



**W**e, 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.

**W**e 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.

#### **Masses of Obligation**

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

#### **Weekdays**

Monday - Thursday - 7 a.m.  
Friday - 7 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.  
Saturday - 8:15 a.m.  
Holidays - 9 a.m.

#### **Confessions**

Saturdays - 3 - 4 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 Mondays 1-2:30 p.m. for staff meetings*

### **Parish Staff**

**Lisa Carson**  
Parish Secretary

**Terri Sozio**  
Religious Education

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Music Director

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# **St. Thomas More Parish**

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Principal



## SATURDAY, MARCH 23 – VIGIL

\*4:30PM - Judy Sochacky

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

+9:00AM - People of the Parish

\*11:00AM - Elaine Hamilton

## MONDAY, MARCH 25 – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

7:00AM - Thomas Bruening

## TUESDAY, MARCH 26 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Bishop Richard Lennon (Living)

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Anselmo & Nazzarena Montali

## THURSDAY, MARCH 28 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Wanda Maslanka

## FRIDAY, MARCH 29 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - William Marzola

8:15AM - Albert & Eleanor Tapajna  
- Student Liturgy

## SATURDAY, MARCH 30 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15AM - March Birthdays

+\*4:30PM - Roseann Kastak

## SUNDAY, MARCH 31 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

\*9:00AM - James Dixon

+11:00AM - People of the Parish

+Cup Mass

\*Mass of Remembrance

## Financial Blessings

Collection for March 17th.....	\$7,881.25
Maintenance .....	\$1,771.00
Votives.....	\$150.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

### TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of **Bob & Barb Bonus**. 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

### Tuesday, March 26

- 1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting - Utopia Hall
- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Children's Choir - Church
- 7:00 PM Adult Choir - Church
- 7:00 PM Athletic Board Meeting
- 7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

### Wednesday, March 27

- 5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

### Thursday, March 28

- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall
- 7:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary - Chapel

### Friday, March 29

- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Senior Lenten Luncheon - UH
- 1:00 PM Children's Stations of the Cross
- 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM Eucharistic Devotions - Church
- 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM Confessions - Church**
- 7:00 PM Benediction & Stations with Praise & Worship - Church

### Saturday, March 30

- 8:15 AM - 10:00 AM **K of C Rosary**  
Men's Group - Church

### Sunday, March 31

- 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM **K of C Rosary**  
Men's Basketball - Gym
- 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM Holy Spirit Retreat Day - UH

### 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

Have you ever misplaced an heirloom and panicked that you may never see it again? Or maybe your family pet got loose and you could not find it? Or maybe you were shopping at the store and your child wandered off and you could not locate him/her? Do you remember that horrible feeling you had in the pit of your stomach, the heart-stopping fear, the “I can’t breathe” feeling that took over your whole body? This can be the only way Our Blessed Mother must have felt when she and St. Joseph realized that Jesus was not with them as they traveled back to Nazareth from Jerusalem after the Passover. This is the third sorrow of our Blessed Mother.

Mary and Joseph frantically searched to find Jesus but he was not with friends or family. Their hearts pounding in their chest, wondering if he was alive, if he was hurt or even kidnapped. They traveled all the way back to Jerusalem to find Jesus safe and sound in the Temple. There is a huge sigh of relief in both Mary and Joseph. They found their missing Son in the midst of the Scribes and Pharisees discussing the scriptures and the Law. Jesus was able to enter into an adult conversation with these scholars. They were amazed at his brilliance.

Mary and Joseph were able to relax and put their fears aside and rejoice that they found their Son safe. When Mary questioned Jesus he just stated, “Where else would I be except in my Father’s house?” Mary and Joseph knew the pain and worry that is caused when a child disappears. They show great restraint and calm as they search for the Child. Jesus goes back with them and scripture tells us that he grew in wisdom and strength but was also obedient to Mary and Joseph.

Again, a sword pierces through Mary’s heart as she searches for her Son. She has no idea what happened to Him and as a true mother, all she can do is worry about Him and pray that He is alright. Mary’s faith once again helps her to see the will of God in her life and the need to remain calm and place all her trust in the Heavenly Father that Jesus will be safe.

How many times have we been asked to trust in the Lord and seek His wisdom? We must be more like Mary and trust that God will watch over us and keep us safe. The pain and suffering Mary experiences in this sorrow is not physical, but truly emotional. She lost her child and has no idea where He is or even if He is alive. She believes and trusts in the fact that God is watching out for all three of them: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. When we wonder off from the Gospels, Church teaching or simply Jesus Himself, Mary’s heart is pierced once again. She feels the same pain over the loss of even one of her children as she did when she could not find Jesus. Let us always stay close and be obedient to Our Blessed Mother as Jesus did. If we can do this then we will bring joy to her heart as Jesus did.

Peace and Goodness, *Fr. Bill*

## **SAINT THOMAS MORE**



***What part soever you take upon you, play that as well as you can and make the best of it.***

## 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.

## PALMS

Please do **NOT** leave palms in the church vestibules. The collection of palms is finished and they have already been burned. Thank you for your understanding.

