



# 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 - 3pm until 4pm

## Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday

9am - 4pm

## Parish Staff

Rev. Michael J. Feldtz

Administrator

Deacon Don Brandt

Deacon

Deacon Charles Zawadzki

Retired Deacon

Father James Vesely

Pastor Emeritus

Frank Budziak

Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson

Parish Secretary

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Ministry

Alex Ulle

Music Director

Melissa Wensing

Business Manager



## St. Thomas More School

Enrolling PreSchool thru 8th Grade

216-749-1660 | [stmschool.com](http://stmschool.com)

Join our email list at [stmparish.net/email](http://stmparish.net/email) | Flocknote texting list by sending STMORE to 84576

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, JULY 3 –**

**VIGIL**

\*4:30PM - Lucille Kaldus

**SUNDAY, JULY 4 –**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

9:00AM - For the United States of America

11:00AM - People of the Parish

**MONDAY, JULY 5 –**

**SS. ANTHONY ZACCARIA & ELIZABETH  
OF PORTUGAL**

8:15AM - Memorial Garden

**TUESDAY, JULY 6 –**

**ST. MARIA GORETTI**

6:45PM - David Meredith

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 –**

**WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Mary Frey

**THURSDAY, JULY 8 –**

**WEEKDAY**

**FRIDAY, JULY 9 –**

**ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG &  
COMPANIONS**

8:15AM - Kathleen M. Stincic

**SATURDAY, JULY 10 –**

**WEEKDY**

8:15AM - Daniel & Jane Zauszniewski

4:30PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, JULY 11 –**

**FIFTEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

\*9:00AM - Margaret Davis

\*11:00AM - Janice O'Brien

\*Mass of Remembrance

## Financial Blessings

Collection for June 27th.....\$4,269.00

Maintenance.....\$1,345.00

75th Anniversary.....\$930.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



## Holiday Office Hours



The rectory will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.

## WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

### **First Reading:**

But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD! And whether they heed or resist — for they are a rebellious house — they shall know that a prophet has been among them. (Ez 2:4-5)

### **Psalm:**

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. (Ps 123)

### **Second Reading:**

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. (2 Cor 12:9)

### **Gospel:**

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” (Mk 6:4)

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## 2021 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2021 Mass book is filled. There are missionaries and retired priests that can pray for your intention at their Masses. If you are interested, please call the rectory.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Stephanie Liebert

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 or by calling the rectory. 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 8 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.



## FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

“My grace is sufficient for you...” Okay, let’s all collectively **EXHALE!** The week that we have had at the rectory and even in the school has been one of *craziness*. If you stand in one place too long they’ll paint right over you, the furniture will be moved or rearranged, or you’ll blink and things will have changed. There is a whole lot happening on the campus, and I’m sure all of our lives, as well.

Have you noticed *it is July already* and we’ll be looking at the Oktoberfest before too long? The readings this week invite us to **EXHALE...**and take in the Holy Spirit. Know that to all of us, like St. Paul, God tells us all, “My grace is sufficient for you...” The readings of both *Ezekiel* and *Mark’s Gospel* present passages that could show a bit of frustration. This week can be seen as a “**bridge week**” connecting us forward, as we just came off of a few weeks of talking about our faith. Take time to exhale and let’s enjoy the Holy Spirit entering into our lives.

Fr. Mike

## **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary thoughts:**

Okay, at this point, as I mentioned above - - It’s JULY! I know that we can celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July this weekend with the picnics and socials, but moreover, we continue to celebrate the year of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The various events have been great gatherings, and nothing but people having fun and getting together.

I often talk about “growing closer to God, as we grow closer to each other”. This may be a simple or cliché line, but these were some of my goals last fall - growing closer to our God and each other, as a parish. The fun part was the third goal. My hope is that you’ll all engage and enjoy these different events, realizing the hard work put into them, as well as the fun and growth that we are looking to get out of the various events. We cannot let this 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year pass without a whole lot of fun ~ we all earned it! Keep an eye and ear open the next few weeks, as the events continue to approach. We’re having fun, we’re growing closer to God and each other! That’s a great thing, no matter how we look at it – thanks!

## NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at St. Thomas More during the month of **June** –  
Jack, Rebecca & Hunter McKenzie ♦ Gale Petrizzo ♦  
Janet Adams ♦ Daedra & Alexa Meyers ♦ Olga Crespo ♦ Charles & Colleen Sirocky ♦ Michelle Sirocky & Faith Stanley and Grace Kelley.

## TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

**Peggy Palumbo.**

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 2021.**

## SAINT QUOTE

“Almighty God, give me wisdom to perceive You, intelligence to understand You, diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to mediate upon You and life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.”

