

ST. THOMAS MORE

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Mission Statement

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.

Parish Staff

Rev. William G. Bouhall
Pastor

Rev. James J. Vesely
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Mr. Charles Zawadzki
Deacon

John Srsen
Music Director

Lisa Carson
Parish Secretary

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman
Youth Ministry

Mass Schedule

Masses of Obligation

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 9 a.m. and 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.

Rectory Times

Sunday - 9 - 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Friday - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Closed on Mondays from 1-2:30 p.m.
for Staff Meetings*

Confessions

Saturdays - 3 - 4 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.

St. Thomas More School

Grades Pre-K - 8
4180 North Amber Drive
P: 216.749.1660

Jennifer Francis
Principal



SATURDAY, MARCH 16 – VIGIL

+4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

*9:00AM - Michael D. LaRiccia

+*11:00AM - Ruth Leahy

MONDAY, MARCH 18 – ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

7:00AM - Raymond Lisowski

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 – ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00AM - Father's Day Enrollment

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Women's Guild

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Joseph Yench

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Martin & Charlotte Rini

8:15AM - Giovanni Filippelli - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 – ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

8:15AM - Margaret Jeri

*4:30PM - Judy Sochacky

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

+9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Elaine Hamilton

+Cup Mass

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for March 10th.....	\$6,939.10
Faith Direct as of 3/4.....	\$7,248.00
Maintenance	\$1,433.00
Votives.....	\$54.00
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.	

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of **James & Edissa Godley**. 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.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, March 18

RECTORY CLOSED

Tuesday, March 19

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Children's Choir - Church

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Friends Supporting Friends - UH

7:00 PM

Adult Choir - Church

7:00 PM

Holy Name - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM

Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

Wednesday, March 20

5:00 PM

Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Evening of Confession - Church

Thursday, March 21

7:00 PM

Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall

Friday, March 22

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Senior Lenten Luncheon - UH

1:00 PM

Children's Stations of the Cross

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Confessions - Church

8:00 PM

Tetlestai - Church

Saturday, March 23

8:15 AM - 10:00 AM

Utopia Rental

8:00 PM

Men's Group - Church

Sunday, March 24

2:00 PM

Tetlestai - Church

SENIOR LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Join us on Fridays during Lent from 11:30am-1pm in Utopia hall for a light, meatless luncheon. Free will donations accepted. (This is not a fish fry.)

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 second sorrow of Mary is the "Flight into Egypt." Mary and Joseph must leave their home. They take the child Jesus and in haste journey into Egypt because Herod is out to destroy the Child. Mary and Joseph leave everything behind: family, friends, their belongings and take only what they can carry. They leave very quickly to ensure the safety and well-being of their child. How painful to leave a life that you know; a life that is comfortable and secure to run off to a place that is different and unknown.

Mary and Joseph take off on this journey because Joseph had a dream in which he was told to take the Child and His Mother to Egypt. It was for their safety. Joseph, who was a faith-filled man, took Mary and Jesus to the place the Angel told him to go, Egypt.

A sword of sorrow has once again pierced the heart of Mary as she leaves her world behind. She travels in the dark night so as not to be seen. They travel on a journey that is grounded in faith, hope and love. They trust in God, believing that God will continue to protect them. Their faith is strong but the fear that someone is out to hunt down your only son and kill him can be truly devastating.

Your only son, innocent and beautiful, is the target of ugliness, jealousy and envy. The sin of jealousy and envy has caused Mary to feel extreme sorrow in her heart. This sorrow does not cloud her faith or trust in God. She and Joseph take the Child and depart on this scary but necessary trip.

We often get caught up in the comforts around us. We don't think about what would happen if they were ever taken away from us. We tend to find security in these things. Unfortunately, these "things" become very important to us. So important to us that they become more important than God.

We begin to feel like we cannot survive without this house, this car, this video game, this food, or this job. The things that give us security can become so important to us that we lose sight of God. Should these false securities be taken away from us we turn to God not in a loving, supportive way but full of blame and anger. We let our sorrow turn into self-pity and become blinded to trust and faith in God.

Mary in her sorrow did not blame God for their flight into Egypt but acted in faith that all would be well. Joseph and Mary together face the challenge set before them with love and trust in God's plan. Mary knows our pain and sufferings because she experienced them as well. Mary is there to comfort and strengthen us when our lives are turned upside down. We must not add to Mary's sorrows by losing faith or turning our back to her Son. Let us like Mary trust in God's plan for us and seek her strength and protect.