## 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!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - ROSARY

Members of the Knights of Columbus will lead us in praying the rosary next weekend a half hour before all Masses.

## LENT 2019: CRS RICE BOWL

**Encounter the Dhathcroos Family** - The Dhathcroos family returned home after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.



Please remember Leigh Grombol, Florence Hudock, Elsie Gruss, Veronica Gazdik, Rev. John M. Tezie, Ethel Whipkey, Anne Boughton, Claudia Jarosh, Constance Moehring and Robert Smith  
in your prayers.

God grant them eternal rest.



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, 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**

**Blood Drive** - Give the gift of life at the next Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, March 31st from 7:30am to 1:30 pm. Sign up in advance at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**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**

**Bus Trip** - Join us on Thursday, April 25th for our America's Hometown trip (Willoughby, Ohio). We will visit Biagio's Donut Shop and other sites in Willoughby. Lunch is included at the Willoughby Brewing Company. Cost is \$85/person. Please call Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or to book your trip.

Save the Date - Saturday, April 27th for the Athletics Women's Reverse Raffle.

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

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



## 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

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

## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

St. Thomas More Catholic School is committed to a faith based learning environment that empowers our students to thrive spiritually and academically. For information about St. Thomas More School please visit our website at [stmschool.com](http://stmschool.com). To tour the school and meet our staff and students in action or to shadow, call us at 216-749-1660 x224.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Our annual overnight retreat is fast approaching. Teens in grades 9-12 are invited on this retreat that is directed by a group of teens from the parish on April 6 and 7. The retreat is held at the St. Leonard Youth Retreat Center in Avon. The cost is \$30 per person (financial assistance available). For more information and to sign-up please go to [stmparish.net/timeout29](http://stmparish.net/timeout29). Please keep those planning and those who will experience the retreat in your prayers over the coming weeks.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 13th for our annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 9am until 11am. Presale tickets are available on the parish website ([stmparish.net](http://stmparish.net)). Presale tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Tickets will be available at the door for \$8 and \$6 respectively.

## 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.



**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](http://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 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 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](http://www.livethepassion.org). *Teteléstai* is a registered service mark of *Teteléstai, Inc.*

## *Readings* *Week* of the OLPI

### Readings for the Week of March 24, 2019

- 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
- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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ST THOMAS MORE WOMEN'S GUILD'S



STYLE SHOW!

Featuring Fashions by **dressbarn** sizes 2-24

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

TICKETS: \$10 – Available at the Rectory

Doors open 11:00 AM

Lunch served at NOON

MENU: Chicken Salad, Potato Salad, Croissant, Fruit, Chips & Cake

CHINESE RAFFLE! DOOR PRIZES!



Church of St. Leo the Great  
Lenten Parish Mission

March 25th to March 27th - 7:00 p.m.

Trapper Jack  
(Philip Keller)  
Blind Faith

David Petrovic  
Asperger Miracles

Robby's Voice  
Drug Addiction



Monday  
March 25th

Tuesday  
March 26th

Wednesday  
March 27th

For the past five years, he has produced and hosted the Touched by Heaven and Blind Faith Live podcasts focusing primarily on the everyday collisions of heaven and earth. Favorite podcast topics include angels, Catholic approved Eucharistic miracles, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and God's miraculous healings and divine interventions. It was the miraculous that awakened his faith.

David Petrovic is an author, teacher, national speaker and actor. He has powered through challenges and bullying, and his inspirational speaking events and mentorship have helped others do the same.

Copies of his book *Expect a Miracle* will be available for purchase and signing at the conclusion of his presentation.

Robby's Voice is the vision of Robby Brandt (pictured above), a young man who battled addiction himself. Robby wanted to teach others about the pain of addiction as well as create a community where addicts could come together and support each other in recovery. He did not have the chance to see his dream come true as he passed away from an accidental overdose in October of 2011. Robby's Voice was created to bring to life the vision of Robby Brandt.

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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 18<sup>th</sup> AND March 25<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://parishesonline.com).
- FREE, professional ad design, and 4 free ad changes per year.

Jason Novicky

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"Every Catholic parent needs this book."

"Drawing Your Loved One Back to the Church"



HOW TO DRAW YOUR CHILD BACK TO THE CHURCH

How many of us know someone who was raised Catholic but has lost their faith? Perhaps it is your adult child? Perhaps it is a sister, brother, parent, good friend, or a colleague? We want to reach out to them, we want to invite them home. But we are met with a range of hearts. Some are hostile. Others are apathetic. Many are unwilling to have a conversation.

*We may feel it is our fault... but it is not. We may feel helpless... but we are not.*



Join us Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> (7-9pm)

St. Charles Borromeo Parish Activity Center (John Paul II Room)

To learn what NOT to do, and what you CAN do to draw your loved one back to the Church.

Register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/FnblZH5hVwox3ZS43> or call the Parish Office at 440-884-3030.