



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - WEEKDAY
4:30PM - Rosalie Oleksiak (30 Day)
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
+8:00AM - Msgr. Edward Halloran
10:00AM - Joseph Semary (30 Day)
12:00PM - People of the Parish
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - WEEKDAY
9:00AM - People of the Parish
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA
7:00AM - Walter & Ann Jablonski
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - WEEKDAY
7:00AM - William Tilicky
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - WEEKDAY
7:00AM - Andrew Miller
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
7:00AM - Ruth Altenburg
8:15AM - Mary & John Maslanka - Student Liturgy
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - ST. PETER CLAVER
8:15AM - Memorial Garden
4:30PM - Women's Guild
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00AM - People of the Parish
+10:00AM - Mother's Day Enrollment
12:00PM - Richard Slaby (30 Day)
+Cup Mass

Financial Blessings

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Collection for August 27th (\$7,260.05), Faith Direct as of 8/4 (\$4,974.00), Faith Direct as of 8/15 (\$2,584.00), Maintenance Collection (\$697.00), and Votive Candles (\$147.00).

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

RECTORY CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 4TH

The rectory will be closed on Monday, September 4th due to the observance of Labor Day and Mass will be at 9am.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, September 4th

Rectory & School Closed



Tuesday, September 5th

4:00 - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
7:00 - 8:30 PM Choir Practice - Church
7:00 PM Rosary for World Peace - Church

Wednesday, September 6th

5:00 PM Bingo - Gym & Utopia Hall

Thursday, September 7th

4:00 - 9:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
7:00 PM Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall
7:00 PM Lectio Divina - Rectory

Friday, September 8th

4:00 - 7:00 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym
7:30 - 10:00 PM JHYG Dance - Gym

Saturday, September 9th

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Catholic Renewal Ministry - Rectory Room A

Sunday, September 10th

9:00-11:30 AM Men's Basketball - Gym
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Confirmation Meeting - Utopia



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: 1:30 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 past summer I received a report from the Diocese on the cost of tuition and the actual cost of educating our students. I wanted to share this information with you because I found it somewhat shocking. I also wanted to share this information because I think it is important for you to know these figures. With the changing of the Mass schedule, many of you have been asking me why we do not see many of our school children at Mass.

I would first and foremost like to thank our parents who do regularly bring their children to Sunday liturgy. Your presence at Mass gives us all hope for a bright future. Plus, it truly is a joy to see your children participating at Mass.

Having said that, the Diocesan report stated that the cost to educate each student is \$4,150. Last year's tuition was \$3,025. This leaves a deficit of \$1,125. The parish is responsible for most of this deficit. With the collection going down it is making it harder and harder to cover this deficit. The school helps relieve some of this cost by their fundraisers, but the majority of the cost comes back to the parish. Now this is nothing new. The parish has always been responsible for the difference between the tuition and the actual cost of educating each student, but I do think it is important that you know the figures.

Back to the question about where are our children for Sunday liturgy? I don't think it comes as a shock that Liturgy is not a priority for some parents, other families belong to other parishes, while still other parents are working and are not able to bring their children to Mass. Whatever the answer may be, I would like you, our parishioners to know that I did try and address this problem with the parents on Curriculum Night. I tried to encourage them to become more active in the parish community. Becoming active in the parish community means participating at our different fundraisers, e.g. Mardi Gras and our St. Thomas More Festival. This also means bringing their children to Mass. I told them that they needed to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. I hope they will understand the importance of their involvement here at St. Thomas More Parish and that we as a parish community encourage our young people to come to Mass by telling them how great it is to see them there.

Please do not forget to vote for the new Mass schedule this weekend! Thank you and God bless.

Peace and Goodness,

*Fr. Bill*

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**St. Giles** is said to have been a seventh century Athenian of noble birth. His piety and learning made him so conspicuous and an object of such admiration in his own country that, dreading praise and longing for a hidden life, he left his home and sailed for France. At first he took up his abode in a wilderness near the mouth of the Rhone River, afterward near the river Gard, and, finally, in the diocese of Nimes.

He spent many years in solitude conversing only with God. The fame of his miracles became so great that his reputation spread throughout France. He was highly esteemed by the French king, but he could not be prevailed upon to forsake his solitude. He admitted several disciples, however, to share it with him. He founded a monastery, and established an excellent discipline therein. In succeeding ages it embraced the rule of St. Benedict. St. Giles died probably in the beginning of the eighth century, about the year 724.

St. Giles' feast day is September 1st. He is the patron saint of beggars, blacksmiths, breast cancer, breast feeding, cancer patients, disabled people, Edinburgh (Scotland), epilepsy, fear of night, noctiphobics, forests, hermits, horses, lepers, mental illness, outcasts, poor people, rams, spur makers and sterility ([www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)).



