

# ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



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## Mass Times

Weekend

Saturday - 4:30pm

Sunday - 9am & 11am

## Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 8:15am

Tuesday - 6:45pm

No Mass on Thursday

## Holy Days

Eve - 6:45pm

Holy Days - 8:15am, 11:15am & 6:45pm

## Confessions

Saturday - 3:30pm until 4:15pm

## Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday - 9am-3pm

## Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz

*Pastor*

Deacon Don Brandt

*Permanent Deacon*

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

*Retired Permanent Deacon*

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND

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# ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

**BROOKLYN, OH 44144**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 1 -**

#### **VIGIL**

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 2 -**

#### **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

9:00 AM - Past & Present Benefactors

\*11:00 AM - Henry Pepera

### **MONDAY, APRIL 3 -**

#### **MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

8:15 AM - Robert Prince

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 4 -**

#### **TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 -**

#### **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

8:15 AM - Jeannine Makuh

6:45 PM - Tenebrae Service

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 6 -**

#### **HOLY THURSDAY**

6:45 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper -

Most Rev. A. James Quinn

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM - Eucharistic Adoration

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 7 -**

#### **GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

12:00 PM - Stations of the Cross (Outdoor)

3:00 PM - Lord's Passion

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 8 -**

#### **HOLY SATURDAY**

11:00 AM - Blessing of Easter Food

8:45 PM - People of the Parish

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 9 -**

#### **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

\*Mass of Remembrance



## Weekly Schedule

### **Monday, April 3**

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Baseball & Volleyball Practice - Gym

### **Tuesday, April 4**

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Baseball & Volleyball Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM PSR - School

### **Wednesday, April 5**

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM Volleyball Practice - Gym

6:45 PM Tenebrae Service - Church

### **Thursday, April 6 NO SCHOOL**

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Baseball Practice - Gym

### **Friday, April 7 NO SCHOOL & RECTORY CLOSED**

12:00 PM Outdoor Stations of the Cross

### **Saturday, April 8**

11:00 AM Blessing of Food

### **Sunday, April 9**



### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

CHAIRPERSON: Emily Blaich SECRETARY: Dawn Thomas

### **REGISTRATION**

Persons who live within parish boundaries should be properly registered. This includes all students in high school and college. Register on the website or by calling the rectory. If you move out of the area, please notify the rectory.

### **BAPTISMS**

Sunday: 12:30PM 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 8 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

### **FAITH DIRECT**

Enroll online at [faith.direct/OH684](http://faith.direct/OH684). Have questions? Please email [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net) or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

## **FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

Collection for March 26th ..... \$4,182.26

Maintenance ..... \$1,048.00

Student's Weekly Offering (20 Envelopes) ..... \$81.50

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

# **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD      APRIL 2, 2023**

## **FROM THE CORNER OFFICE**

What the heck?!? Did you notice that change-up? The first reading of the **Gospel of Matthew**, begins our liturgy with the crowd praising **Jesus** as he enters **Jerusalem**, yelling “*Hosanna! Hosanna!*” and even waving the palm branches. Then next - yes, the readings this day “get right into it!” The next reading from the **Book of the Prophet Isaiah**, talks of the humility of the prophet, even to the point that you would think that the writer is speaking of **Jesus**. The **Psalm** questions **God**, asking if we have been abandoned, (again) as if it was **Jesus** asking the question. The very brief passage from **St. Paul’s** letter to the **Philippians** continues to talk about the humility of **Jesus** and then **God** greatly exalting him! The *Passion of our Lord* from the **Gospel of Matthew** now lays the foundation of our salvation and our all! Year-after-year we read these passages leading us into *Holy Week*. The hope is that this year we may notice *the change-up*; maybe in our lives, maybe in our families, and maybe (even) within our parish.

Take time this week to pray over these readings – *and then* – **pray more!**

*Fr. Mike*

## **From the Pastor’s Desk:**

Yes, **Holy Week 2023!** Who would have thought, but it is here. There is always something to be “thankful for...” and this week is no different. The various activities about the parish, and those who help host them or simply clean-up. The arts and environment people who help decorate the church and sanctuary. The outside landscapers who were more than eager to start getting the campus back in shape. **Let’s all say thanks!** But also, let’s all take the extra time this week to pray more and grow more, *as individuals, as a family, and as a parish!*

## **TRAVELING MADONNA**

This week the statue is at the home of  
**Gil & Joan Vanza.**

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 call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2023. The statue can be picked up from the Music Office in the church after Mass on Saturday or Sunday, but must be returned by the following Saturday to the Music Office by 4pm.

