

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

Patricia Campbell
Business Manager

Lisa Carson
Parish Secretary

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

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – VIGIL

+4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – TWENTY-

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

+*9:00AM - Marlette Heryak

11:00AM - Women's Guild

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – ST. ROBERT

BELLARMINE

7:00AM - John Phillip & John Moner

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Ken VanPeeren

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 –

ST. JANARIUS

7:00AM - Wanda Maslanka

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – SS. ANDREW

KIM TAE-GŎN, PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS

7:00AM - Bob Kalal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – ST. MATTHEW

7:00AM - Jane Zauszniewski

8:15AM - Lorincz & Ptacek Families -

Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Maria Weissmann

*4:30PM - Rose Morales

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 – TWENTY-FIFTH

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - People of the Parish

+*11:00AM - Anne Rankin

+Cup Mass

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for September 9th.....	\$8,215.00
Faith Direct as of 9/4.....	\$5,901.00
Maintenance	\$2,527.00
Votives.....	\$96.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Marriage Banns

I - Megan Walkowiak (St. Thomas More) & Dakota Ellsworth

Weekly Schedule

Monday, September 17

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

6:45 PM - 8:00 PM PSR - School

7:00 PM RCIA - School

Tuesday, September 18

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

7:00 PM Adult Choir - Church

7:00 PM Finance Meeting - Rectory

7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace -

Chapel

Wednesday, September 19

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, September 20

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

7:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting - Utopia

Hall

Friday, September 21

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

Saturday, September 22 Utopia Rental



Autumn Begins

Sunday, September 23

Utopia Rental

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

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Spiritual Therapeutic Group -

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

Last week I received an anonymous note from a visitor that came to St. Thomas More for Mass. I receive notes and letters periodically from people who have concerns and just want to vent. This note was from someone who wanted to vent about a Eucharistic Minister who stopped this person and asked them to consume the Eucharist.

This person was upset because they did not feel it was proper for the Eucharistic Minister to do that to them. The person who wrote the letter was wrong. I do not mean to be that blunt but sometimes it is necessary. The Eucharistic Minister has every right to ask a person to consume the Eucharist in front of them. In fact, it is their responsibility to make sure the Eucharist is consumed.

Why is this so important? We have many people visit our parish on any given weekend. Some of these visitors are not Catholic. They see the line forming for Communion and just follow the crowd. They do not have any idea what is happening and receive the Eucharist and head back to their pew not knowing what to do with the Host. It has happened where someone after Mass will find the Host sitting on the pew, on the floor or tucked into the missalette. This is a great disrespect to the Eucharist and to Our Lord.

The other reason that the Eucharistic Minister is supposed to make sure that the Eucharist is consumed is because there are satanic groups that go to Catholic Masses to steal the Host and take it to a satanic ritual in which the Host is desecrated. It is our responsibility to make sure that the Host is consumed and nothing disrespectful or evil happens to the Host.

When you receive the Eucharist it is important that you bow, respond with an amen to the words "Body of Christ" then hold out your hands in order for the priest, deacon or Eucharistic Minister to place it in your hand. No one should grab it from the hand of the one distributing the Eucharist. If you are receiving in the mouth, please make sure to open your mouth wide enough for the priest, deacon or Eucharistic Minister to place it on your tongue. Once you have received the Eucharist, take a step to the side and put the Host into your mouth, make the sign of the cross and then return to your seat.

If we do this than the priest, deacon or Eucharist Minister knows that Host was consumed and no harm will come to the Host. Once you return to your seat please join in the Communion song and after all have received, make a prayer of thanksgiving to what we have all been honored to have received.

I hope that this clears up any confusion of why it is so important that the Eucharistic Minister or anyone makes sure that the Host is properly consumed.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Bill

SAINT THOMAS MORE



Pride thinks it's own happiness shines the brighter by comparing it with the misfortunes of others.

“When we appeal to the throne of grace we do so through Mary, honoring God by honoring His Mother, imitating Him by exalting her, touching the most responsive chord in the sacred heart of Christ with the sweet name of Mary.”

Saint Robert Bellarmine

Readings  of the Week GLP

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2018:

- Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
- Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1 Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [3]/Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
- Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37

St. Thomas More Church

Brooklyn, OH 44144

MUSIC MINISTRY

Join us on Friday, September 28th at 7pm in the church for a night of worship and praise of Our Lord. This month will be a little different in that it will feature a Mass of healing with Praise and Worship music. We look forward to seeing you there!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of **Fr. Bill Bouhall**. 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 of the Madonna when she is at your home.

