

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 - 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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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, OCTOBER 22 -

VIGIL

*4:30PM - Conrad Wallen

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 -

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Mary Schroeder

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 -

ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

8:15AM - Bob Poole

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 -

WEEKDAY

6:45PM - Women's Guild

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Dan Veloski

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 -

WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 -

SS. SIMON & JUDE

8:15AM - Ruth Altenburg - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - October Birthdays

*4:30PM - Gerald Driscoll

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 -

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - Josephine Lancaster

11:00AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

NEXT SUNDAY IS PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY!

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for October 16th \$3,527.00

Maintenance \$1,337.00

Student's Weekly Offering (11 Envelopes) \$44.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

CUB SCOUT BAKE SALE

The Cub Scouts will hold a bake sale after all Masses this weekend.

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.

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the faith community of St. Thomas More, a Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn, Ohio, are centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. By following the actions and teachings of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to build God's kingdom.

We seek to:

Celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist, his work and the community.

Pass on our faith and tradition.

Strengthen, love and support all of God's people

Nurture our gifts and share them with others.

Invite and welcome all who are in need of God.

FAITH DIRECT

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

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

The *Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time* invites us to “**keep it simple...**” This weekend we hear of the poor, justice vs. injustice, prayer, and much more as we contemplate these readings. The sudden cold weather should not only call us into remembering those next few months of “*white stuff*” ahead of us, but (hopefully) call us to think of those who will really be cold and without the blessings we have as resources.

The *First Reading* from the **Book of Sirach** is from a section which speaks of the true worship of **God** that goes beyond the sacrificial worship by following the commandments to avoid injustice. Even **St. Paul** reminds **Timothy** and the others to stay firm in his teaching of the faith, as **God** will give them strength (and all of us, too)! **Jesus** uses the parable of the **Pharisee** and the tax collector to show how our prayer can be simple, as we humble ourselves before **God**. Remember the phrase, “*I’m sorry*” as one of the hardest phrases to speak in a relationship? Now imagine the humility to say, “*O God, be merciful to me a sinner.*” Simple, yet justified... Why make it more than it needs to be? Keep it simple, and humble ~ ... *be merciful to me a sinner, O God...*

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor’s Desk:

The financial report for the 2021-2022 year being presented and Friar Johnpaul celebrating all of the Masses last weekend was not on purpose to avoid any questions concerning the numbers. Rather, I felt that it was important to get the annual report into your hands once it was available to all of us and (**honestly**) I just needed a break. The past few weeks have been busy and this current week is not any different. The various inspections and reports on the church dome roof are all being discussed with the Diocese Facilities Services Department, as this will be our next major challenge. Once I have more definitive information, I will be sure to share this with you, as we know that the organ work is closely linked to the roof situation.

Shifting gears, though... I do want to thank all of the cooks and judges who helped out with the Chili Cook-Off last weekend. The hard work of the volunteers successfully brought together a great evening of food, fellowship, and baseball to Utopia Hall. The fun was shared by all! It was really nice to see the improvements made possible with the funds from last year’s **#WeGiveCatholic** campaign shared with the “clean-up” of the hall and the work on the bathrooms. People noticed the nice difference a year made for that area of the campus. Thank you to everyone who helped with last year’s campaign and donations through-out the year.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of
Joe & Dolores Hules.

Please continue to pray for our host families as they share their home with our Traveling Madonna. Please call the rectory to sign-up to host the Traveling Madonna in 2023.

THANKFUL CORNER

Thank you to all those who attended our First Annual Chili Cook-Off. Thanks to the volunteers and those who participated in the competition. There were many great dishes, but the prizes went to: (1) Eric & Kathi Van Horn, (2) Ray & Diana Parkison and (3) Brian & Kristin Spring. Thanks again and we can't wait until next year!

**VOCATION CORNER****Poor Clare Sisters**

To learn more visit poorclare.org. Please keep all of the Sisters 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 Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, 3501 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, 44111 or the Adoration Monastery, 4108 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, 44103.

SAINT QUOTE

“Keep yourselves in the love of God and wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. On those who waver, have mercy; save others by snatching them out of the fire; on others have mercy with fear, abhorring even the outer garment stained by the flesh.”