## **SAINT QUOTE**

*“Confessions heals, confession justifies, confession grants pardon of sin, all hope consists in confession; in confession there is a chance for mercy.”*

*St. Isidore of Seville (560-636),*

*Bishop of Seville, Feast Day: April 4th*

(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; [www.azquotes.com](http://www.azquotes.com))

## **SHARING YOUR TALENTS**

We are still looking for parishioners who are willing to share their talents with the parish:

Technology ~ Social Media: If this is your “key to happiness”, please call the rectory.

Greeters ~ If you love meeting new people, then this is the ministry for you! Please call the rectory to sign-up.

## **“EGG-STRATA-GANZA”**

Join the Parish Pastoral Council for their “Egg-Strata-Ganza” this Sunday, April 2nd in Utopia Hall from 10am until 1pm. Donations graciously accepted to help feed the homeless.

## **VOCATION CORNER**

**For those in the Capuchin Formation Program at Borromeo Seminary.** To learn more visit [borromeoseminary.org/students/capuchin-formation/](http://borromeoseminary.org/students/capuchin-formation/). Please keep all those discerning a vocation in your prayers. To let them know that they are in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.

## **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.

## **WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!**

We recently registered the following at St. Thomas More during the month of March – Lanny Coon, Martin, Jeannette, Cecilia & Gregory Steward and Catherine Cappelto.  
Welcome to you!





## Prayer REQUESTS

Melissa Ali, Theodore Antrum, Baby Eli, Mark Banasik, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Robert Bishop, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara Bridle, Avianna Burgos, Eric Butler, Janet Call, Jeremy Cheetham, Rosemary Cimino, Noelle, Brian & Dylan Clark, Rick D'Ambrosio, Elizabeth DeLeon, Christine DeMarco, Darrin Demetro, Jr., Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, Alex Gordon, Sr. Theresa Grabe, Carole Anne Griswold, HM, John Hearn, Bobby Hengoe, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Steven Jablonski, Doris Kaczmarek, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Charles & Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Eileen Lombardo, Babs Lowe, Madonna, Scott & Family, Frank & Lucy Magyar, Jane McClure, Katie McNally, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Joan O'Neil, Kaitlyn Oatridge, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Augustus Petersen, JoAnn Pietrasz, Nancy Prosser, Monica Puleo, Elizabeth Ray, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Marty Rose, Marlene Sadowski, Mike Sekerak, Brigitte Seuffert, Mary Shema, Alexis Simecek, Renate Sliwka, Elaine Smet, Mary Sparks, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Jane Szoke, Pam Tapocsi, Anthony Tedesco, Lillian Tuma, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Wayne, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, Nancy Williams, Skipper Wilmot, Betty Wozniak and Marian Zawadzki.

Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.

### **IN REMEMBRANCE**

Please remember Rev. Paschal Rosca, O.deM., Marilyn Kinzel (wife of the late Deacon David Kinzel), Vale Brazis, Clarice Ruprecht and Eleanore Spisak (mother of Rev. Stephen Spisak) in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

### **PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION**

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory and one of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you to set up a convenient time to meet. 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.

### **LENT**

Good Friday, April 7th, is a day of abstinence from meat (for those who have reached their fourteenth birthday) and also days of fast. The day of fast is limited to one full meal and two small meals (for those between the ages of 18 and 59). Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.

No scheduled confessions on Holy Thursday,  
Good Friday & Holy Saturday

### **CRS RICE BOWL**

**Sharing God's Love** - *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.* - John 3:16

As we enter Holy Week, we remember how our Lord suffered and died so that each and every one of us might be saved from sin and have eternal life. Reflect on God's infinite love for you. How have you responded to that love this Lent, and how can you share it with others? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

### **THANKFUL CORNER**

We would like to thank all of the Ministries who have helped lead us in the Stations of the Cross. We thank Deacon Don for organizing these Tuesday evenings. Our thanks goes out to: The Women's Guild, The Parish Pastoral Council, and our 8th grade students and teachers who led the stations each week. We also thank Greg, Tiffin and Tom for all of their help as well. Thank you all for helping make our Lenten journey a more spiritual experience.

Also, thank you to Jeff Stutzman and the Youth Ministry team for hosting the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Everyone had a great time and the food was delicious!

