

**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 - 8:15 a.m.,  
11:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.

### **Weekdays**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 8:15 a.m.  
Tuesday at 6:45 p.m.  
No Mass on Thursday  
Holidays - TBA

### **Confessions**

Saturdays - 3 - 4 p.m.

### **Rectory Times**

Monday-Friday - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## **Parish Staff**

**Frank Budziak**  
Pastoral Associate

**Alex Ulle**  
Music Director

**Lisa Carson**  
Parish Secretary

**Terri Sozio**  
Religious Education

**Jeff Stutzman**  
Youth Ministry

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# **St. Thomas More Parish**

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 –  
VIGIL**

4:30PM - Ken & Tina Galaida - 50th Anniversary

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 –  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

\*9:00AM - Valerie Schadenfroh

11:00AM - People of the Parish

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 –  
ST. MATTHEW**

8:15AM - Patricia Klemanek

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 –  
WEEKDAY**

6:45PM - Dee Marzola

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 –  
ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA**

8:15AM - Anna Stropkay

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 –  
WEEKDAY**

☞Private - Mary Frey

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 –  
WEEKDAY**

☞Private - Grace Palazzo

8:15AM - Paula Lewis - Student Liturgy

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 –  
SS. COSMAS & DAMIAN**

8:15AM - September Birthdays

4:30PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 –  
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

\*9:00AM - Louise Sbeghen

11:00AM - Father's Day Enrollment

\*Mass of Remembrance

☞Private Mass

## Financial Blessings

Collection for September 13th.....	\$5,158.00
Faith Direct as of 9/4.....	\$6,164.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,547.00
Votives.....	\$91.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity. We are so grateful for your support of the parish!!!

It's never too late to sign up for Faith Direct! For more information or to sign up please visit [faith.direct/OH684](http://faith.direct/OH684).

### WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Hello and may the peace of Christ be with all of you. I'm Bishop, Edward Malesic, the new bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland.

Never did I think I would become a bishop. My only plan was to be a parish priest. But there is an old saying: "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans!"

Now, I find myself appointed by the Holy Father as your bishop. Knowing that God constantly surprises us with new blessings, I can honestly say I am so extremely happy and very grateful that God has called me to Northeast Ohio to be your new shepherd.

I am already finding that our Church here is vibrant, with a strong faith, and friendly people. I look forward to meeting everyone from Ashland to Painesville, from Cleveland to Akron, from Lorain to Wooster and all the wonderful places in between. I can't wait to explore my new home.

If you're wondering about who I am – first and foremost -- I am a disciple of Jesus and I love his Church. I am a person who is always in awe that the Lord called me to ordained ministry, especially since I started out as a biology major in college. Over the years, Jesus has shown me great love. He is the source of my joy. I want to share his Gospel with everyone. I want to share the Lord with you. My motto, "Serve the Lord with Gladness," guides how I try to live my life.

No doubt you know that just like any big city and large diocese, we face many challenges together: the COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing racial tensions and widening political divisions. We cannot ignore these challenges. But, as Christians, we trust that God provides for us. Christ is even now praying that we might all be one. Jesus wants to lead us to receive his peace. Jesus leads us forward to a future full of hope. The Gospel is simple. Jesus Christ died for us and rose for us and told us to die to self so that we might rise again with him. We move from death to life – that is always the direction of our Church. It is the direction that our Church offers to our society. It is the message that all of us are called to proclaim – that Jesus saves us from those things that want to destroy us. We should not be shy about proclaiming this good news.

Thank you for your warm welcome. I come as a stranger, but I hope to become a friend and a brother to all of you. As I begin to make my way around our diocese, never hesitate to introduce yourself if you see me here and there. I look forward to connecting with you on social media and through Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine so that we can get to know each other better.

And finally -- and most importantly -- let's always keep each other in prayer and support one another on our journey of faith.

May God bless you and those you love.

**FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...**

This week, the year-end numbers for the parish and school are being finalized in the office. Once we have the authorization to share this year's report with the parish, you'll have it. This is my goal, *to be transparent with all of you* on the status of the parish. We all need to take an interest and be concerned about the temporal and spiritual health of the St. Thomas More Parish family. The physical plant may show fatigue and the funds are low, but the parishioners are all strong and smiling... Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who are putting in the extra time to help. We could not do it without you. From the church cleaners, the gardeners, to the school and hall cleaners. The limited resources and funds cannot slow us down, we will march forward.

This week we share our talents, not only with the parish community here, but also the missionaries, such as Sr. Dorothy who takes our talents and treasures beyond our imaginations across the world. Thank you all...

The gospel reading speaks of a landowner and paying the laborers at the end of the day. The early workers are curious how this will all work-out for them. However, all of us need to be appreciative of the love and mercy that is from God in our lives. We all often think that we are getting the short-end of the stick; but we need to remember, we do share in the love and mercy of God. So, we call on the Lord, as he is near.

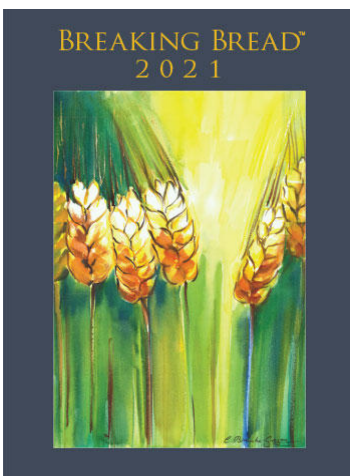
*Fr. Mike*

**MOP & GLOW**

We are looking for a few good people to help with some light cleaning in the church on Wednesdays. If you are interested, please call the rectory. Thank You!

**NEW CHURCH MISSALS**

In an effort to keep our faith community safe and healthy, we're inviting parishioners to order their own personal copies of our new missal, *Breaking Bread*, for use at home or in the church. The missal, which includes all of the Sunday readings for the year, as well as hymns and songs we use during Mass, will be available for purchase for only \$12. Join us for each celebration and continue to actively participate in the liturgy. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!



**ST. THOMAS MORE'S DEVOTIONAL PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you; and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am your own, keep me, guard me, as your property and possession. Amen.

**SAINT QUOTE**

"The harm that comes to souls from the lack of reading holy books makes me shudder...What power spiritual reading has to lead to a change of course, and to make even worldly people enter into the way of perfection."

*St. Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968),  
Priest, Stigmatic,  
Feast Day: September 23*

**WOMEN'S GUILD**

The Women's Guild will return to meetings very soon. Please keep your eye on the bulletin for more information.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

Our regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7PM in Utopia Hall. Masks are MANDATORY. All Holy Name members are welcome.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN**

Next week, our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio and print media. Fully 50% of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Cleveland to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit, [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

**TRAVELING MADONNA**

This week the statue is at the home of:

**Don & Denise Puening.**

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. Please drop her off at the church on Saturday at 4PM. The family that will be taking her for the next week can either pick her up **after** the 4:30 Mass or on Sunday after the 9AM or 11AM Mass. Please see Alex Ulle, our Music Director, to get the statue.



Please remember  
Det. James Skernivitz, Jim  
and Rena Grande  
in your prayers.  
God grant them eternal rest.

### 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.



Audrey Roginsky, Joe Pukys, Mary Ryba, Marge Davis, Nancy J. Folcik, Alice Gruden, Theodore Maslanka, Diana Downes, Jesse Kazimer, Dolores Hyson, Mary Ellen Popovich, James Malames, Jennifer Stancato, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Alexis Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Haley Simecek, Heather Hudak, Mary Misch, John Misch, Tim Misch, Alice Gruden, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Melissa Korhely, Sean Szill, Jeff McCormick, Bobby Hengoed, Mick Jones, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek, Baby Divina, Avianna Burgos, Erica Wilmot, Lorrie Turner, Martha & George Kysil, Vinny Mercurio, Aurora Pelleschi, Juliana Turner, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Jean Palumbo, Marlene Sutowski, Ida Jean Hopkins, Joy Turner, Jeremy Cheetham, Pam Turner, Jennifer Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Jack Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Rita Valochik, Mary Ann Cowgill, Barbara Laughlin, Terri Hammond, John & Kathy Cigas, James Mortach, Arthur Markee, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Frank Colonna, Rafaela Morales, Iola Natal, Michael Kovach, Nancy Taube, Patricia & Robert Coombes, Dorothy Pavelka, Patricia Ann Werley, Norma Gademer, Peggy & Larry Bennett, George Bouchahine, Sister Ignatius Jones, SIW, Bill & Joanne Uhl, Peg Nicholay, Therese, Mary Ann & Tom and Bryan Poole.

Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the prayer list. Names will remain on the list for the month.

# Cluster Corner

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

**The Blue Army Holy Hour** - Is an hour of prayer and devotions to Our Lady of Fatima before the Blessed Sacrament. We have the Blue Army Holy Hour once a month with the next one on Sunday, September 20th at 2PM in the church.

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

**Merici Chapel** - In these uncertain times we have a lot on our minds and are worried about many things. Come visit Jesus in Merici Chapel. His door is always open and He's a good listener who will calm your fears.

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

**Save the Date** - "He's Back!" Trapper Jack will be coming to St. Leo the Great on Sunday, October 11th at 7PM. He'll be talking about the Blessed Mother as a Messenger of Christ! Save the date and watch for further details as they become available. It will also be livestreamed.



## Readings Week of the

### Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

- Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/  
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
- Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt  
9:9-13
- 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: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,  
14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/  
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



It was so good to welcome our students back to class last week. It was a great week filled with learning, fun and laughter.

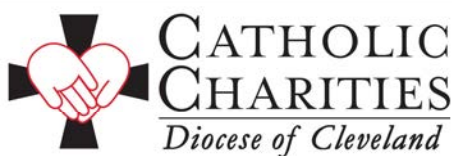
We wish a warm welcome to our 2020-2021 Faculty and Staff:

Preschool – Sarah Schultz  
PreK – Amanda Hartman, Kristine Redloske  
Kindergarten – Linda Jordan  
Grade 1 – Alex Urban  
Grade 2 – Donna Zgrabik  
Grade 3 – Jeanine Tesch  
Grade 4 – Marlena Graziano  
Grade 5 – Zachary Viets  
Grade 6 – Kristin Valenty  
Grade 7 – Jessica Ferguson  
Grade 8. – Pamela Wallenhorst  
Physical Education – Shirley Verbanik  
Art – Sarah Schultz  
Computer – Karen Kilbane  
Music – Karen Brutt  
Secretary – Cinette Diaz  
Business Manager – Laurie Cehovic  
Office Aide – Tina Valencik  
Principal – Jennifer Francis

Please keep our students and staff members in your prayers as we will continue to keep you in our prayers.

## CUB SCOUTS

The St. Thomas More Cub Scout Pack 319 is still ACTIVE and getting together. We are open to both BOYS and GIRLS ages 5-11 or kindergarten through 5th grade. Come to any Thursday night meeting here at St. Thomas More at 7PM or call 216-335-9147 for more information.



## **2020 ANNUAL APPEAL**

across the Diocese have pledged more than \$12.5 million towards the Annual Appeal goal of \$13.5 million.

Here at St. Thomas More, 157 parishioners have pledged \$23,620 toward our parish goal of \$23,938. That is 98.67% of our overall goal! Your financial support makes a difference and transforms lives. Thank you on behalf of those served by Catholic Charities.

If you have not yet made your gift, contact Karen Joyce at 216-696-6525 x1910 to give by phone or make a secure online gift at [www.CatholicCommunity.org/donate](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/donate).

## HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

**Beaumont High School:** Sunday, September 27th starting at 11AM and Wednesday, November 27th starting at 5:30PM. ([www.beaumontschool.org](http://www.beaumontschool.org))

**Benedictine High School:** Wednesday, October 7th from 5-7PM and Sunday, November 8th starting at 11AM, 12-1:30PM. ([www.cbhs.net](http://www.cbhs.net))

**Cleveland Central Catholic:** Sunday, October 25th from 1-3PM (virtual). ([www.centralcatholics.org](http://www.centralcatholics.org))

**Holy Name High School:** Saturday, October 10th starting at 12PM (virtual). ([www.holynamehs.com](http://www.holynamehs.com))

**Magnificat High School:** Sunday, October 4th (virtual). ([www.magnificaths.org](http://www.magnificaths.org))

**Padua Franciscan High School:** Saturday, October 10th, Saturday, October 31st and Saturday, November 7th from 9AM-12PM. Virtual Open House on Sunday, October 18th. ([www.paduafranciscan.com](http://www.paduafranciscan.com))

**St. Edward High School:** Sunday, October 4th and Sunday, October 25th from 11AM-1PM. Monday, October, 12th, Monday, October 19th, and Monday, November 2nd from 5:30-7:30PM. ([www.sehs.net](http://www.sehs.net))

**Saint Ignatius High School:** Sunday, October 11th from 12-6:30PM. ([www.ignatius.edu](http://www.ignatius.edu))

**Saint Joseph Academy:** Sunday, October 18th starting at 12PM. ([www.sja1890.org](http://www.sja1890.org))

**Trinity High School:** Sunday, October 25th from 9AM-12:30PM. ([www.ths.org](http://www.ths.org))

PLEASE VISIT INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION. MANY OPEN HOUSES ARE REQUIRING PRE-REGISTRATION.

Thank You! Your support of the Annual Appeal has made a difference, especially as the needs of our communities continue to grow during COVID-19. Because of your generosity, people who are hungry and homeless, addicted and struggling, lonely, sick and hurting will have the services available to assist them during the pandemic and have hope for the future. You can find stories of hope and faith when you visit [www.CatholicCommunity.org/COVIDVideo](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/COVIDVideo). As of August 31st, a total of 39,317 faithful donors from



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In these very turbulent times, getting more acquainted with our faith, learning more about what we believe and why we believe it, and engaging in the beautiful prayers of the Church, can help sustain us all. AM 1260 The Rock, Cleveland's Catholic Radio Station, invites you to learn more about your faith and to grow deeper in your participation in the devotional and sacramental life of the church by tuning in 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Now in our 6<sup>th</sup> year, listener-supported Catholic radio station, AM 1260 The Rock, WCCR-Cleveland, offers a wide variety of programs for every step of your spiritual journey. From devotionals to apologetics to news from a Catholic perspective, there truly is something for everyone.

What will you hear? Things like...

- What do I say to co-workers who ask, "Why do Catholics...?"
- What can I do to help my adult children come back to the faith?
- Where in the Bible is...?
- What is our new Bishop like?
- How do I raise my Catholic children in a secular culture?
- Daily Mass, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and the Holy Rosary
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- Interesting information about the history and life of our parishes
- Community news on spiritual and social events throughout our diocese
- Inspiration throughout your day with reflections on the daily readings from local clergy.

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We are all pilgrims on this journey together. Make Catholic radio part of your daily routine. It can change your life.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Boguski  
Executive Director

## WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

### **First Reading:**

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. (Is 55:9)

### **Psalm:**

The Lord is near to all who call upon him. (Ps 145)

### **Second Reading:**

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. (Phil 1:20c)

### **Gospel:**

“Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” (Mt 20:14-16a)

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### **THE LIVING ROSARY**

**Thursday, October 8, 2020 At 7:00 pm in the Parking Lot**

**(weather permitting: please bring your own chair)**

Please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory.  
Only 1 bead (intention) per person.

Due to social distancing, only 1-2 family members may attend per family.

### **LIVING ROSARY - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

IN REMEMBRANCE OF \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL INTENTION \_\_\_\_\_

**WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE LIVING ROSARY Y N (CIRCLE ONE)**

**Please return to the rectory office by Monday, September 28, 2020**