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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

Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson

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Lorrie Wenmoth

Music Director

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Minister



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

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ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144



SATURDAY, APRIL 29 -

VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 -

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*9:00 AM - Denise Blanda

11:00 AM - Clarice Ruprecht

MONDAY, MAY 1 -

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

8:15 AM - Dominic Sozio

TUESDAY, MAY 2 -

ST. ATHANASIUS

6:45 PM - Frank & Mary Pirozek

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 -

SS. PHILIP & JAMES

8:15 AM - Vincent Giordano

THURSDAY, MAY 4 -

EASTER WEEKDAY

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, MAY 5 -

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Joseph Valencik - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, MAY 6 -

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Carol & Norman Cushler

10:00 AM - First Communion

*4:30 PM - Rose Marie Bloom

SUNDAY, MAY 7 -

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

*11:00 AM - Frank Kelley & the Knights of Columbus
Council #733

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for April 23rd	\$3,246.10
Faith Direct as of 4/15	\$2,402.50
Maintenance	\$1,885.00
Faith Direct Maintenance	\$465.00
Student's Weekly Offering (22 Envelopes)	\$104.50

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Monday, May 1

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Practice

6:00 PM CYO Lacrosse

Tuesday, May 2

9:30 AM Breakfast with the Word - Rectory

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Practice

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

Wednesday, May 3

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM Practice

6:00 PM CYO Lacrosse

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM PTU Meeting - Utopia Hall

6:30 PM First Communion Practice - Church

7:30 PM Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, May 4

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM Practice

Friday, May 5

3:15 PM - 7:30 PM Practice

5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Father/Son Event - Utopia Hall

Saturday, May 6 Utopia Rental

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM CYO Volleyball - Gym

10:00 AM - First Communion - Church

10:00 AM CYO Lacrosse

Sunday, May 7

1:00 PM CYO Lacrosse

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM CYO Volleyball - Gym

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. Have questions? Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

"Christ is risen!" "He is risen, **indeed**. Alleluia!" Are you getting tired of it already? We are only into the *Fourth Week of the Easter Season*, and that is about half-way to *Pentecost*... So often like the *Christmas Season*, we have a tendency of dropping the season and moving on... Well, we need to keep things going. We need to keep up with the spirit of the early Christians with **St. Peter** in going out to others with the Good News of **Christ**. This week we hear about the **Good Shepherd** and often hear of sheep being the "*simple followers*". But the sheep hear his voice and (then) follow the shepherd. Let's take time to listen for the voice of **Jesus** in our hearts – in our private prayer time, and then (yes) continue to follow **Jesus**, the **Christ**!

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

Two groups who need to be recognized this week are the PTU and school staff for their work on the Night at the Races event and the Parish Pastoral Council for all of their meeting and planning. It would be a nice challenge for someone to come forward and say, "There is not enough to do here at the parish..." It seems that there is always things to do and activities to be shared in with friends and other parishioners. This summer will be *even more FUN*! The challenge for the PPC and the school staff is *quite simple* – out-do last year! Stay tuned and see what you think, as from what I am hearing – this will be the ***Summer of Fun – 2.0!***

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of
Marty & Jean Rini.

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

"You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world! See to it that the people are edified by your example, by the purity of your lives, by the moderation of your conduct, and the brilliance of your holiness! God does not ask of you mere ordinary virtue. He demands downright perfection!"

*Pope Pius V (1504-1572),
Patron Saint of First Communicants,
Feast Day: April 30th*

(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

THANKFUL CORNER

The sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation are rapidly approaching. We need to thank Terri Sozio, our Religious Education Director, and all of her amazing volunteers for all of their hard work in preparing the students to receive the sacraments.

VOCATION CORNER

For those in the Capuchin Formation Program at Borromeo Seminary. To learn more visit 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.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion will be celebrated next Saturday, May 6th at 10am. Please keep all of our First Communicants in your prayers.

We ask our parishioners for their prayers as these young Catholics experience the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. There is a book in the back of the church where our students have their own page that you are welcome to sign to show your support and prayers. We also welcome you to join us on May 6th to share this very special day with us!

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, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Judy Gallagher, Ruth Giaco, Alex Gordon, Sr. Carole Anne Griswold, HM, Sara Hardy, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Steven Jablonski, Doris Kaczmarek, Denice Karpac, 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, 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, Sam Urban, Wayne, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, Nancy Williams, Mary Woodall, Betty Wozniak and Marian Zawadzki. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember Dorothy Mraz (wife of Deacon Philip Mraz), Cynthia Gentile, Carol Willson, Rev. Robert L. McCreary and Bishop Gilbert Sheldon (former Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland and Bishop of Steubenville) in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States

SAVE THE DATES

Mark your May calendars for the following events:

May 6th - First Communion 10am

May 9th - Rosary before 6:45pm Mass & May Crowning after Mass

May 13th - Confirmation 11am

May 13th & 14th - Rosary before all Masses

May 20th & 21st - Athletic Car Wash & Donut Sale

May 23rd 8th Grade Graduation

May 26th - Last day of school

May 27th - Vehicle Blessing 1-3pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

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ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH MAY CROWNING



TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

ROSARY 6:15 PM

LITURGY 6:45 PM

CROWNING 7:15 PM

CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE LITURGY
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING FLOWERS FOR THE MAY ALTAR.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Second Grade Super Stars - Second grade has had a productive and fun filled second semester. We spent the winter months preparing for and celebrating Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, and St. Patrick's Day. We worked hard to prepare for our first Reconciliation. We felt Jesus's grace and were so relieved that our consciences were clean. We learned so much about Lent, like how Catholics should fast, give alms, pray, and abstain. We came back from vacation still celebrating the Easter season by discussing how this season will last 50 days and end on Pentecost Sunday. We are currently preparing to receive Jesus in Holy Communion on May 6.



