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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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SATURDAY, MAY 24 – VIGIL

\*4:30 PM - Elizabeth Gremm

SUNDAY, MAY 25 –

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 AM - Past & Present STM Benefactors

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 26 –

ST. PHILIP NERI

9:00 AM - Service Men & Women of the Parish

TUESDAY, MAY 27 –

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

6:45 PM - Mary Ellen Yasko

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 –

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - James Banasik

THURSDAY, MAY 29 –

ST. PAUL VI

FRIDAY, MAY 30 –

EASTER WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 31 –

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:15 AM - May Birthdays

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 –

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

\*9:00 AM - Sean Whitlock

\*11:00 AM - Diana Vargo

\*Mass of Remembrance

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, May 26

RECTORY CLOSED



Tuesday, May 27

1:00 PM Women's Guild Board Meeting - Rectory

2:00 PM St. Elias Mobile Food Pantry -

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

Thursday, May 29

1:00 PM 60+ Club - Utopia Hall

Saturday, May 31

Utopia Rental

Parish Festival

2025 ST. THOMAS MORE FESTIVAL

On Sunday, June 22nd, the parish will have a celebration of our patron saint, St. Thomas More. The day will be filled with food, entertainment and family activities.

Tickets are available at all church entrances and at the rectory. Tickets for our \$10,000 raffle are \$5.00 each (8 tickets to a sheet). Tickets can be dropped into the collection basket or at the rectory.

Congratulations to Adam Panak who won the third week's drawing for \$100. Get your tickets in for the last May drawing!

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

If you are interested in helping at this year's festival, please call the rectory. Our biggest need for volunteers is for the set up on Saturday, June 21st and the clean up after the festival.

Donations - Thank you for all of the donations that have been coming in. We are now collecting Gift Cards!

FESTIVAL AD BOOK

Unfortunately, we will not be putting together an Ad Book for this year's festival. Thank you to those who reached out with interest in placing ads. We will definitely get this into next year's festival!

Financial Blessings

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Collection for May 18th (\$3,098.00), Maintenance (\$1,085.00), and Student's Weekly Offering (\$65.00).

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.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

The Lord be with you! I want to give an update about what we hope to do for our church's roofs this summer. Although we know a great deal, we still have a few open questions.

St. Thomas More Church has three distinct roof systems. There is a lower flat roof that surrounds the church's nave and can be assessed by an internal ladder. On top of the church's nave are two different roof systems: the dome and the upper ring roof, which I sometimes call the "doughnut." The doughnut is a standard membrane roof, but the dome is unique. Composed of multiple layers the dome appears to have an original asphalt layer, several layers of insulation, and an original grid matrix for coatings.

In 2014 Legacy Roofing installed the present lower roof and the upper ring roof using a rubberized membrane. These roofing systems have a twenty year life span and should continue to function even beyond that, which definitely appears to be the case for the lower roof. Both the upper ring and lower roof use internal drains to get the water off the building. The lower roof appears to be in a good order and the water drains away in a normal way.

Unfortunately, the upper ring roof has not been draining water correctly. If you look at the upper roof deck - the structure of the building that looks like the rim of a hat - anyone can see the parts have fallen out. Obviously, water made its way into the roof deck and damaged it, but when and how are questions that we cannot answer. Our maintenance staff have witnessed water flowing over the side retaining wall during especially heavy rains. Such water flow should not happen and strongly suggested that the upper ring roof has drainage issues or a flawed membrane.

What about the dome? We have evidence that its outer layer is beginning to fail - moisture has been found inside. Also, a visual inspection of it reveals discoloration that strongly suggests that the outer layer has been compromised. Every roofer who has gone on the roof also points to the flashing bridging the upper roof and the dome as being in need of replacement.

If the upper ring membrane is sound, the upper ring needs its drainage revised or repaired. If its membrane is not good, then we need to replace that membrane. Once that is established, we can move forward with replacing the dome roof. We must not void a warranty on the upper ring roof when replacing the dome, so we have to make sure that work is well documented.

As so often happens when you have interconnected systems, a problem in one might seem like the problem in another. Roofing systems usually only last 25 years. With three different roofing systems, St. Thomas More Church will usually be dealing with a major roof revision every eight years. That is just the law of averages. If we use the same kind of membrane for each roof, we should have an easier time diagnosing issues in the future. Moreover, if we take the time to inspect the roof annually, we should be able to extend these membranes beyond their warranty. By the middle of June, I hope to have a definitive plan for the roofs of our church. When I have more information, I will share it here. God bless.

In His Sacred Heart,  
*Fr. John*

## TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

**Judy Sticha.**

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. **Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2025.**

## MEMORIAL DAY

Please note that Mass will be at 9am on Monday, May 26th and the rectory will be closed.

## SAINT QUOTE

*"Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if he wants anything of you, He will fit you for the work and give you strength."*

St. Philip Neri (1515-1595),  
Priest, Founder - order of Priests,  
Feast Day: May 26

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

## 60+ CLUB

Join us on Thursday, May 29th at 1pm in Utopia Hall for our next gathering.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Baby Elijah, JoAnn Bartkiw, Albert Becerra, Barbara Behlke, Michael Bogucki, Robert Bonus, Jr., Dennis Bunday, Avianna Burgos, Nancy Butler, Michael C., John Callahan, Tracey Carlisle & Toni, 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, 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, Marsha Pietrasz, 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, Tom Wenderoth, Leroy & Patricia Werley, Norma Westrick, Jan Woytek, 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 William Duta, Domenica Basich, Chris Emmanuel, Deacon Charles Pete Moore, and Donna Boryk. God grant them eternal rest.

