



ST. THOMAS MORE

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Mass Times

Masses of Obligation

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday - 9 & 11 a.m.

Rectory Times

Monday-Friday

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Weekday/end

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - 8:15 a.m.

Tuesday 6:45 p.m.

No Mass on Thursday

Holy Days

Eve of Holy Days - 6 p.m.

Holy Days - 8:15 a.m.,

11:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday - 3 - 4 p.m.

Holidays - TBA

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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 – VIGIL

*4:30PM - Mary Ann Proowski

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Shirley Rompala

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 – WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Living & Deceased of the Hreha Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 – WEEKDAY

6:45PM - Dan Veloski

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 – SS. SIMON & JUDE

8:15AM - Grace Kane

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 – WEEKDAY

☪Private - Ruth Altenburg

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 – WEEKDAY

☪Private - Rudy Flis

8:15AM - John Tiberio - Student Liturgy

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 – WEEKDAY

8:15AM - October Birthdays

*4:30PM - Sandra Rowe

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS

*9:00AM - Richard J. Bendlock

11:00AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance ☪Private Mass



Financial Blessings

Collection for October 18th.....	\$4,932.00
Maintenance.....	\$2,485.00
Votives.....	\$32.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

We are so grateful for your support of the parish!!!

It's never too late to sign up for Faith Direct! For more information or to sign up please visit faith.direct/OH684.

WORLD MISSIONS

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSIO.org.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword." (Ex 22:21-23a)

Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength. (Ps 18)

Second Reading:

You became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. (1 Thes 1:6-7)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mt 22:37-39)

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Please remember

James W. Westfall, Raymond Kennat, James Komorowski, Michael Tenaglia, Jacqueline Hyduk and Emilie Juran in your prayers. God grant them eternal rest.

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 6 months prior to the wedding date. Individual conferences, plus attendance at a pre-marriage program, are required for proper preparation.

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

The weather continues to change and the calendar pages keep turning. People are asking more and more, “*When will this end, and when will we get back to normal?*” All good questions in regard to the virus, the politics, and even moving forward as a parish.

Jesus invites us *to love God* and *love our neighbor* – plain and simple. Yes, we are in crazy times and how we love others is going to help us through all of this that we have on our plate now. We can’t get discouraged if we are looking at the virus stuff, the politics, or even the parish year end numbers. We are a people of faith, and that also makes us **People of Hope!** We can talk about any of it all day, but the fact remains, we’ll move forward, together.

I will be trying to work in the year end numbers for some discussion; but we are publishing them in the bulletin this week. If you really do want to dive deeper into the numbers, copies are available through the rectory office. Or feel free to ask myself, Dc. Don, or anyone on the Parish Finance Committee. I have asked everyone to be available to talk further if needed. We can say that they might not be the best, but we do have a starting point to move forward from, with hope.

Fr. Mike

SAINT QUOTE

“But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit. 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. Anthony Mary Claret (1807-1870)

Patron Saint of Technical/Vocational Educators

Feast Day: October 24

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:

Michael & Rachel Fahey & Family.

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.

2021 MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass book for 2021 will become available on Wednesday, October 28th at the rectory starting at 9AM until 4PM (**Masks required**). A donation of \$10 is requested for each intention. Mass intentions will only be taken **in person** on that day and may be called in starting Thursday, October 29th. 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 we are only scheduling Masses for January - June, 2021. In December we will schedule Masses for July - December, 2021. Then in January, we will open the book up with the additional dates that are available.



With autumn here, many of us relish a walk or a drive to enjoy fall. And why not? The Creator has painted his canvas with an array of fall colors for us to enjoy.

So, imagine yourself out for a walk, maybe with a friend or family member(s). You are outside and keeping a “social distance” from others for everyone’s safety so you have your face mask in your pocket. What might you see? You look about and see the wondrous colors God is giving us. You see homes decorated for the fall holidays. You see geese flying south. You see others out for a walk. Imagine while strolling you see Jesus out enjoying a walk! What expression would you see on his face as you approached? A frown? Would he look away? Would you see a look like one your mother would give you when you were in trouble? I think He’d be offering you a smile. Even if He had on a face mask, I’m sure you’d get a joyful “Good Day!” to cheer you up and to get you to smile. When we are out for a walk in the park, at the grocery store or even a walk from the living room to the kitchen for cookie or something, maybe we should do the same and offer a simple smile or even a “How ya doing?” to others. So, in the Spirit of Christ, let’s all be Christ to each other, in even the simple things like a smile or a joyful greeting which will even work with a face mask on. You just might cheer up someone’s day.

