

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

Office Manager

Melissa Wensing

Business Manager

John Mastandrea

Development

Lorrie Wenmoth

Music Director

Terri Sozio

Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman

Youth Minister



St. Thomas More School
PreSchool thru 8th Grade

Meg Cosgriff - Principal
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ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

BROOKLYN, OH 44144



SATURDAY, MARCH 25 -

VIGIL

*4:30 PM - Donald Hangauer

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 -

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*9:00 AM - Ryan Lingenfelter

11:00 AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 27 -

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

TUESDAY, MARCH 28 -

LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:45 PM - Theodore & Wanda Maslanka

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 -

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Repko Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 30 -

LENTEN WEEKDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 -

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Joseph Valencik - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 -

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 AM - Steven Olowinski

4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 -

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

9:00 AM - Past & Present Benefactors

*11:00 AM - Henry Pepera

*Mass of Remembrance

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Collection for March 19th \$3,247.00

Faith Direct as of 3/15 \$1,970.00

Maintenance \$1,028.00

Faith Direct Maintenance \$480.00

Student's Weekly Offering (18 Envelopes) \$88.50

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

FAITH DIRECT

Enroll online at faith.direct/OH684. Have questions?

Please email info@faithdirect.net or call toll free

1-866-507-8757.

Monday, March 27

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Practice - Gym

7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Rectory

Tuesday, March 28

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

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Practice - Gym

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM PSR - School

Wednesday, March 29

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Practice - Gym

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM PTU Meeting - Utopia Hall

7:00 PM Choir Practice - Church

Thursday, March 30

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Practice - Gym

6:45 PM - 8:00 PM Cub Scouts - Utopia Hall

Friday, March 31

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Practice - Gym

Saturday, April 1 Utopia Rental

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mother/Daughter Event - Gym

Sunday, April 2 PALM SUNDAY

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Egg-Strata-Ganza - Utopia Hall

2:30 PM - 3:45 PM Book Study - Church

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2023

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

This second half of the Lenten season brings us not only into the third week of the scrutinies, but also into deeper and (even) more direct readings on Jesus as the **Messiah**, the savior of the world!

The *First Reading* mentions twice about “opening the graves...” which is very interesting when you have in the reading from the *Gospel of St. John* of **Jesus** raising **Lazarus** from the dead. Out of the tomb **Jesus** brings him out! **St. Paul**, then also tells the **Romans** (and all of us) that this same spirit dwells in all of us. This should give all of us the hope to not only push through the second half of Lent, but also further beyond! The *Responsorial Psalm* sums it all up clearly as it signs, “*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*” Our own redemption, into eternal life with **God**, **Jesus**, the **Holy Spirit**, **Mary** and all the saints!

Fr. Mike

From the Pastor's Desk:

This is **a special thank you** to the family who donated the beautiful Mary statue *and* the volunteers who helped install it in the area near the west side of the church. It will be a nice addition to the garden on this side of the church and something that allows for another “*drive-up prayer spot*”. This will be the third drive-up prayer spot for the campus, so thank you to all.

The Holy Week and Easter Triduum plans are being finalized for us. There will be more than enough help to make these final days of Lent *prayer-filled*, so please join us by prioritizing time in your schedule to include praying together as a *family of faith* here at **St. Thomas More**!



TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of

Madelyn Koranda.

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 2023.

The statue can be picked up from the Music Office in the church after Mass on Saturday or Sunday, but must be returned by the following Saturday to the Music Office by 4pm.

SAINT QUOTE

“A servant of the Lord stands bodily before men, but mentally he is knocking at the gates of heaven with prayer.”

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

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

VOCATION CORNER

Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament

Please visit incarnatewordorder.org to learn more about their story and to meet the Sisters. Please keep the Sisters of the Incarnate Word 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 6618 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, 44130.

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.

BOOK AND VIDEO SERIES

Just a reminder, the book and video discussions continue on Sundays from 2:30-3:45 pm in the church until Palm Sunday. All are welcome!