We spent a lot of time learning new things in class. We learned about artifacts, time lines, and biographies in social studies. In science, we are studying force and motion. We worked hard in math class learning how to tell time and how to subtract two digit numbers. The children love using clocks to model their work. Finally, the children have enjoyed being surprised by their parents and loved ones as our Mystery Readers. It's always fun getting our parents involved while listening to a great book!

Mrs. Marlena Graziano
2nd Grade Teacher

2023 ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH FESTIVAL

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!**

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

The Women's Guild will be selling Mother's Day cards after all Masses this weekend and next weekend. The price of the cards are \$2 for living and \$1 for deceased. All registered will be remembered at five masses throughout the year with the first one being on Mother's Day. The cards will be available at the rectory starting the week of April 30th.

FROM THE DESK OF SISTER JANE...

Yes, I do have a desk and a very wonderful Office in the Parish Rectory. I am here at St. Thomas More usually from 9:00 – 2:30 Monday thru Thursday. If you would like a call to go directly to my phone use 216-749-0415 x15, or Lisa can take a message or transfer you to my voicemail. I am pretty faithful at checking messages and getting back to you.

Easter seems like forever ago. That could be due to the winter/summer weather we have been having, and the fact that St. Thomas More is a very active parish. Last weekend was power packed with Jesus Day for the First Communion Candidates on Saturday and the Confirmation Candidates on Sunday. Both were fantastic prayer days. It was a blessing for me to spend this time with them.

Thank you to Terri Sozio and her teams who planned these experiences and for those who so seriously participated. For young people to spend time with God says much about them and their family's faith. Another group of people who must be thanked are grandparents. It is from them that many have seen the faith modeled. Theology emerges many times from the pews and not always from the pulpit.

Thank you to the Confirmation Mentors (sponsors). We want our teens to intuit and be intrigued by your faith. They will learn through close observation and continuous practice. Your responsibility of accompaniment begins when you hear "N.N., be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." You do not have to be perfect, just guide with authenticity, integrity, and love of God and Church

As a Parish, let's pray for our First Communion class on May 6th and all our Confirmation Candidates on May 11th. Mary Queen of Peace candidates will be joining us. It does take a "Parish to help raise a child in the faith."

To those who are "OLDING, here are a few interesting quotes for you:

- The older we get, the earlier it gets late.
- When we ask for directions, please do not use words like "East."
- To get 8 hours of sleep, it may take us 3 days.
- We run like the winded









Look for us next month.

SPRING 2023

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION SESSIONS

The diocese will be offering formation sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during the month of May. If you feel the calling to be a Minister at Mass or to the homebound or you need a refresher course, please call the rectory to get more details.

St. Thomas More Parish Calendar
May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Practice 5:8pm CYO Lacrosse 6pm	2 Breakfast with the Word 9:30am Practice 5:7pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm	3 Practice 3:15-4:15pm CYO Lacrosse 6pm PTU Meeting 6-7pm FIRST COMMUNION Practice 6:30pm Choir Practice 7:30pm	4 National Day of Prayer Practice 5-7:30pm	5 Practice 3:15-7:30pm Father/Son Event 5:30-8pm	6 Utopia Rental Deaconate Ordination FIRST COMMUNION 10am CYO Volleyball 9am-1pm CYO Lacrosse 10am Confessions 3:30-4:15pm 
7 CYO Lacrosse 1pm CYO Volleyball 1-5pm	8 Practice 5-8pm	9 Breakfast with the Word 9:30am Women's Guild Meeting 11:30am Practice 5-7pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm MAY CROWNING Rosary 6:15pm Mass 6:45pm Crowning 7:15pm 	10 Practice 3:15-4:15pm Choir Practice 7pm	11 Practice 5-7:30pm CONFIRMATION PRACTICE 7PM	12 School May Crowning 9am Practice 3:15-7:30pm	13 CONFIRMATION 11am CYO Volleyball 10-2pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm PPC Rosary before Mass 
14 PPC Rosary before Masses CYO Volleyball 1pm 	15 Practice 5-8pm	16 Breakfast with the Word 9:30am Friends Supporting Friends 4-7pm Practice 5-7pm	17 Practice 3:15-4:15pm	18 Practice 5-7:30pm	19 Preschool Red Carpet Ceremony 8th Grade: Picnic, Family Dinner & Social	20 Utopia Rental Armed Forces Day PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Athletics Car Wash & Donut Sale 3:30-5:30pm
21 Athletics Car Wash & Donut Sale 8:30am-12:30pm	22 Practice 5-8pm PPC Meeting 7pm	23 Breakfast with the Word 9:30am Women's Guild Board Appreciation Luncheon 1pm Practice 5-7pm BACCALAUREATE MASS & GRADUATION 	24 Practice 3:15-4:15pm Choir Practice 6pm	25 Practice 5-7:30pm	26 	27 Utopia Rental Vehicle Blessing 1-3pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
28 Pentecost Sunday	29 Rectorly Closed  Memorial Day	30	31	