Grace, Peace & Fellowship to you and yours,
Frank Budziak

Readings for the week of October 25, 2020

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

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Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Prayer Service - All Hallow's Eve is October 31st and we will have a Spiritual Warfare Prayer Service called "...Defend Us in Battle" at 8pm in the church. We will pray the Chaplet of Saint Michael as well as other prayers of spiritual warfare.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO: 440-884-3030

Merici Chapel - In these uncertain times we have a lot on our minds and are worried about many things. Come visit Jesus in Merici Chapel. His door is always open and He's a good listener who will calm your fears.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Great Sweepstakes - The last drawing for the year will be on the Feast of St. Leo the Great, November 10th. 2021 tickets will start to be sold next month. The weekly drawings will start January 1, 2021. Please contact the office for more details.



Audrey Roginsky, Diana Downes, Mary Ryba, Mary Ellen Popovich, Martha & George Kysil, Norma Gademer, Jesse Kazimer, Theodore Maslanka, Marge Davis, Nancy J. Folcik, Alice Gruden, Dolores Hyson, James Malames, Jennifer Stancato, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar, Alexis Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Haley Simecek, Heather Hudak, Mary Misch, John Misch, Tim Misch, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Melissa Korhely, Sean Szill, Jeff McCormick, Bobby Hengood, Mick Jones, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek, Baby Divina, Avianna Burgos, Erica Wilmot, Lorrie Turner, Vinny Mercurio, Aurora Pelleschi, Juliana Turner, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Jean Palumbo, Marlene Sutowski, Ida Jean Hopkins, Joy Turner, Jeremy Cheetham, Pam Turner, Jennifer Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Joanne Palumbo, Jack Palumbo, Pat Palumbo, Rita Valochik, Mary Ann Cowgill, Barbara Laughlin, Terri Hammond, John & Kathy Cigas, James Mortach, Arthur Markee, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Frank Colonna, Rafaela Morales, Iola Natal, Michael Kovach, Nancy Taube, Patricia & Robert Coombes, Dorothy Pavelka, Patricia Ann Werley, Peggy & Larry Bennett, George Bouchahine, Sister Ignatius Jones, SIW, Bill & Joanne Uhl, Peg Nicholay, Therese, Mary Ann & Tom, Bryan Poole, Alice Stokes, Jennifer Bonus, Rosita Ortiz, Debbie Tomusko, Fr. Jim O'Donnell and Gladys Colon. Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for the month.

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 2019 candle. Forms are available at the rectory.

ALL SOULS EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

The St. Thomas More Ministry of Consolation would like to personally invite you and your family to attend an All Souls' Day Prayer Service on Monday, November 2nd at 7PM in the church. We will remember all parishioners who have passed away from October 1, 2019 thru September 30, 2020.

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 Friday, November 6th.

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

The weekend of November 7th-8th 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 sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, potatoes, vegetables, desserts, etc. Donations can be dropped off in the church library. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**St. Thomas More
Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balance
Church and School**

	Balance at 6/30/20	Balance at 6/30/19
Total Assets	1,200,077.89	1,035,436.56
Total Liabilities	739,909.58	480,217.57
FUND BALANCE BEGINNING FISCAL YEAR	541,775.51	469,083.35
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR FISCAL YEAR		
Parish	121,946.25	305,595.82
School	-203,553.45	-219,460.18
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR FISCAL YEAR	-81,607.20	86,135.64
FUND BALANCE, END OF FISCAL YEAR	460,168.31	555,218.99
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	1,200,077.89	1,035,436.56

