

**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**

**John Srsen**  
*Music Director*

**Patricia Campbell**  
*Business Manager*

**Lisa Carson**  
*Parish Secretary*

**Jeff Stutzman**  
*Youth Ministry*

# **St. Thomas More Parish**

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**Rev. William G. Bouhall**  
*Pastor*

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

**Rev. Mr. Charles Zawadzki**  
*Deacon*

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

**Jennifer Francis**  
*Principal*



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – VIGIL**  
 \*4:30PM - Rose Morales

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 9:00AM - People of the Parish  
 +\*11:00AM - Anne Rankin

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 – WEEKDAY**  
 7:00AM - Valerie Dvorak

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – WEEKDAY**  
 7:00AM - Mason Smerdel (Living)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 – SS. COSMAS & DAMIAN**  
 7:00AM - Andreas Pfaff, Sr.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**  
 7:00AM - Grace Palazzo

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – SS. WENCESLAUS, LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS**  
 7:00AM - Rev. John Juhas  
 8:15AM - Thomas Unger - Student Liturgy

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 – SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL**  
 8:15AM - September Birthdays  
 4:30PM - Father's Day Enrollment

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 – TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 +\*9:00AM - James Kozar  
 11:00AM - People of the Parish  
 +Cup Mass  
 \*Mass of Remembrance

# Financial Blessings

Collection for September 16th.....\$6,676.00  
 Maintenance .....\$802.00  
 Votives.....\$62.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



II - Megan Walkowiak (St. Thomas More ) & Dakota Ellsworth  
 I - Abby Castellanos (St. Thomas More ) & Allen Bass

## Weekly Schedule

**Monday, September 24**  
 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym  
 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM PSR - School  
 7:00 PM RCIA - School

**Tuesday, September 25**  
 1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting - Utopia Hall  
 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym  
 7:00 PM Adult Choir - Church  
 7:00 PM Athletic Board Meeting  
 7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Chapel

**Wednesday, September 26**  
 5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

**Thursday, September 27**  
 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym  
 7:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting - Utopia Hall  
 7:00 PM Pro-Life Rosary - Chapel

**Friday, September 28**  
 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym  
 7:00 PM Praise & Worship - Church  
 7:30 PM Diocesan Healing Mass - Church  
 Social following in Utopia Hall

**Saturday, September 29 K of C - Rosary**  
 Athletics: Donut Sale

**Sunday, September 30 K of C - Rosary**  
 Athletics: Donut Sale  
 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym

### 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**

I would like to take this opportunity and invite anyone who has not made their three sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, to join us for our RCIA program. If you or someone you know needs one, two or all three sacraments, now is the time to join us for a period of learning and encounter God through His Holy Church.

There may be someone you know who is looking for meaning in their life and keeps searching and trying different churches. Why not invite them to come and see the Catholic Church. There is no commitment at this point in the RCIA process. The beginning period of the RCIA program is about recognizing and encountering God in our everyday life. So many times God reaches out to us but we don't always hear Him. This period of the program helps us to learn to listen and recognize our Lord's voice.

We live in a world that is very loud. There are always many things to distract us and drown out the voice of God. When this happens to us we do not realize how close God is to us. If we do not know Him how do we know how to respond to His call of Love?

When God touches our lives, we should be ready to respond with love not only for God Himself, but for our neighbor as well. This is what holds the Church together. God's love fills our hearts with such great joy that we want to share it with each other. This sharing comes in many different ways which range from worshipping together, to working together for the greater glory of God, to be willing to serve and fill the needs of others or maybe we will even feel the need to go and visit the sick, the hospitalized and homebound.

This is what Church is all about; being there for each other while doing it all for the love of God. We are blessed to belong to a community, a Church where our God is close and involved in our lives. He desires to have a personal intimate relationship with each one of us. This is what the saints experienced and shared with those around them.

If you know someone who desires to know God, please invite them to come to the school on Mondays from 7-8pm and experience the love of God through a community that is ready and willing to walk the journey with them.

Peace and Goodness,  
*Fr. Bill*

**SAINT THOMAS MORE**



***If honor were profitable,  
everybody would be honorable.***

“Free your mind from all that troubles you; God will take care of things. You will be unable to make haste in this (choice) without, so to speak, grieving that heart of God, because He sees that you do not honor Him sufficiently with holy trust. Trust in Him, I beg you, and you will have the fulfillment of what your heart desires.”