**Readings for the Week of September 3, 2017:**

- Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/  
Mt 16:21-27
- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/Lk  
4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/  
Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt  
1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/  
Mt 18:15-20

## MUSIC MINISTRY

It's time to start warming up your vocal chords and pulling out your Music Issue! Adult Choir practices will begin for the season starting on Tuesday, September 5th. Practices are held every Tuesday in the church from 7:30-8:30pm. I know there is much talent in this parish, and the Adult Choir is a great way to use your gifts without giving a huge time commitment. You are also welcome to come for a couple of rehearsals to check it out. Let's try to make the St. Thomas More Choir as wonderful as it was years ago!

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

One of my dearest friends sees to it that I have a subscription to The Word Among Us. I never realized that Moses was eighty years old when he encountered God in the burning bush. Talk about a late vocation! Even though he was advanced in age when he began his relationship with God, he still accomplished a lot. He proves to us that it's never too late to serve the Lord. And those who serve God in old age can find joy in their work and become a blessing for others. We may not be called to do monumental tasks that he did, but we can bring joy to others by doing small things, for example: being courteous, not complaining or being negative, being a good neighbor, sending cards to those in nursing homes or calling another to see how they're doing. These are just a few ideas to get us started.

## PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please remember Ruth Adkins and John Whipkey in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

Nickola Badza, Carol Loy, Martha & George Kysil, Mary Ryba, Mary Misch, John Misch, Ray Misch, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Judy Sever, James Malames, Greg Jakupcik, Joseph Palumbo, Jeremy & Sierra Cheetham, Florence Brown, Zaida Torres and Rosa Mateo-Rodriguez. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.

## Cluster Corner

**MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323**

**Ladies Tea** - The St. Anne's Ladies' Guild invites all ladies to their Autumn Dessert-Tea on Saturday, September 9th from 1-3pm in the Marian Lounge. Sign up after Masses or call the parish office. Bring your favorite teacup! Donations of "Fall Harvest" finger pastries are welcome. "Together let us refresh in the Lord."

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030**

**Post Cana** - Join married couples celebrating their first month or their 65th year. 115 couples from 33 parishes have enjoyed rejuvenating experiences. Join us on Friday, September 22nd from 6:30-8:30pm at St. Charles in the Lower Hall. Register online now, bring your spouse & kids (FREE babysitting offered), a beverage, an app for 4, and an open mind.

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

**Bus Trip** - Join us on Wednesday, October 4th for a trip to Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel (Casino bonus \$50 slot play & \$20 food) & Thursday, October 5th to the Allegany Casino (\$25 slot play & \$5 food). Cost is \$237/single, \$157/double & \$152/triple (**due by 9/4/17**). Please contact 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.

## TRAVELING MADONNA

The statue is at the home of **Ray & Liz Petkosh** this week. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2017. Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember to send your pictures to the rectory.

# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time      September 3, 2017

## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

School is back in session! We are so excited to have the students back from summer vacation.

Our school hours are from 7:40 AM – 2:40 PM – during these times please be mindful as you are driving through the parking lot. Our students are outside in the parking lot numerous times throughout the day. Just a reminder; please do not drive past the barricades that are set up. If you are dropping off recycling materials, we will be glad to assist you by carrying them over to the bin if recess is in session. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and for caring about the safety of the children.

## FAITH FORMATION

**RCIA:** Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who would like to join the Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in September and run through May. Register now by contacting the parish office at 216-749-0414.

**CONFIRMATION:** The first meeting is Sunday, September 10th. We will attend 10am Mass and then go over to Utopia Hall for our meeting until 12:30pm.

## PSR CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 11!

The 2017-2018 PSR program will begin on Monday, September 11th. All students and their parents are to meet in the school cafeteria at 6:45pm. We will open the year with a brief meeting to introduce our staff and share some important information regarding the year. The children will then attend class until 8pm. If you have not submitted your child's registration form and payment to the rectory, please do so by September 11th. If your child is entering 1st grade, now is the time for them to join our program. If they do not participate in first grade, they will be unable to complete the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion in 2nd grade. If you have any questions, please email Colleen DeVenney at [psr.stm@gmail.com](mailto:psr.stm@gmail.com)

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

No activity on Sunday, September 3rd due to the Labor Day weekend.

Kick-off-event - We will officially kick-off the Youth Ministry year on Sunday, September 10th from 6-8pm. Free food, snacks, prayer and more.

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at St. Thomas More during the month of **August** – Michael, Rachel & Grace Fahey ♦ Teri Art and Felix & Rosita Ortiz. Welcome to all of you!

