



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 8 –

VIGIL

4:30PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 –

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

9:00AM - Sister Elaine Theresa Burrows, SIW

*11:00AM - Joseph Skurla

MONDAY, AUGUST 10 –

ST. LAWRENCE

8:15AM - Jane Latsko

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 –

ST. CLARE

8:15AM - Anna & Andrew Rusin

7:00PM - Confirmation

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 –

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

8:15AM - Memorial Garden

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 –

SS. PONTIAN & HIPPOLYTUS

8:15AM - Loretta Grombol

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 –

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

8:15AM - Richard Minch

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 –

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY (not a holyday of obligation
this year)**

8:15AM - Lina Colonna

1:00PM - Cerny/Rankin Wedding

4:30PM - Mother's Day Enrollment

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 –

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

9:00AM - People of the Parish

*11:00AM - Gary Gasper

*Mass of Remembrance



Congratulations to Angela LoBue and
Thomas O'Donnell who were married at
St. Thomas More on August 1st.
May God bless you both!

WEEKLY CONTENT GUIDE

First Reading:

"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 11a)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. (Rom 9:3)

Gospel:

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" (Mt 14:29-30)

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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...

Continuing to move forward, I want to (again) begin by thanking all of the many volunteers and helpers working around the campus! The church, school, rectory, and grounds are all getting the attention needed to be happy again... **Thank you all!**

This week in the readings we first hear the Lord coming to Elijah, not in the heavy wind, earthquake, or fire, but in the “tiny whispering sound...” This compliments the beginning act of Jesus in the gospel reading. Matthew tells us that after Jesus feeds the people and sends off the disciples; “he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.” Jesus, probably still reeling from the death of John the Baptist, takes time to pray.

Yes, when you talk to your friends and family about the readings this week, and what was mentioned at their own parishes; there may be talk about the story of Jesus walking on the water. But let’s look at the simple message – “he went up... by himself to pray.” Jesus is showing us the importance of prayer. We need to ask, when do we take time to pray?

Fr. Mike

Financial Blessings

Collection for July 12th.....	\$6,562.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,151.00
Collection for July 19th.....	\$4,011.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,640.00
Votives.....	\$101.00
Collection for July 26th.....	\$5,644.00
Maintenance.....	\$1,743.00
Votives.....	\$222.00
Collection for August 2nd.....	\$6,621.00
Maintenance.....	\$431.00

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



Please remember
Ann Rompala, Linda Gale, Margaret Maloney,
Martin Pavelka, Marie Harmon and Bernadine Novak
in your prayers.
God grant them eternal rest.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

TRAVELING MADONNA

This week the statue is at the home of:
Chris Koch.

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.****

Marriage Banns

III - Kimberly Cerny (St Thomas More) & David Rankin

II - Linda Kawentel (St Thomas More) & Phillip McCown

“We must be as satisfied to be powerless, idle and still before God, and dried up and barren when He permits it, as to be full of life, enjoying His presence with ease and devotion. The whole matter of our union with God consists in being content either way.”

St Jane Frances de Chantal (1572-1671), Patron of forgotten people, Feast Day: August 12th



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, Tom Misch, Tim Misch, Marge Goss, 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, 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 and Dorothy Pavelka.

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

Gift Card Program - Mary Queen of Peace has an e-Gift card program and you can do it all from home by placing your orders online. Please contact Debbie Kubiak at 216-398-4342 or the Parish Office with any questions and how to enroll.

ST. CHARLES BORROME0: 440-884-3030

Summer 2020 Grand Raffle - Tickets are available at the parish office for the Summer 2020 Grand Raffle. Tickets are \$5. Grand Prize: 2020 GMC Terrain, 2nd Prize: \$4,500 New Roof and 3rd Prize: \$3,500. Grand Drawing is Sunday, August 16th.

ST. LEO THE GREAT: 216-661-1006

Great Sweepstakes - Forms are available to sign up for the Great Sweepstakes Weekly Drawing on the website (www.leothegreat.org). Or you can call the office and they will sign you up.



Readings Week GLPI

Readings for the week of August 9, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8] 1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



PASTORAL MINISTRY

I can remember growing up and experiencing what seemed like the biggest/baddest lightning and thunder-storm ever. It was on a 4th of July evening. My siblings, my cousin and I were sitting together counting. We had been told by our parents that as the length of time between the lightning and the thunder got longer the center of the storm was getting further away. Three seconds was a mile. We were scared, so we counted. Finally, one second became two, then two became three and so on. We knew we would be OK! We had faith in that saying which our parents had told us and that we would eventually be fine. How much greater the fear being in a boat during a storm! Peter thought he had faith, but it was not yet as strong as it needed to be. So when Peter got out of the boat he began to sink. Jesus saved him and said "O you of little faith, why did you doubt".