Prayer REQUESTS

Melissa Ali, Theodore Antrum, Baby Eli, Mark Banasik, Terri Baranich, Carol Bauchens, Albert Becerra, Robert Bishop, Robert Bonus, Jr., Barbara Bridle, Avianna Burgos, Eric Butler, Janet Call, Jeremy Cheetham, Rosemary Cimino, Noelle, Brian & Dylan Clark, Rick D'Ambrosio, Elizabeth DeLeon, Christine DeMarco, Darrin Demetro, Jr., Diana & Greg Downes, Sharon Erich, Tom Erich, Patricia Foerster, Norma Gademer, Ruth Giaco, Alex Gordon, Sr. Theresa Grabe, Carole Anne Griswold, HM, John Hearn, Bobby Hengoe, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Steven Jablonski, Doris Kaczmarek, Francine Kawentel, Jesse Kazimer, Melissa Korhely, Jessica Kuhar, Raymond Kuhar, Charles & Helen Kuhel, Martha & George Kysil, Babs Lowe, Madonna, Frank & Lucy Magyar, Scott & Family, Jane McClure, Katie McNally, Sandy Meade, Vinny Mercurio, Dan Misch, John Misch, Kathy Mitchell, Rafaela Morales, Josalynn Murray, Joan O'Neil, Kaitlyn Oatridge, Jean Palumbo, Jim Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Pam Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Peggy Palumbo, Augustus Petersen, JoAnn Pietrasz, Nancy Prosser, Monica Puleo, Elizabeth Ray, Vinny Rini, Paula Ritter, Marty Rose, Marlene Sadowski, Mike Sekerak, Brigitte Seuffert, Mary Shema, Alexis Simecek, Renate Sliwka, Elaine Smet, Mary Sparks, Special Intention, Jennifer Stancato, Jane Szoke, Pam Tapocsi, Anthony Tedesco, Lillian Tuma, Joy Turner, Julianna Turner, Wayne, Leroy Werley, Patricia Werley, Nancy Williams, Skipper Wilmot, Betty Wozniak and Marian Zawadzki. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember Rose Marie Bloom, Leigh Cooley, Rev. Paschal Rosca, O.deM. and Marilyn Kinzel (wife of the late Deacon David Kinzel) in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.



A great big thanks to Fr. Bob Cole for his inspiring Mission that was held here two weeks ago. We also would like to send a special thank you to Deacon Don and Beth Brandt for the Lenten book study and video. Beth has also been behind all of the other fantastic book studies that we have had in the parish. We know that she is probably already researching the next one!



Good Friday, April 7th, is a day 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 Eucharistic Adoration from 5-6pm and Stations of the Cross on the following Friday evenings at 6pm: March 31st. An almsgiving opportunity is to participate in Operation Rice Bowl.

2023 LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Saturdays from 3:30-4:15 pm or by appointment

No scheduled confessions on Holy Thursday,
Good Friday & Holy Saturday

CRS RICE BOWL

Making a Difference - Hunger impacts millions of women, men and children around the world. Throughout Lent we have encountered communities in Guatemala, Bangladesh and Rwanda that are overcoming this problem so their members can have brighter futures. How is your community working to address hunger or other injustices locally and globally? Visit csricebowl.org to learn more.

LENTEN FISH FRIES

To find a complete listing of local fish fries, please visit <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/lent/fish-fry>

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information on how to give.

"EGG-STRATA-GANZA"

Join the Parish Pastoral Council
for their "Egg-Strata-Ganza"
next Sunday, April 10th
in Utopia Hall
from 10am until 1pm.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Every Monday morning during Lent, St. Thomas More students have been gathering for a prayer service in our beautiful Atrium. It is wonderful to have the whole school together in one place for prayer. These times of quiet, scripture readings, singing, and committing to do something for others is led by Sister Jeanne Thurin and Sister Mary Ann Spangler, HM, members of St. Thomas More Parish. Their presence with our students is such a blessing. The song we have sung at each prayer service includes the words, "Create a new heart in me/" We pray this season of Lent has been fruitful for each of you and that you, too, experience a change in heart, bringing you closer to our Lord.