## ST. THOMAS MORE ATHLETICS

Our student-athletes will be outside of the church after all Masses next weekend, September 9th & 10th, for our Annual Football Helmet Collection. Please help us continue this long tradition and support our current student-athletes by making a donation to St. Thomas More Athletics. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

## PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory. One of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you and set up a meeting. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.

## SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

Hurricane Harvey has created an unprecedented and catastrophic weather event of immense proportions. Consequently, the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland is responding to the call of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to take part in an emergency monetary collection to assist the victims of Hurricane Harvey. **This emergency collection will be taken up at all parishes throughout the diocese during the weekend of September 9th-10th.** The funds collected will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB.

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present **suspected inappropriate behavior** toward children by priests, deacons, religious lay ecclesial ministers, or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the **Diocesan Response Service office at 216-334-2999** or via e-mail at [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org). You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

## THE SOLEMN INSTALLATION OF THE MOST REVEREND NELSON J. PEREZ

Live Stream begins at 1:30pm on Tuesday, September 5, 2017



The Diocese of Cleveland will be welcoming a new bishop, the Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez, on September 5, 2017. There will be two special events at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland to mark the arrival of the diocese's 11th bishop.

On Labor Day, Monday, September 4th, vespers (evening prayer) will take place at 5:30pm. The following day, Tuesday, September 5th, Bishop Perez will be installed as the Bishop of Cleveland during Mass beginning at 1:30pm. Because of limited seating at the cathedral, both liturgies are by invitation-only and tickets are required.

However, there will be several opportunities to view vespers and the installation Mass. Both liturgies will be streamed live online on a special website, [bishopperezinstallation.org](http://bishopperezinstallation.org) and on the diocesan website, [dioceseofcleveland.org](http://dioceseofcleveland.org), as well as on the Diocese of Cleveland Facebook and You Tube pages. The live stream of the vespers will begin at 5:25pm on Monday, September 4th. The live stream of the installation Mass will begin at 1:30pm on Tuesday, September 5th.

Live television coverage of the installation Mass will be offered on the EWTN nationwide cable television network, beginning at 2pm September 5th. Spectrum Cable is also planning to carry the Mass on Channel 1314. In addition, the CatholicTV cable network and radio stations WCCR AM 1260, The Rock, and WILB 1060, Living Bread Radio, will broadcast the installation Mass.

Also, [Cleveland.com](http://Cleveland.com) and [Ohio.com](http://Ohio.com) are expected to stream the installation Mass. Local television stations may carry the installation Mass on their websites, as well. Check the stations' websites for programming details.

Visit [bishopperezinstallation.org](http://bishopperezinstallation.org) for the latest details relating to the installation of Bishop Perez.

### HISTORIC INSTALLATION

For only the 11th time in the 170-year history of the Diocese of Cleveland, a bishop will be installed to lead the more than 675,000 Catholics in the eight-county diocese.

Bishop Nelson J. Perez was born in Miami, Florida on June 16, 1961 and was raised in Little New York, New Jersey. After receiving a degree in psychology from Montclair State University in 1983, he entered the seminary and was ordained in 1989. He was appointed as an auxiliary bishop in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, in 2012 and was named Bishop of Cleveland by Pope Francis on July 11th. Bishop Perez will be the first bishop of Hispanic heritage to lead a diocese in the Midwest of the United States.

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA - 100TH ANNIVERSARY PLENARY INDULGENCE

There are a number of celebrations scheduled this year to mark the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. Our diocesan celebration will be Saturday, October 7th at 10am. For the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal, the Apostolic Penitentiary has declared a plenary indulgence opportunity throughout the entire anniversary year, which began November 27, 2016 and will end November 26, 2017. There are three ways of obtaining the indulgence, detailed in a statement on the shrine's website. To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must fulfill the ordinary conditions: go to Confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. In addition to the ordinary conditions, to obtain the Fatima plenary indulgence, the faithful must complete one of the three pilgrimages below:

1. Make a pilgrimage to the shrine in Portugal  
The first way is for "the faithful to make a pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine in Portugal and participate in a celebration of prayer dedicated to the Virgin."  
In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed, and invoke the Mother of God.
2. Make a pilgrimage to a local statue of Our Lady of Fatima  
The second way applies to "the pious faithful who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October (2017), and there devoutly participate in some celebration of prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary." This visit to a statue of the Virgin can be done anywhere in the world. Those seeking an indulgence must also pray an Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.
3. The elderly and infirm  
The third way to obtain a plenary indulgence applies to people who, because of age, illness or other serious cause, are unable to get around.  
These individuals can pray in front of an image of Our Lady of Fatima and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13th of each month, between May and October 2017. They also must "offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives." CNA