CHICO'S BUS TRIP

Join us on Wednesday, October 3rd for a trip to the Scioto Downs. Cost is \$30/person. Casino Bonus: \$20 free play & 1/2 off buffet. Call Chico at 216-551-7561 or Betty Konopka at 216-459-1434 to book your trip.



Please remember Rev. Robert J. Welsh, SJ,
Michael D. LaRiccia, Margaret Violini,
Ruth Leahy and Frances DiChiro in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.



Barb Siegel, Vinny Mercurio, Bob & Carol Loy, Melissa Horvath, Nickola Badza, Collin Nemet, Kenneth Klubnik, Margaret Kramer, John Markee, Greg Jakupcik, Mary Misch, John Misch, Ethel Whipkey, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Melissa Korhely, Sean Szill, Joel Gorski, Nancy Butler, Gail Michal, Ashley Meadows, Martha & George Kysil, James Malames, Mary Ellen Popovich, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Alexis Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Heather Hudak, Alice Gruden, Gay Hengoad, Jeanne Hertzell, Roseann Kastak, Donald Marks, Joe Kastelic and Margaret Ann Jablonski. 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

Call All Crafters/Vendors - You are invited to participate in the Mary Queen of Peace Christmas Market Show on Sunday, November 4th. Space is limited, first come, first serve. For more information, please call Fr. Doug Brown at 216-749-2323 or email frbrown@maryqop.org.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Italian Dinner - Join us for an Italian Dinner on Saturday, September 29th at 5pm in Corrigan Gym. Dinners are \$9.50 and include: chicken parmigiana, penne, salad, roll and dessert. Advance Ticket Sales ONLY (Dine in & Carry Out) by Thursday, September 27th. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office. Proceeds to benefit the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Bus Trip - Join us for a trip to Seneca Niagara & Seneca Allegany on October 11th & 12th. Cost: Single/\$245, Double/\$165 and Triple/\$160 (Niagara Casino Bonus: \$50 slot play & \$20 food. Allegany Casino Bonus: \$25 slot play & \$5 food). Payment due by September 20th. Please call Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 to book your trip.

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 - SEPTEMBER

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, sufferings of this day, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, the reparation for sins, the reunion of all Christians; and in particular for the intentions of our Holy Father this month. Amen.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and media print. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs. Please be generous in this collection which will be taken September 23rd & 24th.

Greetings Parishioners of Saint Thomas More,

My name is Ben Schweigert and I am the seminarian intern that will be here until the end of April. I thought it would be nice to give you a bit of background information about myself so that you know where I am coming from, so here we go. I am 28 years old and this is my sixth year of formation in the seminary. I was born and raised in Akron, Ohio and my home parish is Queen of Heaven Parish, in Green, Ohio. I grew up in a family of six, and am the youngest of four brothers. I went to Green Local Schools, and graduated back in 2008. You are probably asking yourself now, what made me decide to enter the seminary?

The truth is, I began thinking about entering the seminary back in high school. My parents had gotten divorced when I was in 5th grade, which unfortunately caused everyone in my family to leave the Church. Despite this period of darkness, however, my Mom began going back to Church when I was a freshman in high school. I was going to see her every other weekend at this point so I would go to Mass with her on the weekends that I was there, and it eventually led to me going every weekend. I spent my whole freshman year catching up with everything the Church had to offer. My sophomore year was when I began attending the youth group and also serving Mass as well. It was here that the seed of my vocation was planted. People began approaching me and telling me how good I looked on the altar and how they believed that I would make a good priest. I always shrugged this off and ignored it, however, because I had just entered back into the Church.

This would continue for the rest of my time in high school and then for four and a half years after that when I was working at a mortgage company and taking business classes part time at Stark State College. It finally reached a point where my pastor invited me to go to a Come and See Weekend at the seminary and this is when I discovered that the seminary was where God was calling me to be. I began the application process and entered Borromeo Seminary in 2013. I completed my studies at Borromeo Seminary in 2016. I have now completed two years of theological studies at Saint Mary Seminary which brings me to where I am now.

I feel so blessed to have been assigned for my pastoral internship year here at Saint Thomas More. I have now been here for about two weeks and I have already felt a great sense of welcome from everyone that I have encountered. I am so excited to get involved in the parish in any way I can in the coming months. This is a major year of formation for me as I continue to discover the gifts and talents that God has given me to further the Kingdom of God and discern my calling to the priesthood. Know of my prayers for you and I hope that you will keep me in prayer as well. Please don't hesitate to come and say hello whenever you see me on the Parish grounds in the months ahead. I want to get to know as many of you as possible this year.

God Bless,

Ben Schweigert

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry - Parishioners in the 7th thru 12th grades are welcome to join the Youth Ministry for an evening at Swings N things fun Park this weekend, September 16th from 5-8pm. Unlimited go-karts, bumper boats and mini-golf are included in the \$20 fee. Additional family members are also welcome to stay for \$25 each. Sign-up at www.stmparish.net/swingsnthings2018.

