



ST. THOMAS MORE

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Mass Times

Masses of Obligation

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

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

Saturday - 3 - 4 p.m.

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.



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 –
VIGIL**

*4:30PM - Margareta Root

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 –
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

9:00AM - Msgr. Edward Halloran

11:00AM - People of the Parish

**MONDAY, AUGUST 31 –
WEEKDAY**

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 –
WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - All Souls' Day Intentions

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 –
WEEKDAY**

8:15AM - Mary Frey

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 –
ST. GREGORY THE GREAT**

8:15AM - Peter & Theresa Temas

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 –
WEEKDAY**

7:00AM - Carolyn Hilberg

8:15AM - Stas & Irene Wyderka

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 –
ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA**

8:15AM - Richard Minch

4:30PM - People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 –
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

9:00AM - Mother's Day Enrollment

*11:00AM - Naomi Huber

*Mass of Remembrance

Financial Blessings

Collection for August 23rd.....	\$4,458.03
Faith Direct as of 8/15.....	\$3,916.50
Maintenance.....	\$893.00
Votives.....	\$57.00

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

RECTORY CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 7TH

The rectory will be closed on Monday, September 7th due to the observance of Labor Day.

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 63)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt 16:24)

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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 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...

Okay... here we go! Some major announcements that are helping us move forward. There will be some new faces around the campus who will be working and helping out here at St. Thomas More Parish. *Kyle Solon* has started to head-up our maintenance crew, which will include all the physical plant matters of the church, rectory, school, and grounds. He is from Mary Queen of the Apostles in Brook Park. The Diocese has also “assigned” newly ordained Dc. Don Brandt to us, as our parish deacon. I have met with Don this week, and he and his wife Beth, are glad to be joining the St. Thomas More Family. I told Dc. Don, that he has some very large “deacon-shoes” to fill, that go back many years.

With all of that news, I want to continue to reflect on the readings this week, which call us to look inward into our own lives and “mission”. Jeremiah starts out admitting to being “duped” by the Lord! and the struggle of holding back, when he just wants to shout-out what is needed. Then, the Gospel of Matthew has Jesus telling the disciples of the suffering coming up in the future. Peter challenges Jesus, and we have the line “Get behind me Satan!...” One that I wonder how often we may use in our lives. The second half of the gospel lays out that – yes there will be crosses to take up and hard time, but there is also repayment in the long run. Stick with it, we often hear from others. Let’s all keep moving forward in our journey to follow Christ.

Fr. Mike

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.



WELCOME!!!

We are pleased to announce Deacon Don Brandt, who was ordained this weekend, has been assigned to our parish. We look forward to his arrival soon and pray for him and his family as he begins his ministry at St. Thomas More. Watch for more information on welcoming the diocese’s and the parish’s newest deacon!

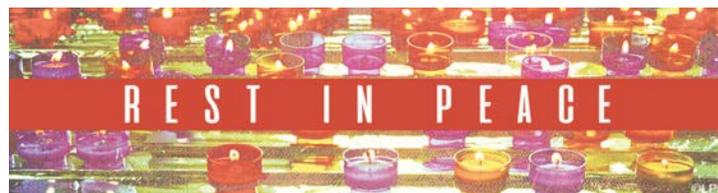
ST. THOMAS MORE’S DEVOTIONAL-PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

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.

“The disbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples. As he touches Christ and is won over to belief, every doubt is cast aside and our faith is strengthened. So the disciple who doubted, then felt Christ’s wounds, becomes a witness to the reality of the resurrection.”

*St. Gregory the Great (540-604),
Pope and Doctor of the Church,
Feast Day: September 3rd*



Please remember
Emil Barnin and Donald & Iris Newman
in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Joe & Joanne Magrey.

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.**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Five years of discernment, study and formation have culminated today, August 29th as the following three men have been ordained as permanent deacons for service to the Cleveland Diocese of Cleveland:

Mr. Donald G. Brandt, from St. John Neumann Parish in Strongsville has been appointed here to St. Thomas More.

Mr. Francisco A. Miranda, from St. Michael Parish in Cleveland and has been appointed to St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Cleveland.

Mr. John V. Nelson, Sr., from St. Mary Parish in Mentor and has been appointed to Immaculate Conception Parish in Willoughby.

All assignments are effective August 31, 2020.



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, Erica Wilmot, Lorrie Turner, 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, Theodore Maslanka, Peggy & Larry Bennett, George Bouchahine, Nancy J. Folcik and Margaret Kolasinski. 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 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

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.

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The next Vitalant Blood Drive at Mary Queen of Peace will be on Sunday, September 13th from 9:30AM to 1PM. You can sign up for your appointment online at www.vitalant.org or walk-in that morning.