*Saint Vincent de Paul*

**Readings  of the Week**

**Readings for the Week of September 23, 2018:**

- Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/  
Jas 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37
- Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1]/  
Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34,  
35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101,  
104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14  
and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4  
[1]/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps  
138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
- Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14  
[9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## 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 **George & Phyllis Zindroski**. 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,

## 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.

## SOCIETY OF MARY

The Third Order of Mary welcomes it's newest member, Vern Recker. Vern professed his commitment to Mary's Way on Saturday, September 15th. Sub Mariae Nomine!

## 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.



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 Hengood, Jeanne Hertzell, Roseann Kastak, Donald Marks, Joe Kastelic, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Dorothy Hamlett, Ann Dloniak, Juliana Turner, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Jean Palumbo, Marlene Sutowski, Ida Jean Hopkins, Joy Turner, Jeremy Cheetham and Rob Palumbo. 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](mailto:frbrown@maryqop.org).

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030

**Amish Country Getaway** - Registration opens October 1st for our Amish Country Getaway on Thursday, October 25th. Come see: Victorian House & Glass Museum Tour (Millersburg), Guggisberg Cheese Factory, Der Dutchman Restaurant and Moreland Fruit Farm. Cost is \$35/person (lunch not included). Questions? Please contact Brian in the parish office.

### ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

**Bus Trip** - Join us for a trip to the Rivers Casino on Friday, November 2nd. Cost is \$31/person with a Casino Bonus: \$20 free play. Please call Joanne Todd at 440-526-3505 to book this 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

Today, we will take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This collection funds communication of the gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Please be generous in this week's collection and support this important work. Remember, half of your donation stays in our diocese to support local communication needs. The CCC is how we share our experience of faith, worship, and witness.

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The winners for the September 50/50 Drawing were Barb Stanton (\$100) and Evelyn Carnivale (\$50). Tickets for the October 50/50 Drawing are being sold by Holy Name Members. Thanks to all the faithful who buy tickets every month.

**ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL**

We are excited to announce that our Front Door Guests are Best building improvement will begin on Monday, September 24th!

Missed the brick deadline? No worries! We have received several calls in regards to purchasing bricks. There is a short time left, so call the school at 216-749-1660 x 224 or x227 and we will get an order form to you!

We would like to extend a great big THANK You to all who have made a purchase. Know of an alumnus or family who may want to leave their legacy? Pass the word that there's still time to order!

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

This weekend, ANY & ALL high school students are welcome to our weekly gathering in the Youth Ministry Center. It's another FREE FOOD SUNDAY including prayer, games and more! Join us from 6-8pm on Sunday evening. Join our texting list of the latest high school youth ministry news by sending the word STMOREYM to 84576.

**ATHLETICS**

Thank you to everyone who donated to last weekend's helmet collection. The funds collected are used to continually upgrade equipment, uniforms and other needs of our athletic program. Also, our next Krispy Kreme donut sale is scheduled for the weekend of September 29th and 30th. Thank you again for supporting St. Thomas More Athletics!

**CHICO'S BUS TRIP**

Join us on Wednesday, November 7th for a trip to Mountaineer. Cost is \$29/person. Casino Bonus: \$20 free play. Call Chico at 216-551-7561 or Betty Konopka at 216-459-1434 to book your trip.



Read about Mara's gift of life, celebrate Bishop Perez's one-year anniversary, take a look at Catholic School Open Houses and more. Be on the lookout for the latest issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic!

**SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION**

Pope Francis identifies 10 Secrets to Happiness. His second secret is that we be giving of ourselves to others. He reminds us "that when we are open and generous with others, especially those in great need, it brings us into a close encounter with Jesus."

St. Thomas More's Spiritual Life Commission is looking for opportunities to enhance our fellow parishioners spiritual growth. With Fr. Bill's approval, we will offer the opportunity to support the good works of the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland (RMH).

I believe many of you, personally or through a friend or neighbor, know of the good works of RMH. The Ronald McDonald House offers a place to call home at little or no cost so families can access the best health care, regardless of their location. They allow families to stay together and connected. The House enables families to focus on the health of their child rather than anything else.

