

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.

Masses of Obligation

Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 9 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.

Weekdays

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

Confessions

Saturdays - 3 - 4 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 Mondays 9-10:30 a.m. for staff meetings

Parish Staff

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 –

VIGIL

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 –

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*9:00AM - Theresa Reinker

11:00AM - Rev. R. Joseph Murray

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 –

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 –

SS. LOUIS & CALASANZ

8:15AM - Jane Latsko

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 –

WEEKDAY

8:15AM - Women's Guild

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 –

ST. MONICA

8:15AM - Kaduk & LoBue Families

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 –

ST. AUGUSTINE

8:15AM - Rose & Stanley Morales

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 –

THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:15AM - August Birthdays

*4:30PM - Margaretta Root

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 –

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00AM - Msgr. Edward Halloran

11:00AM - People of the Parish

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 16th.....	\$4,283.00
Maintenance.....	\$935.00
Votives.....	\$44.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.
We are so grateful for your support of the parish!!!



Congratulations to all of our 2nd graders who celebrated their First Communion this weekend.
God bless you all!

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

“I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim’s shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open.” (Is 22:22)

Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

Second Reading:

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! (Rom 11:33)

Gospel:

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.” (Mt 16:18)

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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.

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE...

Looking back over the past few weeks, I see the common thread of the “busy-ness” of the parish transition and a whole lot of things happening. I feel that I may have been neglectful in asking you and the staff, how are things going? Is this ship getting pointed in the correct direction?

We continue to have much happening, and this week was/is a huge week for sacramental steps forward. Please continue to pray for the newly confirmed, those receiving First Holy Communion, and the RCIA folks all coming in closer union with the Church of Christ.

The readings this week nail down the past few weeks of testing our faith. We, like Peter, are asking – who do you say that I am? Jesus asks us, and we reply back to him _____. (You, fill in the blank...)

Fr. Mike



Congratulations to Kimberly Cerny and David Rankin who were married at St. Thomas More on August 15th. May God bless you both!

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.

“If a man sins and denies it, saying, ‘I have not sinned,’ do not correct him, or you will destroy any intention he might have of changing. If you say, ‘Do not be cast down, my brother, but be careful about that in the future,’ you will move his heart to repent.”

*St. Poemen (340-450),
Monk, Desert Father,
Feast Day: August 27th*



GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDANCE AT MASS

- ❖ Seating is limited to 162.
- ❖ Masks must be worn. Disposable masks are available.
- ❖ If you are feeling sick or have a higher than average risk of contracting the virus, please stay home. The obligation to attend Mass is still suspended.
- ❖ Maintain at least six feet of distance from other households. Socially distanced seating is marked with blue tape.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer is available at all entrances.
- ❖ The Utopia entrance is closed at this time.
- ❖ Ushers will assist in seating and dismissing parishioners.
- ❖ Prayer Intentions: No one is permitted to light candles at this time. If you would like a candle lit, please mark an envelope with your intention and drop it into the mail chute at the rectory or in the collection basket. Candles are \$2 each.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Linda Kawentel.

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.

We have a new policy for drop off and pick up of the Traveling Madonna. Please drop her off at the church on Saturday at 4PM. The family that will be taking her for the next week can either pick her up **after the 4:30 Mass or on Sunday after the 9AM or 11AM Mass. Please see Alex Ulle, our Music Director, to get the statue.**



Please remember
Emil Barnin and Rev. John J. Bryk
in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.

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.



Mary Ryba, Jesse Kazimer, Mary Ellen Popovich, James Malames, Jennifer Stancato, Raymond Kuhar, Jessica Kuhar, Stephen Kuhar III, Alexis Simecek, Gregory Simecek, Haley Simecek, Heather Hudak, Mary Misch, John Misch, Tim Misch, Alice Gruden, Grayson Wilmot, John Szill, Melissa Korhely, Sean Szill, Jeff McCormick, Bobby Hengoed, Mick Jones, Tom Erich, Julie Ersek, Baby Divina, Avianna Burgos, Julie Gorski, Erica Wilmot, Martha & George Kysil, 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, Teri Hammond, Johnny & Kathy Cigas, James Mortach, Arthur Markee, Pat Gumina, Margaret Ann Jablonski, Frank Colonna, Rafaela Morales, Iola Natal, Michael Kovach, Nancy Taube, Patricia & Robert Coombes, Joe Pukys, Dorothy Pavelka, Patricia Ann Werley, Diana Downes, Norma Gademer, Audrey Roginsky and Theodore Maslanka. 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

2020 Utility Recovery Raffle - Tickets are available in the parish office. Get your ticket now for your chance to win \$100 on the second and fourth Sunday of every month or the special raffle on Christmas for \$300. The next drawing is on August 23rd.

ST. CHARLES BORROME0: 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

Save the Date - "He's Back!" Trapper Jack will be coming to St. Leo the Great on Sunday, October 11th at 7PM. He'll be talking about the Blessed Mother as a Messenger of Christ! Save the date and watch for further details as they become available. It will also be livestreamed.



Readings *Week* of the

Readings for the week of August 23, 2020

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-
18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12,
13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5
[1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11
[5]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab,
15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTER

“Moreover, they should be tested first; then, if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons” (1 Timothy 3:10). This week I ask for your continued prayers of support as I have begun my studies towards formation to become a deacon. The first year, called Aspirancy, is a trial year to see if this is truly the calling for those to minister as deacons. The four years that follow Aspirancy are considered the formal formation years and then God-willing, ordination. I have been blessed with a very supportive wife, children, parents, family and friends, but I do not overlook the influence that you, the parishioners of St. Thomas More have had on me. I was born and raised in this parish. As I continue to serve as youth minister, I hope that my formation will allow me to grow and that I can use this experience to help others grow closer to God. As Fr. Mike has said since his first Mass in the parish, we, as a people, need to continue to grow closer to God. So I thank you for your support, I thank you for your prayers and I thank you for providing this opportunity of growth.