*Benedict of Nursia (480-547),*

*Monk, Patron of Europe, Feast Day: July 11th*

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

## 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.

## VOCATION CORNER

**For all of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary and for all those in formation**

You can learn more about this order by visiting—[www.humilityofmary.org](http://www.humilityofmary.org). Please keep the Sisters of the Humility of Mary and all those discerning a vocation in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let them know that they are in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to PO Box 534, Villa Maria, PA 16155

## BAPTISM WORKSHOP

There will be a pre-Baptism workshop in the church on Tuesday, July 20th at 7:30PM. It will conclude by 8:30PM. Please contact the rectory to register.

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL CANDLES

Memorial Candles, with your loved one’s name inscribed on it, are available. You can have a candle displayed for six months for \$100. Forms are available at the rectory

*Thank You!*

Thank you to all of the parishioners that have been helping to make the campus so beautiful. From gardening to watering and everything in between, Thank You!



Theodore Antrum, Diana Downes, Alice Gruden, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Doris Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Jesse Kazimer, Martha & George Kysil, Bill Malames, Vinny Mercurio, John Misch, Tim Misch, Rafaela Morales, Joselyn Murray, Keisha Newton, Mary Ellen Popovich, Paula Ritter, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Mary Ryba, Memphis Charles & Myles David Sparks, Debbie Tomusko, Jim Viets, Robert Wittine, Betty Wozniak, and Marian Zawadzki.

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



Please remember Janice O'Brien, Louis Kacic, Arlene Mobley, William Elkanick, Marguerite Purcell and Mrs. Theresa Dragga 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. 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.

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Wednesday, July 14th at 5:30PM at Holy Cross Cemetery. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to 216-641-7575 ext. 3.

CCA offers a monthly grief support e-newsletter, "A Closer Walk with Thee." To subscribe to this valued resource, go to the signup form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org) or 216-960-4866.

# Cluster Corner

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

**Raffle** - Tickets are available in the parish office for the raffle that will be held on Sunday, August 8th. 1st Prize: \$3,000, 2nd Prize: \$1,500 and 3rd Prize: \$500.

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

**Festival of Praise** - Join us on Wednesday, July 7th starting with 7PM Mass in church until 8:30PM for an evening experience of Adoration, Praise and Music of our Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar - the Eucharist. A Festival of Praise (FOP) consists of praying through song. Our dedicated FOP band will lead us in song. All are welcome to join us on the first Wednesday of every month!

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

**Bus Trip** - St. Leo's Bus Trips are BACK! All trips leave from and return to the rectory side of St. Leo's parking lot. Join us on Wednesday, August 18th for a trip to Rivers Casino. \$45/person with a Casino Bonus - \$20 in free play and a \$5 food credit. Call Sandy Diaddario at 216-926-3123 with questions or to register.



## Readings *Week of the*

### Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a  
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26  
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38  
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7  
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15  
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23  
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33  
Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

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## WELCOME SISTER JEANNE THURIN, HM

Sister Jeanne Thurin, a Sister of the Humility of Mary, spent over thirty years teaching all eight grades within the Cleveland and Youngstown Dioceses. She received an MA in Religious Education as well as catechetical certifications in both dioceses. She holds certificates in Environmental Education and also as an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist. She has taught farm-based environmental education on a working farm to students from preschool to adult. She has presented workshops in science, social justice, and spirituality. Her current ministry is Office Administrator at Parma Lutheran Church in Parma, Ohio.



## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/peter-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peter-pence).

## 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Traditionally, married couples from across the diocese gather for the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. However, bringing couples together for this celebration is not possible. The Office of Marriage and Family Ministry will provide a certificate and blessing from the Bishop to those couples who register online through July 5th at [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/50th](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/50th).

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

This week we will resume processing up for Communion. With that being said, we are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in this ministry, please call the rectory.

## MOTHER'S & FATHER'S DAY CANDLES

If you purchased a candle, you can pick it up starting the weekend of July 10th and 11th behind the sanctuary.

## BROOKLYN SENIOR CENTER

Players are needed for Bocce and Wii Bowling. If you are interested, please call the Brooklyn Senior Center at 216-635-4222 for more details.

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES NEEDED

Calling **ALL PARISHIONERS** to share their favorite memory of St. Thomas More (parish or school). Selections will be printed in our 75th Anniversary booklet. Please submit your written memory to the rectory or email [rectory@stmparish.net](mailto:rectory@stmparish.net). You can also submit written memories or request to be a part of the 75th Anniversary video series at [stmparish.net/memories](http://stmparish.net/memories).

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE

Tickets for the 75th Anniversary Raffle are being sold after Masses in the main vestibule or at the rectory. Tickets are \$75 each with only 750 tickets being sold. Prizes are \$7500, \$2021 and \$1946. Drawing is August 1, 2021.

