

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

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Lorrie Wenmoth
Music Director

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

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Youth Minister



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 -

VIGIL

*4:30PM - Gerald Driscoll

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 -

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Josephine Lancaster

11:00AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

5:00PM - Living & Deceased of the Hreha Family



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 -

ALL SAINTS

8:15AM - Lucille Messuri - Student Liturgy

11:15AM - Mary Jane Lisowski

6:45PM - Florence Dolinak

7:30PM - All Souls' Day Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 -

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

8:15AM - James Banasik

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3 -

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 -

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

8:15AM - McClelland Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 -

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Nancy Folcik

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 -

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Leonard Moenich

11:00AM - Margaret & Clarence Smith -
60th Anniversary

*Mass of Remembrance



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for October 23rd \$3,469.00
Faith Direct as of 10/15 \$4,835.50
Maintenance \$887.00
Student's Weekly Offering (18 Envelopes) \$71.00
Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

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 *Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time* brings us to **Jesus** calling us *out of our comfort zones*. The *First Reading* from the **Book of Wisdom** is from a section speaking of **God's** deliverance of **Israel** from Egypt. The wonder of **God's** control over the forces of nature and the endless mercy from **God**. The letter to the **Thessalonians** speaks of the "...day of the **Lord** is at hand." The time is here for us to stand-up and be counted. The short passage from St. Luke's gospel tells the story of the tax collector, **Zacchaeus**. **Jesus** is entering the town and **Zacchaeus** climbs the tree for a better view, which begs the question – was **Jesus** short and not able to be seen, or was **Zacchaeus** short and not able to see **Jesus**, interesting to think about... **BUT**, given **Zacchaeus** is now in the tree, able to see above the crowd, safe and away from the crowd, and (maybe) even thinking he's outsmarted the crowd since now he can see – what does **Jesus** do? He calls **Zacchaeus** down from the tree, out of his comfort zone, and (even) humbled a bit since he didn't outsmart **Jesus**. Question for us all this week: What will it take for us to come down out of the tree, out of our comfort zone, and (yes, even) humble ourselves *to grow closer* to our **God**, **Jesus**, and the **Holy Spirit**?

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

The change of the seasons will be bringing the change of our focus now as a parish, family of faith, and community. The financial numbers have been presented and the questions have been answered, for those who have been asking to learn more about the workings of the parish. I am glad to see the interest and the growing engagement of the parish. The maintenance projects for the exterior will be moving inside and the "battle of the falling leaves" will continue for a bit more around the campus. We'll be closing the books on the 2021-22 financials and repairs, and move ahead into 2022-23. Thanks to the hard work of the rectory team and the Parish Financial Council, it's all good!

The next few weeks you will hear about the **#WeGiveCatholic** campaign held just after Thanksgiving, which is a fundraising event. We are gathering helpful give-away prizes for the day. There also may be some talk about **Legacy Giving**, which we will be inter-woven with *Future Planning* and *Basic Financial Understanding* talks. The tagline we used back in 2020 was "Building for our Future", and now will be the time to continue the talks about our future. Despite the craziness of the political campaign season, we are really doing well here at St. Thomas More, so thank you all.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of
Jim & Paulette Higgins.

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 the Sacristans, the Mop and Glow team and all the other "elves" who keep our worship space so clean and tidy.

BOOK STUDY

Beth Brandt's book study will NOT meet on Tuesday, November 1st, due to the All Souls' Service, but will meet on Tuesday, November 8th.

PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOKLET

We are offering a new opportunity this year: a prayer intention booklet is located at the Mary and Joseph altar where you can write down your intentions so we can pray for them.

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

"If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out...Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter...Do not give yourself to others so completely that you have nothing left for yourself."

St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584),
Bishop, Patron of Spiritual Leaders,
Feast Day: November 4th

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

Prayer REQUESTS

Theodore Antrum, Albert Becerra, 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 Josephine Lancaster, Noreen Valentine and Frank Bielski 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.

