



### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 - VIGIL

4:30PM - Eugene Lusnek (30 Day)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - Dorothy Barth (30 Day)

11:00AM - People of the Parish

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 - WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Rudy Flis

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 - WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Louis & Mary Kaduk

\*5:00PM - Mason Smerdel (Living)

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS

7:00AM - Adam & Mary Kowalski

8:15AM - Virginia Weber - Student Liturgy

11:15AM - Carmella LaPorta

7:00PM - Richard Regotti

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

7:00AM - James Banasik

7:00 PM - All Souls' Day Service



All Souls Day

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

7:00AM - Anthony DeMoura

8:15AM - Martin Ellis

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

8:15AM - Agnes M. Burke

4:30PM - People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

+9:00AM - Albert Sbeghen (30 Day)

11:00AM - Clarence & Margaret Smith - 55th Anniversary

+Cup Mass

## Financial Blessings

Collection for October 22nd.....	\$6,384.05
Faith Direct as of 10/15.....	\$2,781.00
Maintenance Collection.....	\$830.00
Votive Candles.....	\$63.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

## Weekly Schedule

### Monday, October 30th

6:45 - 8:00 PM

PSR - School

7:00 PM

Bible Study - Rectory (Up)

7:00 PM

RCIA - School

### Tuesday, October 31st

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

### Wednesday, November 1st

5:00 PM

Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall



### Thursday, November 2nd

4:00 - 10:00 PM

Parent Conferences

7:00 PM

Basketball Practice - Gym

7:00 PM

All Souls' Day Service - Church

Cub Scouts - Cafeteria

### Friday, November 3rd

NO SCHOOL

2:00 - 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Devotions - Church

4:00 - 10:00 PM

Basketball Practice - Gym

7:00 PM

Benediction - Church

### Saturday, November 4th

Utopia Rental

### Sunday, November 5th

Kalahari Day

9:00-11:30 AM

Men's Basketball - Gym

1:30 PM

Anointing Mass - Church



### 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

During the month of October the diocese always asks each parish to do a head count of parishioners attending Mass each weekend. The diocese asks that this be done the first two weekends of the month of October. Last year we averaged 1,044 people in the pews. This year we only averaged 830 people in the pews.

This is a significant drop in people. Now, there could be two ways of looking at these numbers. The first way is that we are losing people to nursing homes, assisted living facilities and unfortunately to death. These losses are not being replaced by younger people and families coming to church. Families are moving out and new residents are not coming to worship. We have seen this happen by the way the Church has become more and more empty over the last year.

The second way to look at the drop in numbers is that the new Mass schedule has caused many people to go someplace else for Liturgy. I truly hope this is not the case but unfortunately it is a real possibility. I knew when we changed the Mass schedule we would lose some people, but 230 people is more than I expected. This is why I do not want to believe that so many people would be willing to just walk away from a parish that has been home for so many years.

I do not want to dwell on the negative, but I did think that it was important to let you know about these vital numbers. Please do not let anyone scare you about these numbers. Other parishioners from other parishes like to spread rumors and gossip about the status of St. Thomas More. Please know that this drop is not just here at St. Thomas More. Many parishes have seen a significant drop in Mass attendance. Many parishes have had to change their Mass schedules and drop one or two Masses just like we did. This is not a unique situation to St. Thomas More but it is a problem for many parishes around the diocese.

I do believe that in time and with faith we will once again begin to see more people in our pews. I have gotten many people already telling me how much nicer it is to have more people to worship with at Mass. They have stated that they can hear people singing, praying and responding, all of which make the Liturgy more alive. As always, I want to thank you for your support.

Peace and Goodness,  
*Fr. Bill*

## 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 November 3rd.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**Blessed Bartholomew of Vincenza** was born in Vincenza around 1200. At twenty, he entered the Dominicans. Following his ordination, he served in various leadership positions. As a young priest, he founded a military order whose purpose was to keep civil peace in towns throughout Italy.

In 1248, Bartholomew was appointed a bishop. For most men, such an appointment is an honor and a tribute to their holiness and their demonstrated leadership skills. But for Bartholomew, it was a form of exile that had been urged by an antipapal group that was only too happy to see him leave for Cyprus. Not many years later, however, Bartholomew was transferred back to Vincenza. Despite the antipapal feelings that were still evident, he worked diligently—especially through his preaching—to rebuild his diocese and strengthen the people's loyalty to Rome.

During his years as bishop in Cyprus, Bartholomew befriended King Louis IX of France, who is said to have given the holy bishop a relic of Christ's Crown of Thorns.

Bartholomew died in 1271. He was beatified in 1793 and his feast day is October 27th. ([www.franciscanmedia.org](http://www.franciscanmedia.org))

## TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Betty Konopka** 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. Please send any pictures to the rectory.

## Readings for the Week of October 29, 2017:

Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday:	Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday:	Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Friday:	Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday:	Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

Just for today:

- ❖ I will try to adjust myself to what is, and not force everything to adjust to my own desires. I will accept my family, my friends, my work and whatever circumstances arise.
- ❖ I will do at least one thing I don't want to do and I will perform some small act of kindness for another person. To be continued...