## CALLING ALL ST. THOMAS MORE ALUMNI

Please help us stay connected with you, especially during this special 75th Anniversary year. We want to hear from you! Please send an email to [rectory@stmparish.net](mailto:rectory@stmparish.net) with your name (as it was at graduation), married name (if applicable) and your year of graduation.

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

Below are the updated stats for the week ending July 2nd. (24 new families and 51 new parishioners so far this year!)



## **St. Thomas More 75 Year Anniversary 1946 - 2021 Renewal Fund**





## LIVE CONCERT

"Arabic Night at the Opera"

An Exclusive Evening of Entertainment Performances by



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MUSICIANS

**CHRIS ACETO**  
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Joseph Stephan & Dr. Tony Labibidi

**FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2021**

Sponsored by

SAINT ELIAS CHURCH

8023 Memphis Avenue, Brooklyn, Ohio

Catering by SKY Mediterranean Lounge

Doors Open 5:30 pm

Tickets \$75 per person donation. \$25 youth 12 years and under

CASH Wine and Beer Bar

**Notice:** Music Hall Doors close promptly at 6:50 pm during Opera Performance 7-7:30 pm  
Dinner at 7:45 pm followed by Live Arabic Music and Hafti

**Tickets.** Table Reservations. Information. Please contact  
Noele Arraj 440.667.0232 John Abusada 440.773.8549  
George Ade 440.785.1665 Kelley Rizk 216.407.3341

Thank you  
God Bless you +

# TAKE COURAGE

THE FEST 2021

The FEST - a day of faith, family, and fun - IS MOVING! We are excited, and **blessed**, to **announce** that **The FEST is BACK for 2021 at a NEW LOCATION!** Join us on Sunday, August 8, 2021 at Brookside Reservation in the Cleveland Metroparks. The 132 acres of Brookside will allow for plenty of room for you to enjoy great music, inspiring displays and vendors, along with many opportunities for prayer and inspiration.

To keep everyone safe and comfortable, this year is the need to purchase an admission ticket for those 6 years of age and older. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased online at [www.TheFEST.us/tickets](http://www.TheFEST.us/tickets). As you enter The FEST, you will receive a special day of FEST kit - thanks to our friends at Marc's. There is plenty of FREE off-site parking, along with FREE shuttles to The FEST grounds. See four great bands: for King & Country, Danny Gokey, Tauren Wells, and We Are Messengers! Head to [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us) for all of the info! Invite your family and friends to join you for an amazing day of faith, family and fun - The FEST.



*Our Lady of*  
**Mount Carmel**

## THE FEAST FAVORITES

Villa Italian Dinners ★ Sausage Sandwiches

Cavatelli ★ Meatballs ★ Pizza

Wine and Beer Garden ★ Limoncello

Cannoli ★ Zeppole ★ Lemon Ice

## TIMELESS TRADITIONS

The Grocery Stand ★ Casino Games

Family Fun ★ Grand Prize Raffle \$5,000

Religious Street Procession (Sunday at 1PM)

**JULY 7TH - JULY 11TH**

**Wednesday July 7th**

DJ Music

**Thursday July 8th**

AMS DJ Productions

**Friday July 9th**

The BackTraxx Band

Hits from the 60s and 70s

**Saturday July 10th**

AMS DJ Productions

New Connection (7:30pm)

Motown and R&B

**Sunday July 11th**

Le Fiamme (4pm to 7pm)

Italian and American Pop Hits

Cats on Holiday (8pm)

Swamp Pop, Roots & Blues



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## Safety Town 2021

Safety Town is a one-week course that focuses on teaching children safe practices both at school and at home. The curriculum includes pedestrian safety, school bus safety, fire safety, seat belt safety, 911 emergency calls, and stranger danger.

Safety Town utilizes a realistic, child-sized town designed to provide a complete hands-on safety education. Working traffic signals, miniature buildings, cross walks, and traffic provided by the children on vehicles help give participants the experience they need.

**Location:** Veteran's Memorial Park Safety Town Course  
**Fees:** \$35.00 (Includes t-shirt, take home materials, and certificate)  
**Registration:** June 1-August 1 (Maximum of 20 per session)  
**Age:** Children entering Kindergarten Fall 2021-2022 school year

Session I	July 19-23	8:30am-11:00am
Session II	July 19-23	12:00pm-2:30pm
Session III	August 16-20	8:30am-11:00am
Session IV	August 16-20	12:00pm-2:30pm
Session V	August 23-27	5:00pm-7:30pm

\*\*Monday-Thursday Instruction, Friday Graduation Day\*\*



Registration to be complete online at [www.brooklynrec.com](http://www.brooklynrec.com). Program is open to Brooklyn residents and students who attend a school in Brooklyn city limits.



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