

ST. THOMAS MORE

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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.

Parish Staff

Rev. William G. Bouhall
Pastor

Rev. James J. Vesely
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Mr. Charles Zawadzki
Deacon

Frank Budziak
Pastoral Associate

Lisa Carson
Parish Secretary

Terri Sozio
Religious Education

Jeff Stutzman
Youth Ministry

James Higgins
Melissa Wensing
Business Office

Mass Schedule

Masses of Obligation

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Holy Days

Eve of Holy Days - 6 p.m.
Holy Days - 7 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Rectory Times

Sunday - 9 - 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Friday - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Closed on Mondays from
9-10:30 a.m. for Staff Meetings*

Confessions

Saturdays - 3 - 4 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Thursday - 7 a.m.
Friday - 7 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.
Saturday - 8:15 a.m.
Holidays - 9 a.m.

St. Thomas More School

Grades Pre-K - 8
4180 North Amber Drive
P: 216.749.1660

Jennifer Francis
Principal



SATURDAY, MARCH 21 –

VIGIL

*4:30PM - Grace Kane

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 –

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*9:00AM - Norman Recker

11:00AM - People of the Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 23 –

ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

7:00AM - Robert & Loretta Marks

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 –

ST. OSCAR ROMERO

7:00AM - Eugene & Elizabeth Rich

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 –

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

7:00AM - Nazzarena & Anselmo Montali

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Memorial Garden

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

7:00AM - Wanda Maslanka

8:15AM - Frank Taylor

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 –

LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15AM - March Birthdays

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 –

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*9:00AM - Kristy Dillon

*11:00AM - Gary Gasper

+Cup Mass

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for March 15th.....	\$3,945.00
Maintenance.....	\$435.00
Votives.....	\$65.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Bingo at St. Thomas More is cancelled until further notice.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” (1 Sm 16:7b)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” (Eph 5:14b)

Gospel:

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” (Jn 9:35)

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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. 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.

**GOSPEL MEDITATION -
ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

March 22, 2020
4th Sunday of Lent

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God’s kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God’s children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

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PRAYER OF THE MONTH

**ST. THOMAS MORE’S DEVOTIONAL
PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

My Queen and my Mother, I give myself entirely to you; and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve. Wherefore, good Mother, as I am your own, keep me, guard me, as your property and possession. Amen.

TRAVELING MADONNA

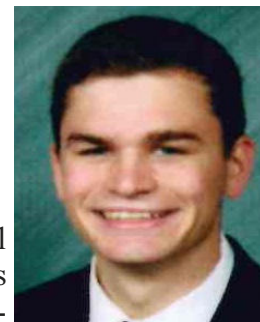
This week the statue is at the home of:

Frank & Vilma Colonna.

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.

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH

Timothy Raddell
SS. Robert & William,
Euclid
Junior, Borromeo



Please keep Timothy and all seminarians in your prayers as we continue to pray for vocations. To let him know that he is in your thoughts and prayers, send a card to him at 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

“The Church is that one wherein the true word of God is preached, which Christ left to His Apostles, which the same Church hath always observed, the doctors preached, and Martyrs and confessors witnessed. This is the Church I believe to be true.”

St. Margaret Clitherow

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.



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Charlotte Root, Jennifer Stancato, Nickola Badza, Mary Ellen Popovich, Paula Ritter, Al Lada, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Alexis Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Haley Simecek, Heather Hudak, Mary Misch, John Misch, Tom Misch, Tim Misch, Marge Goss, James Malames, Alice Gruden, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Melissa Korhely, Sean Szill, Jeff McCormick, Bobby Hengoad, Mick Jones, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek, Baby Divina, Avianna Burgos, Julie Gorski, Erica Wilmot, Martha & George Kysil, Vinny Mercurio, Carol Loy, Donald McAlindon, Aurora Pelleschi, Bob Poole, Juliana Turner, Meg Zalar, Stephanie Ziolkowski, Jean Palumbo, Marlene Sutowski, Ida Jean Hopkins, Joy Turner, Jeremy Cheetham, Pam Turner, Jennifer Palumbo, Jodi Palumbo, Rita Valochik, Mary Ann Cowgill, Barbara Laughlin, Teri Hammond, Johnny & Kathy Cigas, James Mortach, Arthur Markee, Pat Gumina, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Frank Colonna and Rafaela Morales.