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Martha & George Kysil, Carol Loy, Mary Ryba, Joe Carnivale, Nickola Badza, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, James Malames, Judy Sever, Joseph Palumbo, Jeremy & Sierra Cheetham, David Snyder, Mary Misch, John Misch, Ray Misch, Coco Misch, Dotsie Elkanick, Greg Jakupcik, Johanna Thomas, Ethel Whipkey, Gary Blatter, Larry Altenburg and Marianne Rotatori. 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

**Christmas Craft Market** - Please join us for our 7th Annual Christmas Craft Market on Sunday, November 5th from 9:30am until 2:30pm at the Parish Center.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030

**Craft Fair** - Join us on Saturday, November 4th for the 32nd Annual PTU Craft Fair, Basket Raffle and Bake Sale from 9am-3pm in Corrigan Gym. Admission is FREE!

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

**Bus Trip** - Join us on Friday, December 8th for a trip to Medina. We will visit the JM Smucker Store & Café, Root Candle, Corkscrew Saloon (lunch included), Castle Noel, explore the Medina Square, and the Christmas Lights at the Medina Fairgrounds. Tickets are \$75. Please contact Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 for more information or to book your trip.

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember Lillian Kastelic, Shirley Malloy and Stephen Rapsik, Sr. in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Sunday, November 5th at 1:30pm, we will have our Mass of the Anointing of the Sick. If you or someone you know would like to be anointed, please plan on joining us. This will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

## NOVEMBER MEMORIAL CANDLES

In the month of November, we remember our beloved dead. This year, why not honor them with a Memorial Candle? This Memorial Candle will have their name inscribed on it and will be lit for the whole month of November. Candles are \$20 for a new candle and \$15 if you are returning your 2016 candle. Forms are available at the rectory.

## ALL SOULS EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

The St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation would like to personally invite you and your family to attend an All Souls' Day Prayer Service on Thursday, November 2nd at 7pm in the church. We will remember all parishioners who have passed away from October 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2017. This ceremony will honor the name of your loved one with a special candle that will be placed on the altar by members of the Ministry Team. Fellowship will follow in the church vestibule.

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The winners for the October 50/50 Drawing were Teddy Antrum (\$100) and Georgianna Ketola (\$50). Tickets for the November 50/50 Drawing are being sold by Holy Name Members. Thanks to all the faithful who buy tickets every month.

## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Are you a current, retired or prospective Math teacher looking to help students achieve success in Math? St. Thomas More School is looking for math tutors. If interested, please contact the school office at 216-749-1660 x224.



## FAITH FORMATION

**RCIA** - Please keep all those taking part in the RCIA program in your prayers.

**CONFIRMATION** - Our next session will be Sunday, November 12th following the 9am Mass. Please check in when you arrive for Mass and meet in Utopia Hall following Mass.

## PSR

The PSSR classes have been studying the theme of Community and how we are all connected. The 2nd graders worked on a group project to learn who makes up the community of the Church. They wrote names of those that belong to the Catholic Church on building blocks and then used the blocks to form a church building. They determined that the Church is a universal community. In the 5th grade, the young parishioners discussed ways that we can help those in need in our communities. They realize that Jesus wants us to serve others and to show love to our neighbors in our communities.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

This Sunday evening, members of the High School Youth Ministry will be hosting the annual Trunk or Treat. Thank you to those who registered for the event. We are looking forward to a great time (assuming the weather cooperates). There will be no activity on Sunday, November 5th. We will gather again on Sunday, November 12th from 6-8pm. If you have a high school-aged parishioner in your family, please encourage them to check us out!

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## 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.

## THANKSGIVING MEAL PROGRAM

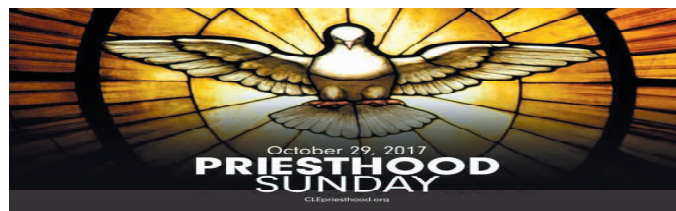
The City of Brooklyn in conjunction with St. Thomas More is sponsoring its annual Thanksgiving meal program. If your family could use assistance this Thanksgiving, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414 by Wednesday, November 8th.

## THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

The weekend of November 11th-12th food will be collected for the City of Brooklyn Food Collection which will serve the needy in our area. Please bring ONLY items that would be used for a Thanksgiving dinner, such as sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetables, desserts, etc. Donations can be dropped off in the church library. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## ADVENT GIVING TREE

If you or someone you know **who lives within the parish area** is in need of assistance, please contact the rectory. The deadline to register is November 16th. Due to the overwhelming interest in this program, we will only be taking information for people in the parish area. The Giving Tree will be in the church library beginning on November 19th.



## PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Today, Catholics across the country will be celebrating Priesthood Sunday. It is a day set aside to celebrate the importance of the gift of priesthood in the life of the Church. It is a time for us to reflect on the ministry that our priests share with us when we gather at the Table of the Lord. Consider sharing a personal note or card of thanks. Together we pray that many of our young people will be inspired by the ministry and witness of our priests. May their hearts be open to hearing and responding to God's call in their lives.