



SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 - VIGIL
 +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)

MONDAY, JANUARY 29 - WEEKDAY
 7:00AM - Doris Seifert

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 - WEEKDAY
 7:00AM - Robert & Marie Marks

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 - ST. JOHN BOSCO
 7:00AM - Albert Sbeghen

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - WEEKDAY
 7:00AM - Pearl & Mathew Colonna

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
 7:00AM - Paul & Loretta Gross
 8:15AM - Parents & Grandparents of our Students
 - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - SS. BLAISE & ANSGAR
 8:15AM - Joan Fenohr
 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
 +Cup Mass



Financial Blessings

Collection for January 21st.....	\$7,568.25
Faith Direct as of 1/15.....	\$3,122.00
Maintenance Collection.....	\$1,243.00
Votive Candles.....	\$136.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS
 Every First Friday of the month, we have exposition of the Eucharist from 2-7pm ending with Benediction. Call the rectory if you are able to commit to a half hour on February 2nd.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, January 29th
 4:00-10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
 6:00-8:00 PM **Open House - School**
 6:45-8:00 PM PSR - Church
 7:00 PM RCIA - School

Tuesday, January 30th
 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 Athletic Board Meeting
 7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

Wednesday, January 31st
 5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, February 1st
 4:00 PM-10:00 PM Basketball Practice - Gym
 7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Cafeteria
 7:00 PM Lectio Divina - Rectory Up
 7:30 PM Adult Choir - Church

Friday, February 2nd
 2:00-7:00 PM Eucharistic Devotions - Church
 4:00-7:00 PM Basketball - Gym
 7:00 PM Benediction - Church
 7:30-10:00 PM JHYG Dance - Gym

Saturday, February 3rd
 7:00-10:00 PM Father/Daughter Dance-Gym

Sunday, February 4th
 9:00-11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym
 10:00-11:30 AM Confirmation Meeting - Utopia
 12:00-1:00 PM High School Youth Ministry
 1:00-6:00 PM CYO Basketball - Gym

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

This Sunday kicks off Catholic Schools Week. I am sure everyone has seen the different schools advertising their open houses on billboards, buses and on social media. Catholic Schools Week is not just about recruiting new students into the school but about sharing our faith and celebrating our schools. I know that we have many different events planned throughout the week to show our appreciation to families, students and faculty members for their dedication and support of our school.

As we all know, the school is part of the parish community of St. Thomas More. We strive to incorporate our faith in the everyday life of the students. The children continue to learn about their faith not only in their religion class but also through service projects, daily prayers, weekly Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and so much more. We have dedicated teachers who strive to bring a sense of respect and compassion to the classroom.

Catholic education has been a part of our Church's history since the beginning. The Apostles began to spread the word about Jesus from the moment He sent them forth. This faith has been handed down to us from the first century by holy, faithful people. These are men and women who were just like you and I. They saw the importance of faith needed for the salvation of their own soul as well as those around them. They made sacrifices to ensure that the handing down of the faith would continue even if this meant the loss of their own life to save the souls of their loved ones. We may not have to put our life on the line today, but there are many who have made sacrifices through the years so that we may live and understand our faith.

Think about all the women and men who, through the centuries, entered religious orders in order to teach the young about Jesus and the Church. I am sure we can all remember one or two people who really inspired us in the ways of faith. Today there are many teachers who are dedicated to teaching in a Catholic school knowing that they could go to a public school and make way more money but choose not to. There are those who come into the school and help out in the classroom or give up their evening once a week to teach our PSR classes.

Our faith is a gift and we should be thankful to all who have helped us grow in our faith. On behalf of myself and our parish community, I would like to thank all the administration, support staff, teachers and volunteers who have made our day school and PSR program the outstanding formation and educational institution that it is.

Peace and Goodness,

Fr. Bill



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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Thomas Aquinas was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino at the age of five. His parents hoped that he would choose that way of life and eventually became an abbot. In 1239, He was sent to Naples to complete his studies and there he first became attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas had abandoned his family's plans and joined the Dominicans. His mother was not happy and on her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

Thomas' greatest contribution to the Catholic Church was his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on...All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." (Feast Day: January 28, Patron Saint of Catholic Schools & Students, Franciscan Media)

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

Organ Restoration Fund

Yes! I want to give my support to the St. Thomas More Organ Restoration Fund with my

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE gift or pledge in the amount of

\$ _____

Enclosed is my check payable to St. Thomas More Church.

One time gift _____

12-month pledge _____

Name _____

Phone number _____

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!



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Vinny Mercurio, Deanna Pisano, Carol Loy, Nickola Badza, Martha & George Kysil, Frank Colonna, Ann Dloniak, Tim Sullivan, 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, Ethel Whipkey, Carol Hovan, Eleanor Royko and Patricia Blayney. 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

Mass of Remembrance - Join us on Wednesday, February 7th at 7pm in the chapel for our next Mass of Remembrance for those who have lost a child.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030

Pancake Breakfast - Join us on Sunday, February 4th for the Knights of Columbus' first annual St. Charles Pancake Breakfast in the lower parish hall.

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.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember June Marie Tenaglia, Donald LaPorta, Agnes Kaptein and Rev. Mark DiNardo in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Peggy Palumbo** 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.

St. Thomas More School

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 8

OPEN HOUSE | JAN 29 6 pm - 8 pm

4180 North Amber Dr. *behind Brooklyn Recreation Center*

STMschool.com | 216-749-1660



FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Please be reminded that we will meet on Monday, January 29th. Please keep our candidates and catechumens in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION - Our next meeting is Sunday, February 4th. Please check in at the 9am Mass. Reminder: I need baptism and sponsor certificates ASAP.

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 Sunday, all high school-aged parishioners are welcome to the Youth Ministry Center from 6-8pm for our normal weekly gathering. Next Sunday, February 4th, high schoolers are encouraged to attend 11am Mass with FREE pancakes to follow!

The annual High School Youth Ministry overnight retreat is scheduled for March 3rd and 4th at the St. Leonard Youth Retreat Center in Avon. The cost is \$30 per person and all registration is completed online. Credit card and Paypal is also accepted. For more info and to register, please go to www.stmparish.net/hsymretreat2018. The retreat is a great opportunity for high school students to get a break for their normal schedule and spend some time with other teens.

"ANSWER THE CALL" MEN'S CONFERENCE

On Saturday, February 24th, the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio is holding its 18th annual **Answer the Call** conference at the centrally located Holiday Inn in Independence. Key speakers include **Peter Herbeck**, VP and Director of Missions for Renewal Ministries who is actively involved in evangelization and Catholic Renewal throughout the world; **Eric Mahl**, a merciless linebacker with the Cleveland Browns and NY Jets who, after spending three years with Carmelite hermits in Texas, was transformed into a messenger of Divine Mercy; and **Greg Wasinski**, a nationally recognized speaker and writer who inspires with a message building on real life examples of Christ's love. Please visit our website: www.cmfneo.com.

Readings for the Week of January 28, 2018:

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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