Please call the rectory by noon on Monday to add a name to the list. Names will remain on the list for the month.

Cluster Corner

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE: 216-749-2323

Parish Mission - You are invited to join our Parish Mission Trusting in GOD with Fr. Joel Rogers, of the Fathers of Mercy from Sunday, March 29th-Thursday, April 2nd. Start with a simple soup supper at 6pm. Talks start at 7pm with confession offered before and after.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO: 440-884-3030

Pilgrimage - Join us on Thursday, April 16th on a pilgrimage to the Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation. Cost is \$45/person (lunch included). Registration & Payment accepted in person only in the Parish Office beginning at 8am Saturday, March 14-April 9th. Space is limited.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Save the Date - St. Leo the Great Athletics Women's Reverse Raffle on Saturday, April 25th. Tickets are now available at St. Leo's rectory. Grand Prize: \$3,000.

Please support our cluster parishes with their Lenten Fish Frys. You can call their rectories for dates, times and prices.

Readings *of the* Week ©LPi

Readings for the week of March 22, 2020

- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



Please remember Dennis Meehan, Sr., Jean Magee and Betty Sullivan in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.

REDCROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross blood drive will be at St. Leo's Lux Hall on Sunday, March 29th from 8am to 12pm. To register, visit RedCrossBlood.org or use the FREE Donor App and enter sponsor code: StLeo. Walk-ins will be taken as schedule permits. There is always a need for blood; please stop by and donate! Thank you!

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCHEON

The First Friday Luncheon on April 3rd at St. Clarence Church has been cancelled.

CLEVELAND RETROUVAILLE

The Cleveland Retrouvaille organization has cancelled the upcoming retrouvaille weekend for March 27-29.



LENT 2020: CRS RICE BOWL

Meet Maria Ana - Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school, so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How was education important for your future? How can you/we ensure that all young people have a chance to be educated? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week, we are taking up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, March 28, 2020, at 1 p.m. Come learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and special discount coupon.
Holy Cross Cemetery – 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park **RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 3**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S 20TH ANNUAL KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Join us for the best Kentucky Derby Party in town and help fight hunger in Cleveland at the same time. St. Vincent de Paul Society's 20th Annual Kentucky Derby Party is Saturday, May 2nd from 4-8pm at Great Lakes Brewing Company Tasting Room, 2701 Carroll Avenue, Cleveland. Enjoy the Run for the Roses on the large screen, horse betting, a hat contest, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, mouth-watering authentic Derby fare, convenient valet parking, refreshing mint juleps and Cleveland's own Great Lakes Brewing Company craft beer. General admission is \$65 (before April 3rd) and \$75. Reserved tables of 8 cost \$800. Sponsorships are also available. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle cost \$10 each or three for \$20 (winner need not be present). For details call 216-696-6525 x2520 or visit www.svdpcle.org.

ST THOMAS MORE WOMEN'S GUILD'S

SPRING

STYLE SHOW!



SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

TICKETS: \$10 – Available at the Rectory

Doors open 11:00 AM

Lunch served at NOON

MENU: Chicken Salad, Potato Salad, Croissant, Fruit, Chips, Cupcakes

CHINESE RAFFLE! DOOR PRIZES!



LENTEN REMINDERS

Good Friday, April 10th, 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.

CANCELLATIONS

On March 16, 2020, the Roman Catholic Bishops of Ohio issued a letter suspending all publicly celebrated Masses/Liturgies at least through the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter.

At this time, all activities and events at St. Thomas More are cancelled.

There will be no confessions, adoration or Stations of the Cross. Thank you for your understanding!



AM 1260 The Rock will be offering our listeners additional opportunities to join in the Sunday liturgy. Beginning this weekend, you will be able to join us for the Sunday liturgy at the following times:

The Diocese of Cleveland Mass for the Homebound will be broadcast at its regular time: 10:30am Sunday and 4pm Saturday.

The Mass from EWTN will be broadcast at 8am Sunday and again at 5pm Sunday.

And don't forget that weekday Masses are aired each weekday at 10am.

Please visit our website at am1260therock.com for our full schedule. While we may be separated physically, we can be united in prayer for our world, for our Church, and for all those affected.



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