Peace and Goodness, *Fr. Bill*

SAINT THOMAS MORE



A pretty face may be enough to catch a man, but it takes character and good nature to hold him.

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 - MARCH

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but, in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Joseph Truong Viet Ho
St. Boniface,
Cleveland
Pre-Theology, St. Mary



Please keep Joseph 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 Recital - Save the date! There will be an Organ Recital on Sunday, May 5th following the 11am Mass. There will be also be a blessing of the pipe organ from Fr. Bill. We look forward to seeing you there!

LENT 2019: CRS RICE BOWL

ENCOUNTER ANNET:

In Uganda, we encounter Annet and her family, children forced to flee violence, searching for stability. How are we called to welcome the stranger in our midst? How can you support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

WOMEN'S GUILD STYLE SHOW

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27th. More details in next week's bulletin!

QUOTES FROM POPE FRANCIS ON FORGIVENESS

God's forgiveness is a sign of "His overflowing love for each of us;" that love that gives us the freedom to stray, like the prodigal son, but that every day awaits our return with open arms; it is the love of the shepherd who goes in search of the lost sheep; it is the tenderness with which each sinner is welcomed when he knocks at His door." (September 17, 2017)



Carol Loy, Vinny Mercurio, Nickola Badza, Christina E. Janus, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Melissa Korhely, Sean Szill, Joel Gorski, Nancy Butler, Gail Michal, Ashley Meadows, Baby Addison Moleski, Jeff McCormick, Marylyn Janas, Robert Bonus, Greg Jakupcik, Diane Lada, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Heather Hudak, Bobbi Matysiak, William Kukoleck, Mary Misch, John Misch, Donald Marks, James Malames, Juliana Turner, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Jean Palumbo, Marlene Sutowski, Ida Jean Hopkins, Joy Turner, Jeremy Cheetham, Pam Turner, Ben Purcell, Robert Smith, Ethel Whipkey, Mary Ellen Popovich, Collin Nemet, Kenneth Klubnik, Biaggio Boytim, Alice Gruden, James Mortach, Eileen Jakupca, Ed Rogers, Martha & George Kysil, Doris Kaczmarek and Fran Blaha. 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

Concert - Join us on Sunday, March 24th at 4pm in the church for the Duquesne University *Voices of Spirit* concert. This concert is FREE. A free-will offering will be taken.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030

"The Meaning of Holy Thursday" - The St. Charles Holy Name Society welcomes Deacon Daniel Galla addressing: "The Meaning of Holy Thursday" on Thursday, March 28th at 7pm in the St. Charles Parish Activities Center: John Paul II Room, 2nd floor. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting is free and open to the public.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Lenten Mission - Save the dates for the Lenten Mission: March 25th to March 27th. Our 3 speakers will be: March 25th - Trapper Jack, March 26th - David Petrovic and March 27th - Robby's Voice.

Please support our cluster parishes with their Lenten Fish Frys. You can call their rectories for dates, times and prices.



Please remember Leigh Grombol and Florence Hudock in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.



ST. THOMAS MORE MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet each Saturday morning beginning with 8:15 Mass followed by a group meeting from 9-10 in the old church library.

2019 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays from 3:00-4:00 PM

Evening of Confession

Wednesday, February 20th 5:00-8:00 PM

The following Fridays from 3:30-6:30pm

March 22nd & 29th

April 5th & 12th

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, April 15th: 4:30-5:30 PM

Wednesday, April 17th: 5:30-6:45 PM

No scheduled confessions on Holy Thursday,
Good Friday & Holy Saturday

LENTEN REMINDERS

Good Friday, April 19th, is a day of **abstinence** from meat (for those who have reached their fourteenth birthday) and also days of fast. The day of **fast** is limited to one full meal and two small meals (for those between the ages of 18 and 59). All Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. **Prayer** opportunities include the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 1pm (Student) and 7pm. An **almsgiving** opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. **Confession** opportunities include Saturdays from 3-4pm. Please refer to the confession schedule. **Eucharistic Devotions** will be held on Fridays from 2-7pm in the Church.