St. Jude (d. 65AD),
Patron of Desperate Situations,
Feast Day: October 28th

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

Prayer REQUESTS

Theodore Antrum, Jack Baker, Frank Bielski, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara & Lloyd Bridle, Avianna Burgos, Eric Butler, Kellie Butler, Janet Call, Louie Catania, Jeremy Cheetham, Noelle, Brian & Dylan Clark, Elizabeth DeLeon, Diana & Greg Downes, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, Sr. Carole Anne Griswold, HM, John Hearn, Bobby Hengood, Doris Kaczmarek, Jesse Kazimer, Louie Kazimer, Tom Knippenberg, Melissa Korhely, Joan Kremser, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Charles & Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Babs Lowe, Madonna, Scott & Family, Jane McClure, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, Carol Meredith, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Kaitlyn Oatridge, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Augustus Petersen, Mary Ellen Popovich, Monica Puleo, Paula Ritter, Marty Rose, Mike Sekerak, Brigitte Seuffert, Alexis Simecek, Renate Sliwka, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Justine Steadley, Carol Swancer, Jane Szoke, George Tapocsi, Anthony Tedesco, Lillian Tuma, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Wayne, Rev. Robert Wenz, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, 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 until you call to have them removed.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember Leonard Moenich, Josephine Lancaster and Noreen Valentine in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Join the Ministry of Consolation on Sunday, November 20th at 2pm in Utopia Hall for "Tidings of Comfort & Joy: Hope for the Holidays". Our guest speaker, Cassandra Zabor (Zabor Funeral Homes), will do a presentation on grief management throughout the holidays.

ALL SOULS' DAY SERVICE

The St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation would like to personally invite you and your family to attend Mass on Tuesday, November 1st at 6:45pm in the church. After Mass we will remember all parishioners who have passed away from October 1, 2021 thru September 30, 2022. A special candle will be lit during Mass for your loved one that you will be able to take home and light in their memory.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Be the Lord's 'Witnesses' in Prayer and Support This World Mission Sunday

Today, World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us that in Baptism we are all called by the Lord to be His missionaries: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Joining Catholics worldwide this Sunday, we offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to the Pope's missions.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Pope to provide mission support to:

- 844,000 catechists teaching the faith
- 258,540 Religious Sisters caring for children and families
- 38,140 seminarians preparing for the priesthood
- 26 million children in primary schools
- 12,000 clinics caring for the sick and dying
- 8,750 homes for orphaned children and the elderly

Your prayers are most treasured, and they, along with financial help offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, answer Christ's call to be His witnesses. Thank you!

ST. THOMAS MORE'S YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS **TRUNK OR TREAT** **SUNDAY, OCT. 30, 2022 AT 2PM**



Registration Required to plan for space and candy

Please note, if you are bringing children to this event, it is expected that you will also pass out candy.

Parishioners without children are welcome to register for a spot to pass out candy as well.

 stmparish.net/trunkortreat

Scan QR Code
or visit website



Deadline to Register:
Oct 27, 2022

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

In Fifth and Fourth grade science, religion and social studies, we have been exploring a multitude of different content areas so far this year!

In Fifth grade, we have been studying outer space! Specifically, the universe as a whole. We have discussed the connect between the Big Bang Theory and our Christian beliefs on how God created everything! Furthermore, we have been studying the early native peoples of the western hemisphere, and how they adapted to the regions they settled in. Finally, we have discussed the Sacraments of Initiation, and just finished a unit on the Eucharist.

In 4th grade science we have just finished up a unit on the Earth's surface in which we have had mini labs exploring the different types of rocks on our planet. Also, we have been studying the early periods and people who lived in our state of Ohio! Finally, we have been discussing the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and how this forgiveness is a sign of God's love for us!

It has been a privilege thus far to educate such creative and studious minds in these subject areas, and I am truly excited to continue our studies!

