



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.

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.

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Jennifer Francis
Principal



SATURDAY, MAY 19 – VIGIL
 *4:30PM - Norbert Dempsey

SUNDAY, MAY 20 – PENTECOST SUNDAY
 +9:00AM - People of the Parish
 *11:00AM - June Marie Tenaglia

**MONDAY, MAY 21 – ST. CHRISTOPHER
 MAGALLANES & COMPANIONS**
 7:00AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, MAY 22 – ST. RITA OF CASCIA
 7:00AM - Carl & Ruth Altenburg

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 – WEEKDAY
 7:00AM - Bernie Panak

THURSDAY, MAY 24 – WEEKDAY
 7:00AM - Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Spring

**FRIDAY, MAY 25 – SS. BEDE THE
 VENERABLE, GREGORY VII & MARY
 MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI**
 7:00AM - Frank & Marian Dvorak
 8:15AM - Carol Clark - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, MAY 26 – ST. PHILIP NERI
 8:15AM - May Birthdays
 +4:30PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, MAY 27 – THE MOST HOLY
 TRINITY**
 9:00AM - Women's Guild
 +11:00AM - Al & Diane Lada - 60th Anniversary
 +Cup Mass
 *Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for May 13th.....\$8,234.55
 Faith Direct as of 5/4.....\$5,190.00
 Maintenance\$2,183.00
 Votives.....\$127.75

Easter Collection.....\$26,961.39

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of **The Magistro Family**. Please call the rectory to host the Traveling Madonna in 2018. Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, May 21st

7:00 PM Ministry of Consolation Meeting
 - Rectory
 7:00PM RCIA - School

Tuesday, May 22nd

1:15 PM & 7:00 PM Band Concert - School
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Adult Choir - Church
 7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace -
 Chapel

Wednesday, May 23rd

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, May 24th

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

Friday, May 25th

7:00 PM Praise & Worship Night -
 Church

Saturday, May 26th

Grade 8 Baccalaureate Dinner

Sunday, May 27th

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Utopia Rental
 Men's Basketball - Gym



The rectory will be closed on
 Monday, May 28th in honor of Memorial Day.

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

Once again St. Thomas More has been lucky to be picked as a parish to host a seminarian. Starting in September, Ben Schweigert will be joining us as an intern for the 2018-2019 academic year. He will be in his third year of preparation for the priesthood. Ben will be living here at St. Thomas More and he will be entering into the life of the parish. As Ben prepares to come to St. Thomas More, I ask everyone to please keep Ben in your prayers as he prepares to join us in the fall.

This Saturday, three young men were ordained as priests for our diocese. We are truly blessed as a diocese to have so many vocations. For a very long time, my aunt worked for the diocese running the vocation office with Fr. Norm Smith. They would go out to different parishes giving talks and putting on retreats for young men and women discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Here were two people that you could really tell loved their vocations in serving God and His Church in so many different capacities.

They would always half-joking with my sisters and cousins about joining the seminary or the convent. We would always say no, but somewhere the seed was planted in my cousin to enter the convent and me to join the seminary. It took the both of us a while to really realize what the Lord was doing in our lives, but eventually we said yes to the Lord's call.

In this month of May, many young adults are graduating from high school and college. They are trying to figure out what is next for them, what should they do with their lives, what is God calling them to? It can be very difficult to figure out where to go from here. Do I go to college? Should I work for my masters or get a job? These young adults are sometimes struggling to figure out what is next for them.

I know that I struggled for a long time trying to figure out God's plan for me. I searched many different opportunities, prayed over getting married and raising a family or entering the seminary and become a priest. The thought of priesthood may never have crossed my mind if my aunt never asked me. My point is that we cannot be afraid to ask a young man or young woman if they have ever considered giving their life to the Lord either in religious life or as a priest. I know it can be hard to ask the question because that is not a life style that most young men and women think about but maybe you are the one to plant the seed that will help them to recognize God's call in their life just as my aunt did for my cousin and me. I am sure we all know someone who would make an outstanding sister or brother or priest. Plant the seed and ask them if they ever considered it because you think they would be great at it! Pray for vocations!