RMH is a non-profit organization which supports families whose children are receiving treatment at area medical centers. They serve more than 108,000 individuals through their 55 room house. Ronald McDonald Family Rooms are at four medical centers: UH Rainbow Babies & Children's, The Cleveland Clinic, Fairview Hospital and Metro Health.

Next week's bulletin will contain a Wish List of items for the House and Family Rooms. The collection will take place the weekends of October 20 & 21 and October 27 & 28. Please do not hesitate to stop me or any of our Spiritual Life Commission members if you should have a question.

Blessings,  
Deacon Chuck



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Faith in the palm of your hand!

## DIOCESAN HEALING MASS



**CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES' TRAVELING MASS WITH HEALING PRAYER  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018**

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH  
4170 NORTH AMBER DRIVE, BROOKLYN

**PRaise & WORSHIP WILL BEGIN AT  
7:00 PM  
LITURGY AT 7:30 PM**

HEALING PRAYER TEAMS AVAILABLE  
AFTER MASS FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER

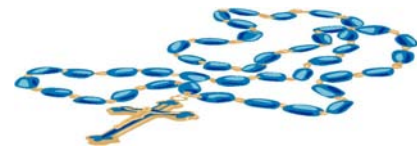
**SOCIAL TO FOLLOW IN UTOPIA HALL**

JOIN St. Thomas More's  
Spiritual life commission  
for

## THE LIVING ROSARY



**SUNDAY, October 7, 2018  
At 6:30 pm  
IN THE CHURCH**



## THEOLOGY • ON • THE • ROCKS WEST

### THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS - WEST

is a monthly discussion series designed to bring together Catholic adults in the western Cuyahoga and Lorain County communities, over the age of 40, in a casual atmosphere to explore their faith

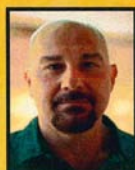
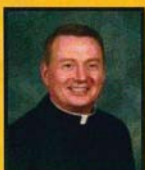
*Come and Connect for a night of conversation, questions, answers and fun!  
Bring a friend and give it a try!*

**The Knot of Forgiveness:** How can we forgive when we have been faced with hurt, betrayal, or injustice. Finding the path to the gift of the Lord's peace. Innocence: One man's journey from Death Row to exoneration. Presented by Fr. Kookoothe and Joseph D'Ambrosio.

Monday, October 8, 2018	7:00pm	Check-in / Socializing
The Copper Cup at Ironwood Café	7:30pm	Presentation
680 Dover Center Road, Westlake	\$10	Includes appetizers
		Pay at the door
		Cash Bar

RSVP: <https://theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west>  
Questions? Email: [theologyontherockswest@gmail.com](mailto:theologyontherockswest@gmail.com)

Fr. Neil Kookoothe  
St. Clarence Parish  
North Olmsted



Joseph D'Ambrosio  
140<sup>th</sup> Death Row  
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St. Thomas More PTU Presents

## A NIGHT AT THE RACES SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

**DOORS 6:30P POST TIME 7:30P**

St. Thomas More Gym 4180 N. Amber Dr., Brooklyn, OH 44144

**Early bird pricing! - tickets purchased before 10/3/2018:**

**\$20.00 per person OR Table of 8 for \$140**

After 10/3/2018 ticket prices:

**\$30.00 per person or Table of 8 for \$210**

**Ticket Includes: Dinner - Beer - Wine - Wash - Door Prizes**

*\*1 and over please\**

**"Come dress in your best derby attire - fun, but not required"**

Tickets will be available through the St. Thomas More Rectory, by return of this form to the STM school office marked PTU, or by contacting any PTU Board Member.

50/50 Raffles - Sideboards - Basket Raffles

### Horse Sponsorship Available:

\$25/horse: 2/\$40: 5/\$100

We are also looking for prize donations to add to our basket raffles.

For horse sponsorship, ads, or prize donations contact Michelle Kiscoe: [michelle.kiscoe@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.kiscoe@gmail.com) or 216-287-8028

### 2018 St. Thomas More PTU Night at the Races Ticket Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name and Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ticket(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Table(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to St. Thomas More - PTU

\*Please note there is a \$20.00 fee for all returned checks in addition to incurred bank fees.