Mr. Urban
Fifth and Fourth grade



St. Thomas More Parish is excited to form a children's choir for students in grades 1-8 interested in singing for weekend Mass. This first session is for Advent and Christmas. The children will sing at the 4:30 p.m. Saturday evening Vigil Masses on December 3, 10, 17, and Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th. (They will not practice or sing the week of Thanksgiving). Students should report to the choir area in the Church 15 minutes before Mass starts. Students are also required to be present at practice Wednesdays from 2:45-3:45. I will walk the students from St. Thomas More School across the parking lot at dismissal, and students from Brooklyn School can join us as soon as they are dismissed from school. There will be practice on Wednesday November 9, 16, 30, December 7 and 14. Information letters will be sent home with St. Thomas More school students. For more information and a permission slip, please email musicministry@stmparish.net.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

On Friday, October 7th, about 90 seventh and eighth graders from our parish and our cluster school guests attended the first Junior High Youth Group (JHYG) Dance of the year. These dances are in their 32nd year! The next dance is planned for December just before Christmas.

This weekend (Oct 23) our high school youth ministry gets started with Pizza, Prayer and Open Gym. ANY high school student, regardless of parish or school, is welcome from 6pm until 8pm in the parish gym. The event is free! If you have a high school student in your family, they are most welcome to enjoy the evening and they can bring their high school friends along from their schools.

Teens (and their parents) can get text updates by sending the word STMOREYM to 84576. In addition, parents can have their emails added to our email list by sending an email to youthministry@stmparish.net.

Our youth ministry provides both social and faith-based activities for junior high (7th-8th graders) and high school (9th-12th graders). In addition, the group offers a variety of service projects throughout the year.

Next weekend, our group hosts the annual Trunk or Treat at 2pm. If you have yet to register your car for a spot, please visit stmparish.net/trunkortreat.

God bless,
Jeff Stutzman
Youth Minister

#weGIVECATHOLIC
with the Catholic Community Foundation November 29, 2022
Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

On Tuesday, November 29, 2022, from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., St. Thomas More is participating in #WeGiveCatholic, Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving. Please support us with your donation on that day by going to www.wegivecatholic.org -- search for St. Thomas More, then click "Donate." Your donation will go a long way toward helping us. Mark your calendar, then Give Catholic on Giving Tuesday.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL CANDLES

In the month of November, we remember our beloved dead. This year, why not honor them with a Memorial Candle? This Memorial Candle will have their name inscribed on it and will be lit for the whole month of November. Candles are \$25 for a new candle and \$20 if you are returning your 2021 candle. Forms are available at the rectory.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - ROSARY

Next weekend, October 29th & 30th, one half hour before all Masses, a member of the Knights of Columbus will lead us in the rosary. Come early and join us!

GENTLE WOMAN FELLOWSHIP

An inter-parish group meets on First Fridays at St. Clarence Parish Center (30106 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted, 44070). On Friday, November 4th, we are having Sister Jane Reisinger, SND, a returning speaker from past years. Her fifty-five years of ministry involved teaching junior high for twenty-nine years, and being a pastoral associate at St. Mary of the Falls and St. Thomas More Parish in Brooklyn, where she is currently serving in this ministry. Come to hear her inspirational talk and then go out and spread her wisdom to family, friends and others. You must call the number below if you will be attending the Mass or gathering.

Schedule of Activities:

8:30am attend Mass in the chapel

9am pray the rosary in the chapel

9:30am gather in classroom 8 for coffee and a snack followed by Sister Jane's talk.

All women are welcome! Come and bring a friend. For questions and reservations, please contact Mary Tschanz at 440-235-6258.

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

Bottles can be returned the weekend of October 29-30. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

THANKSGIVING MEAL PROGRAM

The City of Brooklyn in conjunction with St. Thomas More is sponsoring its annual Thanksgiving meal program. If your family could use assistance this Thanksgiving, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414 by Monday, November 7th.

ST. ELIAS

St. Elias will hold their Mobile Food Pantry this Tuesday, October 26th, from 3-5pm. If you are able to help, please arrive by 2pm to get the food packed and ready!

WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds. (Sir 35:21)

Psalm:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. (2 Tm 4:8)

Gospel:

"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Lk 18:14)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2022

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cd/f/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10 ©LPI



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