer than expected winter break, PSR classes will resume on Monday, January 22nd. We look forward to seeing everyone! Also, please keep our 2nd grade day school and PSR students in your prayers as they make their First Reconciliation on January 25th.

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Our next meeting is this Monday, January 22nd. Please note, we WILL meet on Monday, January 29th.
CONFIRMATION - Our next meeting is Sunday, February 4th. See you then!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Last weekend members of our High School Youth Ministry team began meeting to plan this year's retreat. If you have a high school student in your family, please encourage them to attend this event. The retreat is held March 3rd & 4th at the St. Leonard Youth Retreat Center in Avon. Details and online registration is available on the parish website (www.stmparish.net).

This weekend, January 21st, all high school students are invited for a night of games (board games, group games and video games) in the Youth Ministry Center (next to cafeteria) from 6-8pm.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY - WHAT DO WE DO?

Members of the Holy Name Society-both individually and collectively in parish Societies-are called to build the kingdom of God in their respective parishes and communities by completing Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

These works can be categorized into three main areas:

Spiritual: Promoting devotion to and respect for the most Holy Names of God and Jesus.


Service: Visit the sick and dying, help the aged and handicapped, support Catholic education.

Social: Support parish fundraising activities and social events.

This month the Holy Name Society at St. Thomas More Parish is conducting their annual Membership Drive. Please prayerfully consider joining our Society by completing the application form and returning it to the rectory or placing in the offertory basket next week.

God Bless You and His Holy Name.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
in the
HOLY NAME SOCIETY



I hereby apply for Membership in the Holy Name Society and promise to do my best to respect His Holy Name and to receive Holy Communion with the Society on the Second Sunday of each month.

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(Sign Here)

Please fill the following: *PAINT*

Name

Address Zip Code

Telephone No.

Occupation

Hobby

Age

If you are interested in working for our society, we need help. In what capacity would you want to help us?
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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

If prospect declines to become a member, state reason on reverse side.

Solicitor