2023 BREAKING BREAD MISSALS

The missal, which includes all of the Sunday readings for the year, as well as hymns and songs we use during mass, will be available for purchase for \$12. Cash or check (made payable to St. Thomas More Parish).

Order deadline is Wednesday November 1, 2022.

Breaking Bread Order form

Name _____

Contact phone number _____

Number of Missals requested _____

2021 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for 2023 will become available on Wednesday, November 16th at the rectory starting at 9am until 3pm. A donation of \$10 is requested for each intention. The Mass intentions will only be for the weekday and Saturday 8:15am Masses. **To ensure that everyone is able to schedule their Masses, at this time you may only schedule TWO (2) Masses per family.**

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.

PRISON MINISTRY

The letter writing ministry to prisoners is seeking additional help. There are many more clients now than we have letter writers. "I was in prison and you came to me," Mt 25:36. This is a profound, simple and safe way to fulfill the Gospel message. To bring hope where there is hopelessness. All correspondence is through the parish - there is no direct contact. Please contact the rectory or Deacon Don if you would like to help or you have any questions.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thanks for your participation in World Mission Sunday last weekend! Through your generous contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, you are Christ's witnesses, building the Church in the Pope's missions around the world, feeding the poor, and aiding the missionaries who are sharing the Gospel worldwide. May God bless you for your compassionate missionary spirit!

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

This week in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are wrapping up a number of different units. In 6th grade, they have been learning about Mesopotamia and why people created civilizations on rivers. They will be wrapping up this unit on Friday with a unit test. Next week, they will be making their own civilization and building their cities. In 7th grade, we will be finishing our unit on Ancient Rome with a unit test on Thursday. We will then be looking at Christianity and how it spread through Rome. In 8th grade history, we will continue to look at what led to the Revolutionary War. In English, for each class, we will be creating Spooky Stories in honor of Halloween coming up.

Ms. Elizabeth
Funfgeld
6th Grade
Teacher



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.

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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

The weekend of November 12th & 13th, food will be collected for the City of Brooklyn Food Collection which will serve the needy in our area. Please bring ONLY items that would be used for a Thanksgiving dinner, such as stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables/corn, canned fruit, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie filling and crust or some other type of dessert. Donations can be dropped off in the church library. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

YOUR TAXES CAN BENEFIT OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Make a charitable donation to the new Angel Scholarship Fund and "turn tax dollars into tuition" through an Ohio income tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1,500 if married filing jointly) against your 2022 state tax liability. Donations can be designated to benefit St. Thomas More or another school in the Diocese of Cleveland. For more information, go to www.catholiccommunity.org/angel.

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Join MQP on Sunday, November 6th, for their 10th Annual Christmas Market from 9:30am to 1:30pm. Handcrafted items ~ One-of-a-kind gifts ~ Local crafters ~ Tinned Christmas cookies to give as gifts ~ Frozen pierogis for sale ~ Christmas Market lounge with food ~ Craft basket raffle ~ Free Admission

#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.

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.

BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION

All baby bottles need to be turned in this weekend. If you have forgotten your bottle, please drop it off at the rectory this week. Thank you for your generosity!



Diocese of Cleveland
**PRIESTHOOD
SUNDAY**
October 30, 2022

Priesthood Sunday is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church. Please join in prayer and appreciation for the priests of the Diocese of Cleveland who minister to us.

CLepriesthood.org
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WEEKLY CONTENT

First Reading:

But you have mercy on all, because you can do all things; and you overlook people's sins that they may repent. For you love all things that are and loathe nothing that you have made. (Wis 11:23-24)

Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

We always pray for you, ... that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, in accord with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thes 1:11-12)

Gospel:

"Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." (Lk 19:9-10)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 2022

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

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2

Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

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TRIENNIAL NATION COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

Next Sunday, November 6th, our Diocese will be participating in the National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services USA. Donations help minister to the 1.8 million faithful throughout the U.S. and around the globe who serve to protect. They are the Catholic military men and women, Veterans, and their families, who are a part of this global Archdiocese.