

**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*

**John Srsen**  
*Music Director*

**Jeff Stutzman**  
*Youth Ministry*

# **St. Thomas More Parish**

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*Pastor*

**Rev. James J. Vesely**  
*Pastor Emeritus*

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**St. Thomas More School**  
Grades Pre-K - 8  
4180 North Amber Drive  
P: 216.749.1660

**Jennifer Francis**  
*Principal*



**SATURDAY, MARCH 2 – VIGIL**

\*4:30PM - Frances Ulrich

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3 – EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00AM - People of the Parish

\*11:00AM - Edward Metlicka

**MONDAY, MARCH 4 – ST. CASIMIR**

7:00AM - John & Katherine Soroczak

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5 – WEEKDAY**

7:00AM - Krakovsky Family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 – ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:00AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

8:15AM - Repko Family - Student Liturgy

11:15AM - Edward & Gertrude Davison

7:00PM - Michael Stewart

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7 – SS. PERPETUA & FELICITY**

7:00AM - Ruth & Samuel Craddolph

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8 – ST. JOHN OF GOD**

7:00AM - James Grabe

8:15AM - Helen Krakovsky

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9 – ST. FRANCES OF ROME**

8:15AM - Thomas Lawrence

\*4:30PM - Jeanette Revay

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

\*9:00AM - Margaret Violini

11:00AM - People of the Parish

+Cup Mass

\*Mass of Remembrance

**Financial Blessings**

Collection for February 24th.....	\$5,794.00
Faith Direct as of 2/15.....	\$2,795.00
Maintenance .....	\$717.00
Votives.....	\$84.00
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.	

**TRAVELING MADONNA**

This week the statue is at the home of **Terrie Bogdas**. Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2019.

*Weekly Schedule*

**Monday, March 4**

6:45 PM - 8:00 PM

PSR - School

7:00 PM

RCIA - School

**Tuesday, March 5**

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Children's Choir - Church

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Adult Choir - Church

7:00 PM

Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

**Wednesday, March 6**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

5:00 PM

Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

**Thursday, March 7**

7:00 PM

Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM

Lectio Divina - Rectory

**Friday, March 8**

**NO SCHOOL**

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Devotions - Church

**3:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

**Confessions - Church**

7:00 PM

8th Grade v. Faculty/Coaches

Game - Gym

Benediction & Stations - Church

**Saturday, March 9**

9:45 AM - 12:30 PM

Catholic Renewal Ministry -

Rectory

**Sunday, March 10**

**Rite of Election**

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Men's Basketball - Gym

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Confirmation Meeting - Utopia

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Women's Healing Ministry -

Church

1:00 PM & 5:00 PM

Basketball Banquets - Gym

**7:00 PM**

**Parish Mission - Church**

**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

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and it begins the Church's season of Lent. This Lenten season St. Thomas More will be giving our parishioners, as well as parishioners from other parishes and people from other denominations of faith, a place to come and experience this great time of reflection and hope. As you have heard me talk about and read in the bulletin, we will be having a mission with the Franciscan Brothers of the Renewal, Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel C.R.F. order (many of you may know Fr. Groeschel from EWTN). The mission will begin on the evening of March 10th and run through March 13th. It promises to be inspiring and grace-filled with a little bit of humor to keep us engaged. I encourage everyone to bring a family member, a neighbor, a friend or co-worker who would not come on their own but will if you personally invite them.

We are also hosting the very popular production of the Lord's Passion with the acting troop of Tetelestai. This is a re-enactment of our Lord's passion that has been put on for many years throughout our Diocese. We are very fortunate to be hosting them this year. This is a production that you will not want to miss. It will be inspiring and thought provoking. The production of Tetelestai will move your hearts and souls to give praise to God for loving us so much. It will be a wonderful reminder of how awesome our God is for loving us so much that He was willing to die for us. Again, please remember that all are welcome.

Once again we will be offering a free Lenten lunch on Friday's during Lent for our seniors. It will be meatless and delicious! We welcome parishioners, friends and neighbors to come and join us. It will start at 11:30 and we will stop serving at 1:00. You are invited, but not obligated, to make a free will offering to help cover the cost if you so desire.

There will be confession every Friday from 3:30-6:30 during Lent. Unfortunately, sometimes there may be a break in those hours if I have to do a wake service and need to leave. I will return as soon as I get back, so please be patient and spend time with our Lord in adoration that will take place every Friday during Lent from 2-7pm when Stations of the Cross will begin. After the Stations of the Cross, we will conclude with a simple Benediction.

Please do not forget that we will be having the Diocesan-wide night of confession on Wednesday, March 20th from 5-8pm. This night of confessions will take the place of our Communal Penance Service that we normally share with Mary Queen of Peace.

These are just a few of the opportunities that we will be offering during this Lenten season. This Lenten season, St. Thomas More Parish will be developing a deeper awareness of Mary's role not only in the life of Jesus, but in our own lives. This Lenten season there will be an emphasis on how truly powerful Mary's intercession with Jesus can truly be. Her love is strong and Her care is gentle.