We all have various storms in our lives. This Corona virus episode, for example, or maybe something closer to home like a family or work crisis. We all worry about and sometimes fear our storms, but if we hold onto our faith in God, like a life preserver in a storm at sea, we will make it. Through faith we know that Jesus is with us like He was with the disciples. Let us not let doubt pull us under but through God's grace may we stay afloat and through sharing that faith, let us be there for others in their storms.

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



Monday, August 10th – 7:00pm

VIA Zoom – Fr. Don Dunson

Topic: Discovering Christ in the Most Vulnerable Fellowship & Fabulous Discussion for Adults 40 & Over



We are challenged to find Christ in our fellowman. Fr. Dunson, Ph.D. Parochial Vicar at St. Angela Merici, & past winner of the Bishop A.J. Quinn Justice Award, has written three books about his time spent in East Africa. Fr. Dunson will share what he has learned through his ministry and help us understand the most vulnerable in our own communities. We look forward to seeing you!

Limited to a 90 Computer Audience
Register in advance

www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

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.

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.

JESUIT RETREAT CENTER

Jesuit Retreat Center, 5629 State Rd,

Parma, OH 44134.

<https://www.jesuitretreatcenter.org>

Retreat Day for Educators: We Rise Again! Resurrection and Resilience for Catholic Educators. Tuesday, August 4 from 9:00am - 3:00pm or Thursday, August 6 from 9:00am - 3:00pm. *Presented by Dr. Bill Hobbs, EdD and Dr. Jessica Wroblewski.* In the wake of the health and economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, how do Catholic educators return to the “new normal”? Based on our Christian perspective of the Paschal Mystery and practical applications of resilience skills, we will gather, gain perspective and create resources for ourselves as educators and for our students and school communities. Cost: \$50/each (\$40/each for groups of 10 or more).

Sabbath Days - Personal Retreat Days. Monday, August 10, 6:00pm - Monday, August 17, 1:00pm. Jesuit Retreat Center is offering the opportunity for a limited number of participants to spend seven nights for personal prayer and reflection. In the midst of the challenging realities of our time, we invite you to come away for a while and find rest at this “place of peace.” This will be a non-directed retreat, allowing participants to create their own use of time and space at Jesuit Retreat Center. Cost: \$650

August Pre-Baptism Class for Parents. Monday, August 10 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. This class is for parents seeking to have their infants baptized into the Catholic faith. This class meets Sacramental preparation requirements of the Diocese of Cleveland. Please check with your parish to make arrangements for baptism. Cost per couple: \$20

August Morning Prayer for Women. Monday, August 17 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: *Mary Magdalene*. Monday, August 17 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm. “For the first time, the incredible story of Mary Magdalene is told through her own eyes.” – IMDB. Join us as we view and discuss the film, starring Rooney Mara and Joaquin Phoenix. Cost: Free Will Offering.

Praying Your Type: An Exploration of Personality Type and Spirituality. Friday, August 21, 7:00pm - Sunday, August 23, 11:00am. *Presented by Dr. Bill Hobbs, EdD.* Through presentation and interactive conversation, as well as personal and communal prayer time and experiences, we will explore the intersection between personality, prayer, and spirituality. Participants will be exposed to four major prayer styles throughout the course of the weekend and have the chance to explore methods and practices of prayer that might best suit their personality and inform their journey of faith. Cost: Visit www.jesuitretreatcenter.org for list of registration options.

NEW PARISHIONERS!

We recently registered the following people at St. Thomas More during the month of **July** – Lisa Lisco ◊ Annmarie Pellerito and Pat Shipkosky.

PRE-PLAN FUNERAL INFORMATION

If you are interested in planning your own funeral Mass, please contact the rectory. One of the members of the Ministry of Consolation will contact you and set up a meeting. Pre-Planning has many advantages. You are able to select your favorite readings and songs for your Mass. It also takes a lot of stress away from your loved ones.



Every year at this time, The FEST brings together thousands of people from across our Diocese for an amazing day of faith, family and fun. Things are a little different this year as you enjoy The

FEST from your home.

Join us on Sunday, August 9th for The FEST@Home starting at 3pm. The FEST will end with Mass with Bishop Roger Gries, followed by an amazing fireworks display. Please join us: www.theFEST.us.