### **THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS**

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention this month:

APRIL: FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE - We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, be decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

### **HAPPY HEAVENLY 100TH BIRTHDAY MOTHER ANGELICA!**

Join AM 1260 The Rock for candid conversation, a story of conversion, birthday cake and camaraderie on Tuesday, April 7th at 7pm at Mary Queen of Peace Parish as we approach what would have been the 100th birthday of EWTN's Foundress Mother Mary Angelica of the Annunciation. Hear from Dave Vacheresse and Lisa Gould as they share memories of Mother.

# **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD      APRIL 2, 2023**

## **WOMEN'S GUILD MONTHLY MEETING**

We will have a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 11th at 11:30am in Utopia Hall. The guest speaker will be from the Cultural Gardens. A "lite" lunch will be served. A \$5 unwrapped door prize is welcome. Please join us!

## **WOMEN'S GUILD SPRING MUSIC BINGO**

Join us on Saturday, April 29th for our Spring Music Bingo in the gym. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the rectory. Doors open at 11am with lunch being served at noon. Menu: chicken ~ potato salad ~ croissant ~ fruit ~ chips ~ dessert. Door prizes and raffle baskets!

## **PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic hit Christians living in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in the Land to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous. For more information about Christians living in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscans.org](http://www.myfranciscans.org).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

On Sunday, June 25th, the parish will have a celebration of our patron saint, St. Thomas More. The day will be filled with food, entertainment and family activities.

Please stop in the main vestibule to pick up your tickets. You are encouraged to help support this event by selling your provided tickets. Tickets for our \$10,000 raffle are \$5.00 each (8 tickets to a sheet). Tickets can be dropped into the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory where additional tickets are also available. There will be early bird drawings for \$100.00 each Sunday in May, so get your tickets in early for your chance to win!



## **FROM THE DESK OF SISTER JANE**

Today, we begin Holy Week with the royal entrance of Jesus into the holy city of Jerusalem and also an entrance into his suffering, death, and resurrection. As we enter into the holiest of weeks, may we try to participate as much as possible in person; but if that is an impossibility, then participate in spirit through your computers, TV, and daily prayers. May this week draw us into a deeper union with the Lord and with one another.

Hopefully, winter will be behind us, and everyone will be able to get more "sun on the head." We also need a little more "Sonshine [Love of Jesus] in our hearts."

My ministry crosses over various age groups, so besides the older folks, I have also been involved with our Second Graders preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion and the Confirmation Candidates as they prepare for the wonderful Sacrament of the Holy Spirit. Keep them in your prayers. Do you know the dates of your Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation off the top of your head?

People often send me e-mails dealing with those of us who are in the aging process. Thought I would share a few with you.

- Don't worry about getting older. You're still gonna do dumb stuff, only slower.
- What do you call an 80-year-old cheerleader? – Old Yeller
- You know you are getting up in years when you have to use a shopping cart at the pharmacy.
- There should be a calorie refund for things that don't taste as good as they use to.
- Some days I amaze myself. Other days, I lock my keys in the car.
- Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.

You who are the wisdom people of our Parish, do not underestimate your value. We need your prayers and we need your presence. You have much to offer, and it does not go unnoticed.

## **ST. THOMAS MORE PTU - NIGHT AT THE RACES**

Join us for A Night at the Races on Saturday, April 22nd in the gym. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets are \$30/person. Order forms can be found at the church entrances, the rectory or online at [stmparish.net/NATR](http://stmparish.net/NATR). Any questions, please call Kristine Redloske at 216-543-0289 or email at [ptu@stmschool.com](mailto:ptu@stmschool.com)

## **2023 MARDI GRAS UPDATE**

All of the expense receipts have been submitted and the final net profit is \$14,232. Thank you to all of those who worked so hard to make this event so successful. Mark your calendars for next year: Saturday, February 10, 2024.



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 3rd:

Mass at 8:15 AM

Tuesday, April 4th:

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 5th:

Mass at 8:15 AM

Tenebrae Service at 6:45 PM

Thursday, April 6th: **HOLY THURSDAY**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:45 PM

Adoration following Mass until 10 PM

Friday, April 7th: **GOOD FRIDAY**

Outdoor Stations of the Cross at 12 PM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 PM

Saturday, April 8th: **HOLY SATURDAY**

Blessing of Food at 11 AM

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:45 PM

Sunday, April 9th: **EASTER SUNDAY**

Mass at 9 AM

Mass at 11 AM

### **CANDLES**

In order to prepare for the Holy Triduum, we kindly ask that you **DO NOT** light any candles starting Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **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.

### **WEEKLY CONTENT**

#### **First Reading:**

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

#### **Psalm:**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

#### **Second Reading:**

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

#### **Gospel:**

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2023**

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/

Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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