Peace and Goodness,  
*Fr. Bill*

## **SAINT THOMAS MORE**



***A little wanton money, which burned  
out the bottom of his purse.***



Congratulations and welcome  
Joshua Andrew Crnobrnja  
who was baptized last weekend at  
St. Thomas More. God bless you!

## 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

Divine Mercy Chaplet - In the arms of Your Mercy, we find rest. Please join us on Thursday, March 14th at 7pm in the church for our next Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Organ Recital - Save the date! There will be an Organ Recital on Sunday, May 5th following the 11am Mass. There will be more details to come. We look forward to seeing you there!

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of **February** – Frances Cruz ◊ Kevin Amos and Brian, Jennifer, Lanai & Emma Costa. Welcome to you!

## 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.



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 and Mary Ellen Popovich. 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

**Lenten Day of Reflection** - Ladies you are invited to attend the St. Anne's Ladies Guild meeting on Saturday, March 9th for our annual Lenten Day of Reflection. This year's theme is "Going through Lent with Grace and Gladness." Please call the parish office to sign-up.

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.



Please remember Stella Penich  
in your prayers.  
God grant her eternal rest.

## LENT 2019: CRS RICE BOWL

Trusting in the mercy and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who calls us forth from the desert to encounter resurrection, we voice our own petitions, asking for what we need and for the needs of our brothers and sisters all over the world, saying, "Lord, may we love as one human family."

## 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 8th, 15th, 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**

Ash Wednesday, March 6th and Good Friday, April 19th, are days 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 8th, March 15th, March 29th, April 5th and April 12th.

**LITTLE BLACK BOOKS**

We have a limited number of the Lenten Little Black Books available after Masses this weekend. This is a great way to guide your thoughts and prayers this Lenten Season. Due to the limited amount of books available, please limit yourself to one per household.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

This Sunday, March 3rd any and all high school-aged parishioners are invited to a FREE food and movie night in the Youth Ministry (next to the cafeteria) from 6-8pm. And in continuing with our FREE food theme, next Sunday, March 10th, we hope to gather with the Friars of the Renewal prior to the parish mission. More details will be released via our text updates. High school students can sign up for our text updates by sending the word STMOREYM to 84576. Mark your calendars for our annual retreat on April 6th-7th. More details are available on the parish website.

**ATHLETICS**

Thank you to everyone who purchased donuts last weekend. We were totally sold out! The funds raised help support our CYO program. All are invited on Friday, March 8th for our annual 8th grade vs coaches/faculty game. The girls will tip off at 6:30pm with the boys to follow. All proceeds from the evening will go to benefit a family in the parish.

**ST. THOMAS MORE MEN'S GROUP**



**When:** First meeting is Saturday, March 16th (in the old church library).  
We will meet every Saturday unless informed.

- Starts with mass at 8:15am followed by our group meeting from 9 until 10.

**Who:** Any man who is 21 or older who desires to grow in their identity as a Catholic man in our world today.

Please prayerfully consider joining us for this truly blessed spiritual journey.

Any questions please contact  
**Seminarian Intern: Ben Schweigert:**  
bschweigert17@jcu.edu or  
contact the parish office.



**Readings  of the Week**

**Readings for the Week of March 3, 2019**

- Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
- Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/ Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/ Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14 -15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



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Musical Score by Russ Nagy  
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Friday, March 22 at 8:00 pm\*  
Saturday, March 23 at 8:00 pm\*  
Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 pm\*

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# HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Padua Franciscan High School honors the following parishioners who have received academic honors for the second quarter: Chloe Amoroso, Haley Erny, Erica Marquardt, Stephanie Marquardt, Lindsey Matier, Madison Moran, Kelsey Schloemer and Kyle Schloemer.


# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From March 6 – April 14, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7am to 7pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm (12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland), or Planned Parenthood (25350 Rockside Rd., Bedford Heights), or Family Planning (54 South State St., Painesville). Plan to join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. Columbkille Church on March 5th at 7pm with Bishop Nelson Perez as the keynote speaker. Contact John Noall at [clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com) or 216-245-9744 for more information.

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH  
2019 Mission presented by

**The Community of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal**

March 10, 11, 12 & 13  
7:00 PM each night in the church



**Sunday, March 10: The Gift of the Eucharist**  
**Monday, March 11: Confession: Freedom and Forgiveness**  
**Tuesday, March 12: Healing & the Eucharist**  
**Wednesday, March 13: Closing Mass**  
There will be Adoration every evening.

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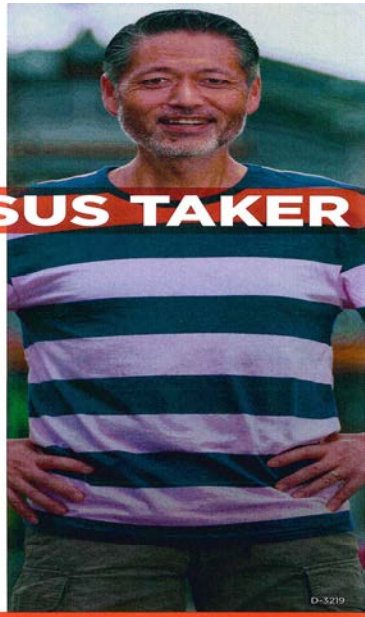
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