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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 - TBD

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

Confessions

Saturday - 3:30pm until 4:15pm

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday - 9am-3pm

(The rectory is closed for lunch from 1-1:30pm)

Parish Staff

Rev. John J. Schneider
Pastor

Rev. Donald E. Snyder
Retired, In Residence

Sr. Jane Reisinger, SND
Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson
Office Manager

John Mastandrea
Development

Terri Sozio
Religious Education



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, JUNE 21 –

VIGIL

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 –

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

*9:00 AM - Marie Grace Scafaria

11:00 AM - Pope's Intentions

MONDAY, JUNE 23 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - The Root & Seifert Families

TUESDAY, JUNE 24 –

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

6:45 PM - Delores Dickey

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25 –

WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Robert Strunak

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 –

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 –

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

8:15 AM - Henry Durica

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 –

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15 AM - June Birthdays

4:30 PM - Homebound Parishioners

SUNDAY, JUNE 29 –

SS. PETER & PAUL

9:00 AM - People of the Parish

11:00 AM - Residents of Brooklyn Pointe & The Avenue

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for June 15th \$2,567.00

Maintenance \$1,145.00

Student's Weekly Offering (13 Envelopes) \$35.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Enroll online at faith.direct/OH684. Have questions? Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free 1-866-507-8757.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

CLP

Tuesday, June 24

2:00 PM St. Elias Mobile Food Pantry -

Food Distribution: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Thursday, June 26

1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

Saturday, June 28

Utopia Rental

Sunday, June 29

Utopia Rental

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Join us immediately following the 11am Mass this Sunday for a short Eucharistic procession through the neighborhood to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi.



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.

ST. ELIAS

St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Pantry on Tuesday, June 24th, from 3:30-5:30pm. If you are able to help, please arrive at 2pm to get the food packed and ready!

60+ CLUB

Join us on Thursday, June 26th at 1pm in Utopia Hall for our next gathering.

The 60+ Club will be meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 12pm at the Incarnate Word Queen of the Holy Rosary Shrine (6618 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, 44130).



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisani Pietro.va/en.html.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you. In the second and third centuries, the Church grew as Rome shrank. Far from weakening the Church, these persecutions would become her seed bed.

To understand why the Roman Empire opposed the Church we must first understand the role of its emperor. Rome could not admit that it had a king because Romans saw themselves as a free people. Accordingly, the Romans sought to justify their absolute ruler on religious grounds. By the Second Century Romans worshipped the emperor not because they thought he was a walking god but because they needed a deity around.

When Christians and Jews refused this veneration, the Roman government tried to coerce them. Fines, torture, and sometimes even execution were used to compel Christians to do what every other Roman did. This harassment was not constant but would break out from time to time. The first empire wide persecution happened under Decius around AD 250 with over 3,000 Christians killed.

Although not legal yet, Christianity was usually left alone. Christians would worship in their own small shrines, converted houses, and cemeteries - including the catacombs. They did not hide there though. The Romans would usually never disturb burial grounds for fear of upsetting ghosts - the Romans were very superstitious. Christians would worship in cemeteries and catacombs for that freedom from interference and because our liturgies quickly became connected to martyrs.

The most important development of the second and third centuries for the Church was the central place of the martyrs. Those who shed their blood for Christ became heroes for their local churches. Moreover, their witness - which is what martyr literally means - demonstrated that the powers of this world could not stop the Church. In our divine liturgies the remains of the martyrs became a key part of being connected to Heaven. The local churches might not have been able to be where Jesus died and rose, but they could be connected to where their own family had died for God.

As Christianity became more widespread and popular, Rome saw its pagan cults decline. No one was dying for Zeus, but people were dying for Jesus. The Christian understanding of God was also philosophically better than the pagan one. Whereas the philosophers of the ancient world often denied the existence of the pagan gods, Christian philosophers could claim that the Lord was Truth.

One last bit of related history: the Third Century Crisis. From AD 235-284 the Roman Empire experienced such instability that it almost collapsed. Almost. The Roman Empire still held most of the land it claimed, but it lacked dynamism. Moreover, the control of the Empire became more a matter of palace intrigue than deft political maneuvering in the Roman Forum.

By the eve of Constantine, the Church had thrived. We will see how he and his mother, Helen, would start a process that would culminate in the Church being one of the most powerful political forces in the world. That story takes centuries.

In His Sacred Heart,
Fr. John

SAINT QUOTE

"Because the soul has such deep roots in personal and social life and its values run so contrary to modern concerns, caring for the soul may well turn out to be a radical act, a challenge to accepted norms."

St. Thomas More (1478-1886),
Patron of Difficult Marriages, Feast Day: June 22
(Bulletin Quote provided by AZ Quotes; www.azquotes.com)

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Bob Hreha.

Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Remember, if you take any pictures, send them into the rectory.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." (Gn 14:19-20)

Psalm:

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)

Second Reading:

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:26)

Gospel:

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. (Lk 9:11b)
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 22, 2025

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: *Vigil:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, Baby Kevin, JoAnn Bartkiw, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Dennis Bunday, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., John Callahan, Tracey Carlisle & Toni, Irene Csuri, Lisa Cwalinski, Carole Deighton, Rosie DeJesus, Christine DeMarco, Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Dave Finohr, Patricia Foerster, Edward Frantz, Norma Gademer, Ken Galaida, Judy Gallagher, Kevin T. Gallagher, Monica Gribb, Joanne Hallick, Sara Hardy, Ruth Hargis, Mary Beth Hayet, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Eddie Hengood, Jr., Ed & Dianne Hlavacek, Michel Howe, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Michael Jackiewicz, Bryan Jaworski, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Freddy Kinsey, Betty Konopka, Melissa Korhely, Al Lada, Laura & Ashley, Joe Lawrence, Joyce Lewarchick, Richard Lewis, Lucy Magyar, Luigi Mangione, Dale Mathews & family, Jane McClure, Rev. Joseph McNulty, Dreama Mecklenburg, Sandra Mellon, Richard Mendez, Vinny Mercurio, Gail Michal, Dan Misch, Rafaela Morales, Shirley Mulmall, Josalynn Murray, Maryann Nicholas, Lyndsey P., Jack Palumbo, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Kenny Parks, Tino Perez, Betty (Gruntkowski) Popow, Dawn Patel, Ronald Patten, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Lizzette Mendez Romain, Janet Sekerak, Mike Sekerak, Susan Sidley, Elaine Smet, Bill Smith, Mary Sparks, Special Intention, Michael Spring, Margie & Don Spritz & family, Jennifer Stancato, Gerri Strodtbeck, Sean Szill, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Joanne Uhl, Sam Urban, Kevin Vest, Tom Wenderoth, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, Kathy Yomack & family, Ron Young, Marian Zawadzki & Phyllis Zindroski.

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



IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers Frank Erdman, Jan Woytek, and George Kozickie.
God grant them eternal rest.

PRAYER LIST

Starting with the July 6th bulletin, we will start a fresh, new prayer list. To add a name to the list, please call or email (rectory@stmparish.net) by Monday, June 30th. Thank You!

ST. LEO THE GREAT BUS TRIPS

Annual Fall Shopping - Monday, September 22
Amish Country Lunch at Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen (included)
Cost: \$74 per person Deadline: Tuesday, September 2
Please contact Sand Diaddario at 216-926-3123 to make reservations and for additional information.

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES

All are invited to attend **Catholic Renewal Ministries' 42nd Annual Conference** to be held on Saturday July 26, 2025, at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Rd., North Royalton 44133. This year's theme is "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength". Guest speakers will be Dr. Jaci Sabol, a neuropsychologist, who is a longtime worship leader and speaker on the faith and who serves on the board of *Faith on Fire!*, Dave Van Vickle, a popular speaker who presents on topics related to spiritual warfare, our call to holiness, and authentic Catholic spirituality, and Fr. Bob Franco, the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese. Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost will be the celebrant for the Vigil Mass, and Matt Fafrak will lead us in contemporary praise music throughout the day and evening. Visit the CRM website: www.crmweb.org or call 440-944-9445 [for more information](#). Advance registration postmarked by Wednesday, July 16th, is \$40, and at the door \$50. Come, as we praise and exalt Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit and celebrate the Jubilee Year.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 28/29

MASS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	SERVERS	CELEBRANT
4:30 PM	Abbey Eichenmiller Sheryl Finohr Nina Ferguson David Marks	Tim Lozar Wendy Huynh	Noah Nguyen Ainsley French	Rev. John Schneider
9:00 AM	Terri Sozio Heather Roberts Aidan Cepek Jaclene Zauszniewski	Jennifer Mladineo Rob Cepek	Holly Roberts Sabriena Smith	Rev. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	Heather Miksch Madelyn Koranda Sue Poole Carl Krist	Barbara Kish Patty Riegling	Danny Coughlin Amelia Nieves	Rev. John Schneider

St. Thomas More Parish Festival

Alcohol = \$5.00

TICKET

= \$1.00

FOOD

RIBS	6 Tickets
CABBAGE & NOODLES	3 Tickets
SAUSAGE & PEPPERS	6 Tickets
BURGER	5 Tickets
HOT DOG	2 Tickets
CORN	2 Tickets
PIZZA	1 Ticket
FRENCH FRIES	4 Tickets
FRENCH FRIES WITH CHEESE	5 Tickets
CORN DOG	4 Tickets

BEVERAGES

FRESH SQUEEZED LEMONADE	4 Tickets
FRESH SQUEEZED FLAVORED LEMONADE	5 Tickets
BOTTLED WATER	1 Ticket
SODA POP	2 Tickets
BEER	1 Blue ticket
MARGARITA	1 Blue ticket
FROSE (WINE SLUSHY).....	1 Blue ticket
SELTZER.....	1 Blue ticket

TREATS

SNOWCONE	3 Tickets
ADULT SNOW CONE.....	6 Tickets
COTTON CANDY.....	5 Tickets
KETTLE, CARAMEL, CHEDDAR CORN, ETC..	6 Tickets
HONEY HUT ICE CREAM.....	3 Tickets

Alisha's
cocina Spanish food at additional cost

St. Thomas More Church

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St. Thomas More Summer Festival

Join us for celebration of community and joy! <<<<



SUNDAY, JUNE

22ND, 2025

12:30 PM – 7:00 PM

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Come celebrate an annual St. Thomas More Parish tradition with an afternoon full of fellowship, fun and entertainment!



- ☒ Free admission to parish grounds
- ☒ Try your chance at a \$5 ticket donation to win \$10,000
tickets available on-site, at the rectory or online at: www.stmparish.net
- ☒ Enjoy a delightful selection of music, games, food and drinks .
- ☒ Place bids on exciting items and enter our raffle to win great prizes!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

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