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Aloysius Gonzaga gave up a privileged life and a princely inheritance to live the vows of religious life even to the point of contacting the plague because of his selfless care for people already sick with it. He was the eldest son of the Marquis of Castiglione, and heir to the family title. The Gonzagas were known patrons of Renaissance artists, and they ruled what amounted to a kingdom.

As a young boy Aloysius contracted malaria and suffered frequent bouts of fever. As early as age seven, he became attracted to prayer and turned away from the courtly life around him. When he was nine, he and his brother were sent to learn the customs of princes, but he withdrew from this world. He became firm in his desire to never offend God by sinning. He began to pray the Psalms daily and started meditating after discovering a prayer book written by the Jesuit Peter Canisius. His piety included daily Mass, weekly communion and fasting three times a week.

While being groomed in the royal society, the more his thoughts turned to becoming a Jesuit. He told his confessor, who said that Aloysius would have to get his father's permission. The marquis was enraged and sent his sons on a tour of the courts of Italy hoping to change his mind. His son's determination proved to be stronger and the father finally granted his assent.

After finishing his studies and taking his first vows, Aloysius returned to Rome in May 1590. Plague and famine struck Italy the next year and he threw himself into caring for the victims of the plague. He told his spiritual director, Robert Bellarmine, that he had a premonition he would die soon.

So many Jesuits were becoming sick that the superior forbade Gonzaga to return to the hospital. He still contracted the plague. He was only 23 when he died. His body is now kept in the church of St Ignatius in Rome.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Matthew Cortnik, Michael Feldtz and Richard Samide were ordained on Saturday, May 19th. Please keep the newly ordained and all seminarians in your prayers, as we continue to pray for vocations. Please feel free to let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers by sending cards to them at Borromeo Seminary 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe OH 44092.

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Brooklyn, OH 44144

MUSIC MINISTRY

Praise & Worship Night - Join us on Friday, May 25th at 7pm in the church for a night of worship and praise of Our Lord. There will be scripture, song & reflection. We will end the evening with a procession and Benediction.

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 - MAY

Act of Love - O my God, I love You above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because You are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen.

2018 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

#YOUR MERCY: This weekend, we will participate in an important Follow-Up Parish Appeal for Catholic Charities. **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!** All **new, increased** and **additional gifts** returned in the In-Pew envelopes next weekend or donated online at www.CatholicCommunity.org/Challenge will be matched up to \$100,000. Thank you for making a difference.

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Join us to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 3rd immediately following the 11am Mass for a short Eucharistic procession through the neighborhood.



Vinny Mercurio, Bob & Carol Loy, Nickola Badza, Ethel Whipkey, Israel Caminero III, Dorothy Pavelka, Greg Jakupcik, Doris & John Polander, Donald Marks, Mary Misch, Mike Misch, John Misch, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Haley Simecek, Heather Hudak, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Robert Wykoff, Melissa Korhely, Joel Gorski, James Malames, Pearl Beningo, John Markee, Anne Boughton, Judith Sochaky, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Julianna Turner, Ida Jean Hopkins, Marlene Sutowski, Jean Palumb, Barb Siegel and Fr. James Vesely. 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

Craft and Rummage Sale - Join us on June 9th from 9-3 in the back parking lot. Cost is \$20/parking space to sell your homemade craft and/or used goods. \$10 to rent a table. Questions or reservations contact Niki@MQP.PTU.VOLUNTEERS@gmail.com.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030

Save the Date! - Join us on Thursday, June 21st for a Summer One Day Getaway! We will tour the Architectural Wonder: Fallingwater (Frank Lloyd Wright Design near Pittsburgh. Cost is \$50/person (lunch in Café not included). Considerable walking & stairs. Questions? Please contact Brian Pelcin in the office. Registration opens June 1st.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Bus Trip - Join us for a trip to the Rivers Casino on Thursday, June 21st. Cost is \$33/person with a casino bonus of \$20. Please call Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or for reservations.



