



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

Parish Staff

Father 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

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Business Manager



St. Thomas More School

Enrolling PreSchool thru 8th Grade

216-749-1660 | stmschool.com

Jennifer Francis - Principal

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 27 –
VIGIL**

*4:30PM - Brandon Kirby

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 –

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

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Theresa Rasch

MONDAY, MARCH 29 –

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

8:15AM - William Marzola

TUESDAY, MARCH 30 –

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

6:45PM - Grace Palazzo

7:15PM - Stations of the Cross

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 –

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

8:15AM - Wanda Maslanka

6:45PM - Prayer Service

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 –

HOLY THURSDAY

6:45PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper -
Most Rev. A. James Quinn

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 –

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

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

12:00PM - 3:00PM - Eucharistic Adoration

3:00PM - Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 –

HOLY SATURDAY

11:00AM - Blessing of Easter Food

8:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 –

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

9:00AM - People of the Parish

11:00AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance



Financial Blessings

Collection for March 21st.....	\$5,316.00
Faith Direct for 3/15.....	\$4,058.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,928.00
Votives.....	\$94.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness. (Phil 2:7)

Gospel:

They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. (Mk 15:17-19)

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON: Karen Plank

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...

So – are you **READY?** Palm Sunday is here, but I need to ask – *do you remember* the start of Lent, back worrying about ashes being smeared or sprinkled? Do you remember the snow storm on Christmas Eve? Do you remember (*maybe*) even the new guy starting in July, or even the Diocese announcing last year that churches were shuttering until things were safer with the virus matters? It seems like all of this *time has simply flown by*, and we are looking down the aisle of **Palm Sunday**. **Yes**, many of us have more *Palm Sundays* behind us than we would like to admit. But let’s look at these familiar readings with a different lens this year. Let’s look at the readings and the **Holy Week events** *differently* – *enlighten* of the virus, our life changes, and our years. Let us use that “well-trained tongue” from Isaiah to greet people and complement others. Let’s maybe even use that tongue to profess Jesus to others, as instructed in Paul’s letter. Let us (*most of all...*) look at these **Passion readings**, in **a new light** and from **a new angle**. The only way we will grow is if we try something new this year. *So let everyone else call us crazy* – and *let’s grow closer to our God in a new way* this year.

Fr. Mike

The *Parish Pastoral Council* is turning up the speed on the meetings and planning for the **75th Anniversary** events. The calls are going out for more *help with networking to school alumni* **and** *even past parishioners*. The group is stirring an excitement that is abuzz in the rectory office. Despite being sworn to (trying to) keep a secret on the planning, I will say – *Get excited!* We will be doing things, *probably never even thought possible*. But, given the guidelines of; a) make it *fun*, b) make it inclusive for everyone, c) make it a time to pull the parish together and c) make it *extra fun*. Now, (*equal time...*) we are also looking at a few “**spiritual**” events to be held throughout the year as well. Look at the information in the bulletin, ask around and get involved. *This will be a great time to volunteer a spouse or kids to get them out of your hair for a bit and engaged with the parish.* **Plus** – it will be *fun!*

THANKFUL CORNER

We would like to thank all of the Ministries who have helped lead us in the Stations of the Cross. We thank Frank Budziak, our Pastoral Associate, for organizing these Tuesday evenings. Our thanks goes out to: The Women’s Guild, The Youth Group, PSR and our students and teachers from St. Thomas More School who each lead 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.



Congratulations and welcome Mason Zeszotek who was baptized on March 21st at St. Thomas More. God bless you!

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of: **Robert Kristof.**

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

“Become aware of God, in whose presence you are while you pray...Then take a formula of prayer and recite it with perfect attention both to the words you are saying and to the Person to whom you are saying them.”

*St. John Climacus (579-649),
Author of Ladder of Divine Ascent,
Feast Day: March 30th*

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VOCATION CORNER

For those in the Diaconate Program at St. Mary Seminary

To learn more visit dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/clergy-religious/diaconate. Please keep those men 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 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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. For more information, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good.friday.



Please remember Sean Acierno
in your prayers. God grant him eternal rest.



Bill Barrett, Peggy & Larry Bennett, Donna Biehl, Bob Bonus, Sr., George Bouchahine, Avianna Burgos, Samantha Call, J. Caraballo, Jeremy Cheetham, Meagan & Levi Chisholm, John & Kathy Cigas, Frank Colonna, Gladys Colon, Patricia & Robert Coombes, Mary Ann Cowgill, Marge Davis, Baby Divina, Diana Downes, Pierce Downing, David Elmore, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek, Arielah Feliciana, Maureen Finneran, Michael Frey, Norma Gademer, Alice Gruden, Terri Hammond, Bobby Hengood, Ed Hengood, Sr., Patricia Hinko, Ida Jean Hopkins, Heather Hudak, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Mick Jones, Sr. Ignatius Jones, SIW, Doris Kaczmarek, Ann Marie Kaczmarek, Ava Kaspar-Hernandez, Jesse Kazimer, Gene Klemanek, Melissa Korhely, Michael Kovach, Stefani Krese, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Martha & George Kysil, Barbara Laughlin, Bill Malames, Arthur Markee, Theodore Maslanka, Richard McClelland, Jeff McCormick, Anne McElroy, Vinny Mercurio, Tim Misch, John Misch, Arlene Mobley, Mills & Lillian Mooney, Rafaela Morales, James Mortach, Dale Nagy, Iola Natal, Jayne Neelon, Peg Nicholay, Betty Novatny, Christine Marie Nugent, Fr. Jim O'Donnell, Fr. Dennis O'Grady, Marilyn Olsen, Ellen Omilanowski, Jean Palumbo, Jennifer Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Jack Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Aurora Pelleschi, Sally Phillips, Doris Polander, Samantha & Baby Polidori, Bryan Poole, Mary Ellen Popovich, Paula Ritter, Tino Rodriguez, Ricky Rodriguez, Ed Rogers, Bob & Audrey Roginsky, Mary Ryba, Haley Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Alexis Simecek, Memphis Charles & Myles David Sparks, Jennifer Stancato, Alice Stokes, Marlene Sutowski, John Szill, Sean Szill, Cynthia Tedesco, Therese, Mary Ann & Tom, Debbie Tomusko, Lorrie Turner, Juliana Turner, Joy Turner, Pam Turner, Bill & Joanne Uhl, Jim Viets, Emilee Walsh, Patricia Ann Werley, Karen Willett, Grayson Wilmot, Erica Wilmot, Betty Wozniak, Meg Zalar and Stephanie Ziolkowski. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for the month.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Free Community Easter Dinner - On Sunday, April 4th from 12-2PM. Take-Out Only. Delivery limited to the Old Brooklyn area. Call by March 30th to be added to the list (216-749-2323). Please drive to the back doors of the Parish Center and your meals will be brought out to you!