JHYG Dance:

The next JHYG Dance is scheduled for Friday, October 12th from 7:30-10pm.

ATHLETICS

This weekend, athletes will be at the doors of the church after all Masses for the annual helmet collection. Funds collected during this appeal will help offset costs of the CYO program and provide additional funding for program improvements. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

TRAVELING CHARISMATIC MASS

Catholic Renewal Ministries' Traveling Charismatic Mass for September will be held at St. Thomas More Church on Friday, September 28th. Praise and worship will begin at 7pm and Nellie Cruz Krawczynski will lead praise. The liturgy will start at 7:30pm. Fr. Bill Bouhall will be the celebrant. After Mass, healing prayer teams will be available for individual prayer. A social will follow in Utopia Hall. For more information, please contact Fr. Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445. Come and bring a friend. This will be a time to truly encounter the Lord.

OCTOBERFEST MUSIC BINGO PARTY

On Tuesday, October 23rd, the Women's Guild will be hosting a Music Bingo Party in Utopia Hall. Doors open at 11am. The cost is \$10 including lunch (kielbasa, cabbage & noodles, apple sauce, rolls & butter, cake and coffee). Chinese Raffle, Split Raffle & Door Prizes. Tickets are available at the rectory.

WHY A LIVING ROSARY IN OCTOBER?

The Blessed Mother appeared to the children of Fatima, Portugal on May 13th in 1917. She continued to appear on the 13th of each following month for six months, with her last appearance being on October 13, 1917. This year we mark the 101st anniversary of the Fatima Miracle. During her appearances she gave warnings about the future if mankind did not return to Christ and pray the rosary frequently. Some of those predictions were, World War I, World War II, the spread of Communism in Russia and others. Many of Her predictions came to be and we honor Her in the month of October because on Her last appearance she identified herself as "The Lady of the Rosary." She left us with 15 promises if we faithfully pray the rosary.

Please join our Spiritual Life Commission for our annual Living Rosary on Sunday, October 7th at 6:30pm in the church, which is the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

This year we are modifying our rosary by offering the opportunity for participants to request a recitation of one rosary bead for a special intention, maybe a deceased loved one, an anniversary or just for oneself. A member of the Spiritual Life Commission will be in the back of the church after all Masses for the next few weeks, where reservations and intentions can be made. The success of this devotional activity will depend on volunteers helping during the recitation of the rosary. Please consider making a request for a special intention.

St. Thomas More Athletics Fall Fundraiser



Saturday, Sept 22 | 6pm-9pm

Flyers Bar and Grill

6298 Pearl Rd, Parma Hts

Tickets: \$25 in-advance; \$30 at the door

Pizza, Wings, Salad, Draft Beer, Soft Drinks,
Well-Drink, \$1 Bottled Beer

Side Boards, Basket Raffles,
50/50



Tickets available at stmparish.net/athletics or
email athletics@stmparish.net



From September 26th through November 4th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're 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 Boulevard, Cleveland, 44120), Planned Parenthood (25350 Rockside Road, Bedford Heights, 44146) or Family Planning (54 South State Street, Painesville, 44077). Join us at Holy Rosary Church on September 25th at 7pm to kickoff the campaign. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. For more information or to volunteer, please contact John Noall at 216-245-9744 or email at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com. Please visit the website: www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Beaumont High School: Sunday, September 30th from 11-1pm and Wednesday, November 7th from 5:30-7pm. (www.beaumontschool.org)

Benedictine High School: Wednesday, October 10th from 5-7:30pm. (www.cbhs.net)

Cleveland Central Catholic: Saturday, November 3rd from 11:30am-2:30pm. (www.centralcatholichs.org)

Holy Name High School: Sunday, October 7th from 12-3pm. (www.holynamehs.com)

Magnificat High School: Sunday, October 7th from 11am-1:30pm. (www.magnificaths.org)

Padua Franciscan High School: Sunday, October 28th from 1-4pm and Thursday, November 1st from 6-8pm. (www.paduafranciscan.com)

St. Edward High School: Sunday, October 14th and Sunday, November 4th from 11am-1:30pm. (www.sehs.net)

Saint Ignatius High School: Thursday, September 27th from 5-7:30pm and Wednesday, December 5th from 6-7:30pm. (www.ignatius.edu)

Saint Joseph Academy: Sunday, October 21st from 1-4pm. (www.sja1890.org)

Trinity High School: Sunday, October 28th from 10am-12:45pm and Wednesday, November 15th from 6-8pm. (www.ths.org)