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

Most Fridays during Lent we will have exposition of the Eucharist from 2-7pm. Call the rectory if you are able to commit to one half hour on March 29th, April 5th and April 12th.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Any and all high school students are invited to join us for our annual retreat, April 6-7 at the St. Leonard Youth Retreat Center in Avon. The retreat is planned by teens for teens. More info can be found at stmparish.net/timeout29.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCOUTS

The Scouts of St. Thomas More are in need of your scrap metal. We are working on saving up to send scouts to summer camps. If you have scrap please call Heather Roberts at 216-407-3571 and we will pick up. Thank you in advance!

Available Ad Space

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Jason Novicky from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be in our office the week of **March 18th AND March 25th**, securing new ads for our bulletin AND Bingo Program. Please consider purchasing an ad, sponsoring a charity, or in Memory of a Loved One. Your participation makes our bulletin and Bingo Program successful!

BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING

- Local, targeted community advertising for **one full year, at one low price.**
- A FREE ad listing on parishesonline.com.
- FREE, professional ad design, and 4 free ad changes per year.

Jason Novicky
216-258-6185 | jnovicky@4LPi.com



WELCOME ALL
An Evening of Confession at all Catholic Churches

SAVE THE DATE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019
5:00 - 8:00 PM
WWW.WELCOMECATHOLICS.COM


"The joy of God is the joy of forgiveness."
-POPE FRANCIS





Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries' musical passion play "Teteléstai" will be presented at St. Thomas More on March 22, 23 and 24.

Teteléstai's dramatic stage production and timeless music tell the story of Jesus' trial, execution and resurrection in a visual way that will leave a lasting impression. This is a great way to prepare for the Holy Days of the Easter season.

Performances will be at 8pm on Friday and Saturday and 2pm on Sunday. Doors will open approximately 1 hour before performance time. There is no charge, but free-will offerings will be accepted. For more information, please visit www.livethepassion.org. *Teteléstai* is a registered service mark of *Teteléstai, Inc.*

Readings *of the* Week OLPI

Readings for the Week of March 17, 2019

- Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14[1a]/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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St. Thomas More Parish's 13th Annual

Mardi Gras

We would like to thank our generous parishioners, businesses & parish groups who donated to Mardi Gras!

Anita Dloniak and Associates
Anita Dloniak and Diane Rodes
Bernice Barker
Bill and Lois Bouhall
Bonnie Kaznoch
Cassidy Theatre
Deacon Chuck and Marian Zawadzki
Deborah Tomusko
Diane Parkison
Dollar Bank - Fulton Rd
Ed and Marie Stutzman
Friends Supporting Friends Ministry
Gales Garden Center
George and Char Trecokas
Holden Forests and Gardens
Home Depot
Honey Hut Ice Cream
Ivanka Scott
Jeff and Joyce Stutzman
Jim and Paulette Higgins
Jim Ptacek
Joan Vanza
Karen Plank
Lolly the Trolley
Lorrie Minch
Maggie Clancy
Magnificat High School
Mallchok Funeral Home
Margaret Ann Jablonski
Marilyn Keener
Michele Polidori
Midas Service Center
Ministry of Consolation
Padua High School
Pasquale and Joanne DeLuca
Patty Van Niel, Cindy Nowak, Katie Srsen
Paul and MaryLou LoBue

Peggy Hovan
Peggy Spring
Pizza Joe's
Renee Cepek
Rev. William Bouhall
Rose Marie Bloom
St. Ignatius High School
St. Joseph Academy
St. Thomas More BINGO
St. Thomas More Cub Scouts
St. Thomas More Grade 1
St. Thomas More Grade 2
St. Thomas More Grade 3
St. Thomas More Grade 4
St. Thomas More Grade 5
St. Thomas More Grade 6
St. Thomas More Grade 7
St. Thomas More Grade 8
St. Thomas More Holy Name Society
St. Thomas More Kindergarten
St. Thomas More Office
St. Thomas More Parish Pastoral Council
St. Thomas More Pre-K
St. Thomas More PreSchool
St. Thomas More PTU and Athletics
St. Thomas More Women's Guild
Sue and Bob Poole
Sue Viets
Texas Roadhouse
The Beck Center
Theresa Fitch
Tina Magistro
Tom Wenderoth
Ursula Wyrwas
Vilma and Frank Colonna
WKYC - Channel 3
Zabor Funeral Home