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030

Pre-Cana - Pre-Cana has gone virtual. This year's retreat is digital. You can find all the information needed on the Pre-Cana registration form on the parish website at <https://stcharlesonline.org/pre-cana>.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Great Sweepstakes - Don't forget to sign up for the Great Sweepstakes weekly drawing. Forms are available online at leothegreat.org or at the rectory office.



Monday, March 29th:
Mass at 8:15AM

Tuesday, March 30th:
Mass at 6:45PM
Stations of the Cross at 7:15PM

Wednesday, March 31st:
Mass at 8:15AM
Prayer Service at 6:45PM

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 1st:
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:45PM
Eucharistic Adoration until 10PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 2nd:
Outdoor Stations of the Cross at 12PM
Eucharistic Adoration from 12-3PM
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3PM

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 3rd:
Blessing of Easter Food at 11AM
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 4th:
Mass at 9AM
Mass at 11AM



LENTEN REMINDERS

Ash Wednesday, February 17th and Good Friday, April 2nd, are days 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). All Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. **Prayer** opportunities include the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday evenings immediately following the 6:45PM Mass (around 7:15ish). An **almsgiving** opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl. **Confession** opportunities include Saturdays from 3-4pm.

CRS RICE BOWL

Serving the Suffering Christ: As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let's reflect on how our Lord suffered from indifference: those who proclaimed him king of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us? Visit **crs-ricebowl.org** to learn more.

DISCIPLESHIP SURVEY

Faithful throughout the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland are invited to participate in a survey that allows them to reflect on their spiritual growth and discipleship and to help assess the spiritual health of parish life.

The survey deadline has been extended to **April 19th**.

The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey is accessible online at:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/k03a72a3a7>

or visit our St. Thomas More web site (www.stmparish.net) for a link to the survey. Paper copies are available at the rectory and the main entrance to the church as well as a drop off box for completed forms. If you need any additional information, please call the rectory

The survey is anonymous and the information will be used by the Diocese of Cleveland to help parishes and priests thrive in ministry.

- Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39
- Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/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, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 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 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42
- Saturday: *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] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1 -7
- 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 Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

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PARISH CENSUS

We thank everyone who has taken a few minutes to complete the parish census. This census stays here at the parish to update information and have accurate parishioner records. If you have not completed a census form, please take a few minutes to do so. The census can be accessed on our website by visiting

stmparish.net/census

Paper forms are available at the rectory and at the main entrance to the church where they can be dropped off as well. For any additional information, please call the rectory.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

One year ago, we communicated initial concerns regarding COVID 19 and the possible impact on school communities. Needless to say, as we fast forward to our current reality, the magnitude of this pandemic has been felt worldwide. No family has been left untouched. That said, the response carried out by the St. Thomas More School community has been nothing short of heroic. A unified effort has allowed STM to remain open and serve students in-person and through remote learning. There have been and will continue to be challenges that require an ability to “pivot”, problem solve, and communicate. We will stay the course for the remainder of the year with both remote and in-person learning with hope for the future of all students returning to in-person learning, and continue our belief in **“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”**

As we start fourth quarter and begin our home stretch for the 2020-2021 school year, we focus on the upcoming school year. Re-registration has concluded and registrations are open for any new families interested in a St. Thomas More education. Tours are offered daily for all who are interested in grades Preschool through Grade 8. Please call the school office to schedule a tour at (216) 749-1660.

St. Thomas More School offers a quality education to all students. Families living in a suburb outside of Cleveland, i.e., Brooklyn, Parma, North Olmsted, BrookPark etc. can receive free tuition through the Ed Choice or Ed Choice Expansion Scholarship. If you are interested in learning more and applying for this opportunity, please contact the school principal, Jennifer Francis, at 216-749-1660 x224.

Jennifer Francis,
Principal

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 with your name (as it was at graduation), married name (if applicable) and your year of graduation.

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Watch for this logo to pop up all around the campus this year!

March 8th: founding of the parish
April 7th: anniversary
of the first Mass.



There are special “75th Anniversary” envelopes in the back of church and are also available at the rectory.

More exciting details to come.....

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Parish Pastoral Council has been busy working on our 75th Anniversary, but need your help! They are looking for parishioners who are willing to head up and lead events or are interested in assisting as well. We are also looking for network leaders who can connect with alumni and former parishioners to reach out and contact them about our events. Please call the rectory if you are interested.

Celebrating 75 Years of Building Our Faith

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not “skip” Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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