God bless,
Jeff Stutzman - Youth Minister

FAITH & VALUES APPEAL

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Cleveland are changing the lives of children and their families. Thanks to the generosity of people like you who know the value of a Catholic education, last year more than 3,500 students received need-based tuition assistance. When you give to the *Faith & Values Appeal* to support tuition assistance for a Catholic school student, you are giving a gift that will live on in the lives of those served in our school. Please pray that the generosity of our parishioners will continue to support the formation of our youth in Catholic schools where faith makes a difference. To donate online, go to www.CatholicCommunity.org/education or call Karen Joyce at 800-869-6525 x1910.

ATTENTION TO ALL COUPLES
MARRIED IN 1970!

The diocesan celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass has been postponed.

New Date! Mark your calendar!
Saturday, April 10, 2021
10:00AM

The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
More info coming soon!



If you are interested in getting your child baptized, please call the rectory to begin Baptism preparations. Baptism is an important opportunity to not only bring a new member into our Catholic family, but also starts parents on their journey of passing their faith on to their child.



RCIA - Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic? If so, please contact the rectory at 216-749-0414. Sessions will begin in September.

PSR

Information regarding registration for the 2020-2021 school year is available at the rectory. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings and will begin in September. For any families with students in grades 1-8 that will be new to the program next year, please contact Terri Sozio at psr.stm@gmail.com. Forms are also available at the rectory and on our parish website.

FIRST COMMUNION

If your child is not enrolled in the day school or PSR and is interested in making his/her First Communion, please contact the rectory to register.

CONFIRMATION 2021

If you will be in the 8th Grade for the 2020/2021 school year and are NOT in PSR or the Day School, please contact the parish or email bbarker@stmparish.net for more information.

CUB SCOUTS

The St. Thomas More Cub Scout Pack 319 is still ACTIVE and getting together. We are open to both BOYS and GIRLS ages 5-11 or kindergarten through 5th grade.

If you are interested in finding out more please join us on Thursday, August 20th or August 27th at 7PM on the steps of St. Thomas More Church to find out more or call 216-335-9147 for more information.

MAGNIFICAT

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, invites you to a breakfast on Saturday, September 19th at Walsh University, Barrette Center, 2020 East Maple Street, North Canton. Join us in a special time of fellowship and sharing. Alexandra Andrews will be the guest speaker.

Cost: \$22 Mail-in/\$23 Online — Go to magnificatstark.weebly.com to print out a Reservation Form or to pay online. Make checks payable to "Magnificat of Stark County" and send with a completed Reservation Form to Sally Kohring, 4205 Cleveland Ave. SW, Canton, 44707. **RESERVATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 12TH.**

Special Guidelines: Physical distancing is required and guests are asked not to congregate. Masks are recommended (we will follow the mask protocol of the day). Meals will be served buffet style, but the server will place all items on your plate.

Open seating. Doors open at 8:30AM with Breakfast at 9AM. There will be an optional Mass at 8AM in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University. For further information call Joan Spieth at 330-933-8778.

2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to attend the Cleveland Catholic Women's Live-Steamed Conference, a one-day event for adult women who wish to learn and pray as they grow deeper in their faith. The conference will be live-streamed on Saturday, October 17th from 9AM-3PM. Inspired by St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the theme of this year's conference is "**Simply Holy: Living God's Will in All Things.**"

Registration for the live-streamed conference will open on August 17th and will be \$25. To register, visit the website at www.clecatholicwomen.org. Each registered participant before October 1st will receive a "conference care package" in the mail that includes a beautiful journal/workbook to use throughout the day and a few other special items.

"THE PERFECT PILGRIMAGE"

Mother Angelica Tour & Museum: Spend a day in Canton, Ohio. Refresh, Recharge, Renew. Monday-Saturday ~ Closed Sunday. Spend the morning at the Mother Angelica Museum. Allow 2 hours for museum, chapel, outdoor grotto, and gift shop. Lunch at "That Little Italian Kitchen" as seen on EWTN. Spend the afternoon at the Rhoda Wise Shrine. Allow 2 hours for video, altar room and grotto. Call before visit: 330-453-0322. Limited Space. Finish the day with a visit to the Blessed Sacrament at Sancta Clara Monastery. St. Raphael Center, 4365 Fulton Dr., Canton, OH 44718.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Legion of Mary Cleveland West Comitium invites you to a traditional Eucharistic Procession on Saturday, September 5th at noon at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The event includes opening prayers and remarks by Fr. Kevin Estabrook, our Legion of Mary Comitium Spiritual Director. RSVP is not required.

For further information email contact@legionofmarynorthernohio.org or <https://www.facebook.com/legionofmarynorthernohio/>.

All are welcome to attend.

LIGHTER SIDE

Gimme a Break

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its mouth to swallow both.

As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, "Oh, my God! Help me!"

At once, everything froze in place and, as the atheist hung in mid-air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, "I thought you didn't believe in me?"

"Come on, God, gimme a break!" the man pleaded. "Two minutes ago, I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!"

Who Makes the Coffee?

Early one morning, a husband and wife were playfully arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally, the wife folded her arms and said decidedly, "You have to make the coffee. It's in the Bible!"

The husband was shocked. "Is not! Show me!"

Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it the New Testament and declared, "It says right here — HE-BREWS!"

Laughing in Heaven

Q. How can you make God laugh?

A. Tell him your plans.

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