Readings of the Week ©LPI

Readings for the week of August 30, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

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Hello St. Thomas More parishioners,
 It has been quite a busy month of August for our parish family. This month we celebrated with our Confirmation class, First Communicants and initiation of sacraments to our RCIA candidates. As our prayers and support go out to all of them may it also strengthen our own faith. We are all so blessed to know and love our Lord and serve Him as his disciples.
 Our school year will be starting soon as well as the Parish School of Religion. We look forward to getting together with our PSR students as we teach and share our Catholic faith. At any age, we should have the hunger to grow closer to God. May this be a time for all of us to strengthen our prayer life, open scripture as we find verses that touch our heart, and share our faith with others!
 God bless,
 Terri Sozio, Religious Education



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

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 this 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.



Congratulations and welcome
 Anthony Luis Cruz, Jr.
 who was baptized last weekend at
 St. Thomas More. God bless you!



Congratulations to Linda Kawentel and
 Phillip McCown who were married at
 St. Thomas More on August 22nd.
 May God bless you both!



WELCOME!

Please welcome all of our Catholics who have completed their initiation into our Church. May God bless them and keep them always in His care: Kenneth Beck, Zachary Beck, David Finohr, April Kingery, Philip Loepp, Emma Nguyen, Keith Nguyen, David Rankin, Adria Vega, Cindy Viera, Leah Viera, Mia Viera and Sinthia Viera.



I - Heather Simecek (St. Thomas More) &
 Nickolas Gentile

JESUIT RETREAT CENTER PROGRAMS & RETREATS

Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd, Parma, OH 44134

Register online at <https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org/calendar>

5 Night Individually Directed Retreat. Tuesday, September 8, 3:00pm - Sunday, September 13, 1:00pm. IDRs are a time of sacred silence, an invitation to step away from the pressures and demands of daily responsibilities, and an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God through prayer. IDRs utilize the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to help you move closer to God through the gift of prayer. Cost: \$475

Weekend Individually Directed Retreat. Friday, September 18, 3:00pm - Sunday, September 20, 1:00pm. IDRs are a time of sacred silence, an invitation to step away from the pressures and demands of daily responsibilities, and an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God through prayer. IDRs utilize the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to help you move closer to God through the gift of prayer. Cost: \$250

Food for the Journey (Virtual Program) - The Contemplative Way: Practical Mysticism for Normal People. Saturday mornings 9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 12/12 from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Facilitated by Martha Campbell, M.A., Psy.D. for Spiritual Directors, Retreat Leaders, Pastoral Ministers and Those Who Have Made the Full Spiritual Exercises. These four study/prayer sessions are designed to enrich your personal spiritual deepening for ministry and will include prayer (silent and communal), input, and faith-sharing, based on your prayerful reading of the text. To facilitate the process, chapter assignments will be communicated and should be read in advance. The only pre-requisite for participating in these sessions is a desire to embrace God in the whole of your life. Cost: \$120. **To register, contact Martha Campbell at campbellmarthal@gmail.com**

September Pre-Cana Day for Engaged Couples. Sunday, September 20 from 12:45pm - 7:30pm. The festivity and emotion of your wedding day is a wonderful time in your life that you will never forget - but maintaining a sacramental union is hard work and must be your first priority for the rest of your life. The beauty and serenity of Jesuit Retreat Center is the ideal place to spend the day with soon-to-be spouse. Topics to be covered include Communication, Sexuality, Everyday Living, and the Sacrament of Marriage. The day will include prayer, presentations, couple sharing (most important part of the day), Liturgy and dinner. Dress is casual. Cost: \$100/couple

September Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, September 21 from 9:30am - 11:00am. Women from all walks of life are invited to pray together and learn more about the beauty of prayer. *Led by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C.*, this prayer group will refresh your spirit and help you find strength in regular prayer habits. Just bring your Bible and come as you are! Price includes coffee and pastry. Registrations are encouraged, but walk-ins welcome! Cost: \$10

Cinema and Conversation: *A Hidden Life*. Monday, September 21 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. From visionary writer-director Terrence Malick comes this story based on real events, about an unsung hero, Franz Jägerstätter, who refused to fight for the Nazis in World War II. Although the Austrian farmer is faced with the threat of execution for treason, his unwavering beliefs and his love for his wife Fani and their three children keep his spirit alive. – *Searchlight Pictures*. Cost: Free Will Offering

Men's 12 Step Recovery Retreat. Friday, September 25, 5:30pm - Sunday, September 27, 1:00pm. A Recovery Retreat at Jesuit Retreat Center is a time to nurture your serenity and find the strength to work the steps of recovery. The weekend includes presentations and 5 meals. Cost: \$180. **Limited scholarship assistance is available. Email Bill Hobbs at bhobbs@jesuitretreatcenter.org 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 call 216-335-9147 for more information.