CHURCH REVENUE				SCHOOL REVENUE			
	YEAR END JUNE 2020	YEAR END JUNE 2019	BUDGET YEAR ENDING 2021		YEAR END JUNE 2020	YEAR END JUNE 2019	BUDGET YEAR ENDING 2021
Offertory Collections	\$ 473,747.09	\$ 545,383.15	\$ 490,000.00	Tuition & Fees (Includes Tuition Assistance)	482790.26	626586.8	551000
Other Collections	121,356.84	127,452.02	120,000.00	Government Assistance	85118.54	84240	88000
Donations & Bequests	34,999.48	117,969.96	50,000.00	Donations & Bequests	20923	20311.24	25000
Net Bingo Proceeds	-	5,000.00	-	Net Fund Raising	21332.33	13945.24	25000
Net Fund Raising Income	32,183.55	40,698.32	(5,000.00)	Net Pre-School & Latchkey	65213.63	103855.59	-18000
Income from Parish Programs	14,806.50	15,343.00	15,000.00	Other Student Receipts	10907.26	904.76	12000
Investment & Endowment				School Support from Parish	0	0	0
Income (Loss)	3,924.93	2,793.36	4,200.00	Interest & Endowment Income	0	0	0
Rental Receipts	5,280.51	8,010.00	5,600.00	Other Income	33247.47	78746.54	40000
Contributions from Parish Organizations	-	-	-	TOTAL SCHOOL REVENUE	719532.49	928590.17	723000
Miscellaneous Receipts	28,802.90	42,586.95	30,000.00				
Designated Collections	15,219.76	18,725.20	16,000.00				
Extraordinary Receipts	2,470.00	10,480.28	3,500.00				
TOTAL CHURCH REVENUE	732,791.56	934,442.24	729,300.00				

STATUS ANIMARUM RESULTS

(The Status Animarum is the yearly report to the Diocese.
The numbers are reported from July 1st-June 30th.)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Number of Registered Households	2416	2421
Number of Registered Parishioners	5409	5432
Baptism	16	13
First Communion	0	17
Confirmation	0	25
RCIA	0	8
Marriage	4	7
Number of weekly contribution envelopes	1160	1056
Death	54	83
Number registered in PSR	34	34
Number in Youth Group	20	25

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CHURCH EXPENSES				SCHOOL EXPENSES			
	YEAR END JUNE 2020	YEAR END JUNE 2019	BUDGET YEAR ENDING 2021		YEAR END JUNE 2020	YEAR END JUNE 2019	BUDGET YEAR ENDING 2021
Salaries, Benefits, & Taxes	244,357.92	263,950.19	263,100.00	Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	708897.4	817086.14	618000
Rectory & Household	7,189.20	13,070.82	10,000.00	Instructional	35115.56	18456.34	40000
Parish Office & Administration	48,808.24	74,624.31	58,000.00	Library & Technology	31.05	0	0
Altar, Sanctuary, & Liturgical	26,411.76	54,863.69	32,800.00	Utilities	38049.88	45587.93	40000
Community Outreach	8,027.84	13,136.55	7,000.00	Maintenance, Repairs & Plant Operating	45135.13	74068.17	42000
Religious Education	4,195.67	4,848.34	3,900.00	Insurance & Property Taxes	20782.64	19239	22000
Stewardship & Evangelization	13,794.30	13,420.70	14,500.00	Student Services	10635.19	4166.96	12000
Utilities	40,176.29	48,768.68	45,000.00	Administration	42439.09	164972.9	53900
Insurance & Property Taxes	32,205.47	28,498.83	38,500.00	Faculty			
Maintenance, Repairs, & Plant Operating	106,875.84	187,826.24	33,400.00	Residence/Convent Costs	0	0	0
Diocesan Assessments	63,150.00	65,916.00	68,000.00	Capital Expenditures	22000	4472.91	0
Payments to Other Schools	-	-	-	Extraordinary Expenses	0	0	0
Designated Collections	15,219.76	18,725.20	18,000.00	TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES	923085.94	1148050.35	827900
Capital Expenditures	-	11,690.71	50,000.00	NET SCHOOL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-203,553.45	-219,460.18	-104,900
Intra Parish Transfers & School Support	73.00	(171,930.38)	-				
Extraordinary Expenses	360.02	1,436.54	-				
TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES	610,845.31	628,846.42	642,200.00				
NET CHURCH SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 121,946.25	\$ 305,595.82	\$ 87,100.00				

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Due to space constraints, we cannot put the full financial report in the bulletin. If you would like a copy of the full Year-End Financial Report please call the rectory at 216-749-0414 or email us at rectory@stmparish.net and we will gladly supply you with a copy.

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.

THANKFUL CORNER

“The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

St. John Vianney—patron saint of priests

This week’s Thankful Corner goes out to all priests, especially our own Fr. Mike, on Priesthood Sunday. We cannot thank you enough for all that you do for St. Thomas More Parish!

Lord God, most holy, we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood. You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people, as you shepherd your entire church. We pray for them in their daily work. Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand. Lead them not into temptation and protect them from the grasp of the evil one. It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way.

May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