## ST. ELIAS

St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Pantry on Tuesday, May 27th, from 3:30-5:30pm. If you are able to help, please arrive at 2pm to get the food packed and ready!

## CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a charismatic **Pentecost Mass Celebration, Sunday, June 8th**, at St. Julie Billiart Church, 5500 Lear Nagel Rd., North Ridgeville 44039. The celebration will start at 2:00 p.m. with praise and worship. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. After Mass, there will be an opportunity for individual prayer for healing, and there will also be fellowship time. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445. All are invited to celebrate Pentecost as a community and join in as we pray, in power, for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

**Memorial Day Mass - Monday, May 26, 2025**  
Join us for the celebration of Mass to honor those who gave their lives serving God and country. Mass will be held at several cemetery locations and times vary. Masses hosted at cemeteries except All Saints, St. Joseph, and Calvary Lorain, will be outdoors. Please bring your own seating and an umbrella if the weather is inclement. The Mass at All Saints, St. Joseph, and Calvary Lorain will be indoors. The Mass at St. Mary Cemetery in Elyria is being celebrated at St. Agnes Parish. Masses hosted at parishes are indoors. For more information visit [clecem.org](http://clecem.org) or email Rhonda Abrams at [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org).

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 31/June 1

<b>MASS</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>CELEBRANT</b>
4:30 PM	*Terri Cottos Nina Ferguson Sheryl Finohr Jill Parks	Steve Cottos Peggy Palumbo (1)	Noah Nguyen Blake Liebert	Rev. John Schneider
9:00 AM	*Heather Roberts Chris Koch Dolores Hules Vern Recker	Mary Lou LoBue Jaclene Zauszniewski	Holly Roberts	Rev. Don Snyder
11:00 AM	*Sue Poole Madelyn Koranda Heather Miksch Bernie Barker	Barbara Kish Patty Riegling	Alexia Torres Danny Coughlin	Rev. John Schneider

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

## ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

It is hard to believe that the school year is finished. Middle school students learned a lot this year about academics, themselves, and their spiritual journey. Seventh grade bonded together watching the selection of Pope Leo XIV and talked about the memories they would have watching it together in class. They had great conversations beforehand discussing who would make a great candidate for the Pope and were excited to see that the new Pope is from America.

We wrapped up the year finishing our math units on geometry and statistics. Students learned about measuring, finding area/volume, moving shapes on a coordinate plane and finding the central tendencies of data. We concluded science with eighth grade creating motion projects that displayed what they learned about in class. Students created marble roller coasters, cars, egg drop containers and video games. In seventh grade, they started to get into the basics of the periodic table, atoms and elements. Sixth grade finished learning about the human body systems. We are looking forward to a relaxing summer vacation.



Mrs. Stefanie Relic  
Middle School Math/Science

## CONGRATULATIONS!

God bless our 8th graders who were confirmed on Saturday, May 24th at Mary Queen of Peace.

## 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Anyone married in 1975 is invited to the 50th Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass on Sunday, June 29th at 2pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. There is no registration for the event. To request a special certificate, visit [dioceseofcleveland.org](http://dioceseofcleveland.org) under Offices - Parish Life - Marriage & Family Ministry.

## FATHER'S DAY CARDS

The Women's Guild will be selling Father's Day cards before and after all Masses on May 31st & June 1st and June 7th & 8th. They will also be available in the rectory. The price of the cards are \$3 for living fathers and \$1 for deceased fathers. All fathers registered will be remembered at five Masses throughout the year.

## GARDENS

If you are interested in volunteering to help take care of one of the gardening areas around the campus, please call the rectory.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Christopher Cotone, Kyle Rosser, James Hawkins, Jeffrey Lindholm, James Parisi, Ryan Arto, Brian Peters, and Anthony Donatelli.**

were ordained on Saturday, May 17th.

Please keep the newly ordained and all seminarians in your prayers, as we continue to pray for vocations. Please feel free to let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers by sending cards to them at St. Mary Seminary 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe OH 44092.

# AVAILABLE NOW!

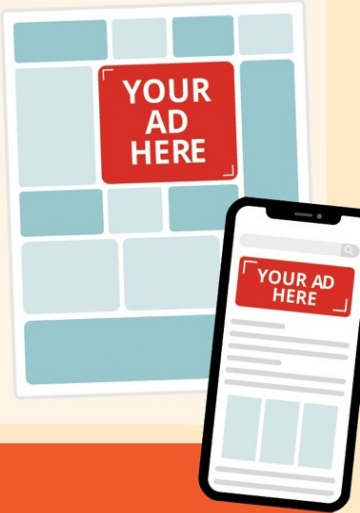
## PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

**The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated**

**Kelly Sweeney** from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

**Church bulletin advertising** is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

**Digital advertising** allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on [ParishesOnline.com](http://ParishesOnline.com) — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



**KELLY SWEENEY**  
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St. Thomas More Parish Calendar  
June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 Praying the Sunday Readings 9:30am	4	5	6 Utopia Rental	7 Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30 - 4:15pm Rosary before Mass
8 <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> Rosary before Masses	9	10 Women's Guild Installation Luncheon 11:30am	11	12 Utopia Rental	13 Utopia Rental	14 Confessions 3:30 - 4:15pm 
15 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> 	16	17	18	19	20 	21 Confessions 3:30 - 4:15pm
22 Feast of St. Thomas More Eucharistic Procession following the 11am Mass <b>ST. THOMAS MORE FESTIVAL 12:30-7pm</b> 	23	24 St. Elias Food Pantry 2pm	25 	26 60+ Club 1pm	27	28 Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30 - 4:15pm 2nd Collection: Peter's Pence
29 Utopia Rental 2nd Collection: Peter's Pence 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at 2pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist	30					