Please remember James Bogucki, Darrin Todd, Joseph Swancer and Dolores Curtin in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.



On June 24th, the parish will have a celebration of our patron saint, St. Thomas More. The day will be filled with food, entertainment and family activities. Tickets for our \$10,000 raffle are \$5.00 each. Returns can be dropped off in the collection basket or at the rectory where additional tickets are available.

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Join the Diocese for Mass on Sunday, July 29th at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist for those couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2018. If you are interested in attending, please call the rectory so that we can register you before Monday, June 25th. Forms are available at the rectory.



Congratulations to Kelly Spring and Mike Dumovic who were married at St. Thomas More on May 12th. May God bless you both!

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

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Brooklyn, OH

FAITH FORMATION

RCIA - Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic? If so, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414.

PSR

Information regarding registration for the 2018-2019 schoolyear will be sent home with report cards. Classes will be held on Monday evenings from 6:45-8pm and will begin on September 10th. For any families with students in grades 1-8 that will be new to the program next year, please contact Colleen DeVenney at psr.stm@gmail.com

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Parishioners who would like to represent the parish and help spread the work about our 9th annual St. Thomas More Festival can join us to march in the City of Brooklyn Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28th. The parade begins at Brooklyn High School and ends at City Hall. A sign-up form and more information is available on the parish website (www.stmparish.net). Thank you in advance for your help!

YOUTH MINISTRY

This weekend we once again welcome incoming freshmen to our Sunday night gatherings. This Sunday, May 20th we hope to enjoy some time outside from 6-8pm. Any and all high school-aged parishioners are welcome to attend. If you have outdoor games that you enjoy, please bring it! Details will also be released about our upcoming Cedar Point trip for Youth Ministry Day. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 19th.

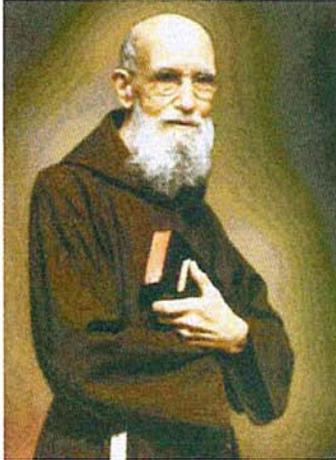
CHICO'S BUS TRIP

Join us on Wednesday, June 6th for a trip to Presque Isle Downs. Cost is \$30/person. Casino Bonus: \$30 free play. Call Chico at 216-551-7561 or Betty Konopka at 216-459-1434 to book your trip.

Readings for the Week of May 20, 2018:

- Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
- Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
- Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
- Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11 [Mt 5:3]/Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20 [Mt 5:3]/Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12 [8a]/Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8 [2a]/Mk 10:13-16
- Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17 Mt 28:16-20

*Journey with us to the beautiful
Father Solanus Casey Center...*



The St. Thomas More Spiritual Life Commission invites men and women to pilgrimage to...

**St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit, Michigan
Thursday, June 28, 2018**

Motor coach will depart at 7:45am from St. Thomas More. Boarding begins at 7:15am and you are asked to park in the back of the parking lot by the paper recycling bins. We will arrive back at St. Thomas More by approximately 8:00pm.

The cost is \$45 per person and includes lunch, a spiritual talk, a tour of St. Bonaventure ending with Mass celebrated by Rev. William G. Bouhall, and the opportunity for reconciliation and shopping at the gift shop. **Reservations are due by Monday, June 11, 2018.**

RESERVATION FORM- FATHER SOLANUS CASEY CENTER

Please make checks payable to the St. Thomas More Parish and mail to, 4170 North Amber Drive, Brooklyn OH 44144 or drop in the collection basket.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Phone Number: _____

Numbers of Reservations at \$45 each: _____

Seating is limited and reservations are placed on a first come, first served basis. Please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414 with any questions.