MARCH 26, 2023

ST. THOMAS MORE WOMEN'S GUILD PRESENTS

SPRING MUSIC BINGO

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

TICKETS \$15 - Available at the Rectory
Doors open at 11:00 AM
Lunch is served at NOON

MENU: Chicken * Potato Salad * Croissant * Fruit * Chips * Dessert

CHINESE RAFFLE! **DOOR PRIZES!**

Music Ministry News

We have been working on adjusting the microphones so that the choir, the cantor and the piano can all be heard on the livestream as well as in the Church. There have been a few glitches along the way, but we are making progress. We know that you cannot hear equally well from every seat in the Church, so, as Father says, think of a new seat as your vacation home. Try it out, and if you like it and can hear better, stay for a while! You might be surprised by how well you can hear by moving up, or over a few pews.

A few people have asked about the responsorial psalms for Lent. The sung text is not always exactly the same as what is in the Breaking Bread. All of the Lent responsorial psalms are on the songsheet in your pew. Also on the songsheet are the Mass parts (Holy, Save Us Savior, Amen, Lamb of God) for those of you who read music, or want to see if the notes go up and down.

The choir has been rotating through all of the Masses this year. I want to thank the members for being so faithful to rehearsing and aiding the congregation in song.

Lorrie Wenmoth
Music Director

St. Thomas More PTU Presents

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

DOORS OPEN 6P DINNER 630P POST TIME 730P
St. Thomas More Gym 4180 N. Amber Dr., Brooklyn, OH 44144

Early Bird purchase tickets by March 31st
\$25.00 per person OR Table of 8 for \$175
April 1st and at the door \$30.00 per person

Ticket Includes: Dinner - Beer - Wine - Wash - Door Prizes
"21 and over please"
Dinner is being catered by Mission BBQ
Bring a dish to share at your table

Tickets will be available through the St. Thomas More Rectory, by the return of this form to the STM school office marked PTU or online at stmparish.net/NATR

50/50 Raffles - Sideboards - Basket Raffles

Horse Sponsorship Available:
\$25/horse: 2/\$40: 5/\$100

We are also looking for prize donations to add to our basket raffles and volunteers to help with the event.

For horse sponsorship, ads, or prize donations contact Kristine Redloske at ptu@stmschool.com or (216)543-0289

2023 St. Thomas More PTU Night at the Races Ticket Order Form

Name _____ Student Name and Grade _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Tickets online: stmparish.net/NATR
_____ Ticket(s) _____ Table(s) Total Amount Enclosed: _____
Checks payable to St. Thomas More - PTU

*Please note there is a \$30.00 fee for all returned checks in addition to incurred bank fees

St. Thomas More Parish Calendar
April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 PALM SUNDAY Strata Breakfast 9am-1pm Book Study 2:30-3:45pm  HOLY WEEK	3	4 Breakfast with the Word 9:30am PSR 6:30-7:45pm	5 Tenebrae 6:45pm	6 HOLY THURSDAY School Closed Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:45pm 	7 GOOD FRIDAY Rectory & School Closed Day of fast and abstinence Outdoor Stations of the Cross 12pm Lord's Passion 3pm 	8 HOLY SATURDAY Blessing of Food 11am Easter Vigil Mass 8:45pm
9 EASTER SUNDAY 	10 Rectory Closed No School	11 No School & PSR Women's Guild Meeting 11:30am	12 No School	13 No School	14 Utopia Rental No School	15 Utopia Rental Confessions 3:30-4:15pm PPC Rosary before Mass
16 Utopia Rental PPC Rosary before Masses 	17	18 Breakfast with the Word 9:30am Friends Supporting Friends 4-7pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm 	19 Choir Practice 7pm	20	21	22 Jesus Day 9am-1pm Confessions 3:30-4:15pm Night at the Races Doors open at 6pm 
23 Confirmation Meeting - Holy Spirit Retreat Day 9am-3:30pm	24 PPC Meeting 7pm	25 Breakfast with the Word 9:30am Women's Guild Board Meeting 1pm PSR 6:30-7:45pm	26 Choir Practice 7pm  Administrative Professionals Day	27	28	29 Women's Guild Music Bingo Doors open at 11am Confessions 3:30-4:15pm
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