October 6, 2019

St. Thomas More Parish
Troy, Michigan

RESPECT
ALL LIFE

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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

DEACONS COMING AND GOING...

This weekend we welcome our new permanent deacon, Rev. Mr. Don Baross. I am delighted to welcome Deacon Don to our parish community of St. Thomas More. I pray that God will bless his ministry among us and grant him many graces in the years to come. I hope that you will also personally and warmly welcome him. Having been part of several parish communities through the years, I know how important it is that folks show their sincere welcome. It makes a big difference to know “you are wanted.” Please give Deacon Don a warm and sincere welcome!

Yesterday, Saturday, October 5, our deacon intern Michael Van Dyke was ordained a permanent deacon by Archbishop Vigneron at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit. He’s now Deacon Michael so congratulations to Rev. Mr. Michael Van Dyke! He will be returning to STM to participate in a Mass of Thanksgiving in which he will serve as deacon, next weekend, October 13th at 11:30am. A reception in the Social Hall will follow. Please extend your personal congratulations to Deacon Michael. May God grant that his diaconal ministry bear much good fruit in the years to come!

Please pray for me this week and I promise to pray for you.

Msgr. Tom Rice

Respect Life Month—The Gospel of Life

To all the members of the Church, the people of life and for life, I make this most urgent appeal, that together we may offer this world of ours new signs of hope, and work to ensure that justice and solidarity will increase and that a new culture of human life will be affirmed, for the building of an authentic civilization of truth and love.

John Paul II
Evangelium Vitae
paragraph 6

On October 8th Monsignor Rice celebrates 42 years of priestly life. The commitment to his vocation is worthy of celebration and congratulations, whether one year or 42. In a world with changing views on religion and faith, remaining steadfast to your faith in God is a challenge. Monsignor Rice rises to that challenge every day. He shares his faith with us during the celebration of Mass, when anointing the sick, or comforting a family dealing with loss. Happy Anniversary Monsignor Rice and thank you for your 42 years of service.

Today, take a moment to pray St. Teresa of Calcutta’s Prayer for Priests for Monsignor Rice and all priests.

St. Teresa of Calcutta’s Prayer for Priests

Mary, Mother of Jesus, throw your mantle of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart. Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus.

Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons, so keep their hearts pure. Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put Jesus always on their lips, so that he is the one they offer to sinner and to all they meet.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother, loving them and bringing them joy. Take special care of sick and dying priests, and the ones most tempted. Remember how they spent their youth and old age, their entire lives serving and giving all to Jesus.

Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility, so that they, too, can grow in the likeness of Christ.

Dear Mary, make them humble like you, and holy like Jesus.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the Christian Community of St. Thomas More, in an atmosphere of hospitality, are dedicated to proclaiming the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through excellence in worship, education, and service to others.

We believe that the nurturing of the community around the Eucharistic Table is extended through gatherings which further strengthen and support us. We shall pursue this mission faithfully through the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.
THIS WEEK’S EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

Major Matthew Altomari  
SSgt. Cory Borders  
Lt. Andrew Boschert  
Major Phil Brule  
Sgt. Maj. Patrick Corcoran  
Capt. Joel Cortright  
ENS Michael Dwyer  
Capt. Chip Evans  
Spc. Evan K. Fowler  
2nd Lt. Theresa Consentino  
SSgt. Daniel F. Jamison  
M1st Class Megan Jamison  
Lt. Christopher Mitek  
OS2 Emily Muhlenbeck  
Pvt. Calen Nido  
Senior Airman Grant Pensa  
LTJg. Bradley Pienta  
Capt. Nick Pollock  
Sgt. Kyle Stout  
Capt. Ben VanHorrick  
Spc. Carl Voag  
LTJG. Adam Weisgerber

THIS WEEK’S PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rosanne Bishop  
Norma Cribari  
Chris Crocker  
Herbert Foos  
 Mildred Hannigan  
 Robert Luyckx  
 Colleen McGuire  
 August Olivier  
 Jim and Joan Olson  
 Lee Redman  
 Norma Cribari  
 Chris Crocker  
 Elaine Rosen  
 Carol Simmons  
 Helen Walczak  
 Henry Ware  
 Veda Wilson  
 Steve Ziemke

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of:
† Fr. Alfonsas Babonas
† William Finn—father of Maggie Krueger
† Fr. Randal Joyce, CP
† Kathleen Marshall
† Fr. Donald P. Rusch
† Nestor Solarte—brother of Cesario Solarte

“Blessed are those who have died in the Lord, let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them.”

Readings for the Week of October 6, 2019

Sunday  Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Monday  Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary  
Jon 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday  Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday  Saints Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest  
Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday  Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday  Saint John XXIII, Pope  
Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday  Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday  Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19
Hello people of God, my name is Deacon Don Baross. I asked Monsignor Rice if I could come and join you as your Deacon. I am excited to worship with you, break open the scriptures, share the word, and celebrate the Sacraments with all of you.

Who is Deacon Don? I have been a lifelong resident of Troy. I graduated from the "Old" Troy High in 1973, married my high school sweetheart Donna Lea in June of 1974. I have spent most of my life as a Plastic Injection Moldmaker and 2 1/2 years ago I changed occupations and became a Cost Engineer and am contracted to FCA in Auburn Hills. In 1998 I joined the Catholic church and in 2005 I felt the nudge of God to become a deacon. I started classes at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and was ordained a Permanent Deacon on October 1, 2011.

I have a passion for the homeless and spent one of my summer ministries walking the streets of Detroit passing out sandwiches, bottles of water and hygiene kits to the less fortunate. I am very much prolife and have experienced the Right to Life March in Washington DC several times.

For 9 years I sat on the Board of Directors of Mary's Mantle, a Catholic home in Southfield, for homeless pregnant women.

I now hold a position on the Formation Team for the Permanent Diaconate, leading the Aspirants in their year of discernment.

I hope to get to know each of you in the coming months.

God bless you all,
Deacon Don
THE WEEK AHEAD

Weekday Masses
Tues, Wed, Thurs, 9a
Rosary before Mass

- **Monday, October 7**
  Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II. 4:30p
  Education Commission, 7
  The MEN of STM, 7p

- **Tuesday, October 8**
  Christian Service Meeting, 9:45a
  Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal, 6p
  Young Adult Group, 6:30p
  Bible Study, The Creed, 7p
  Worship Commission, 7p

- **Wednesday, October 9**
  Blood Drive, 12-6p
  Walking with Purpose, 7p

- **Thursday, October 10**
  Handbell Choir, 10a
  Walking with Purpose, 10a
  Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30p

- **Saturday, October 12**
  Name Tag Sunday
  K of C Tootsie Roll Drive
  Cursillo Meeting, 8a

- **Sunday, October 13**
  Coffee & Conversation after all Masses
  Name Tag Sunday
  K of C Tootsie Roll Drive
  Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I, 8:15a, 9:30a
  Faith Formation Classes, 8:15a, 10:15a, 7p
  Deacon Michael Van Dyke Reception, 12:30p
  Baptism Ceremony, 12:30p
  Youth Group, 7p

St. Thomas More Blood Drive
**DONORS NEEDED**
to donate Blood on
Wednesday, October 9, 2019
12:00-6:00pm in the Social Hall

Together, we can save a life.... Please volunteer to be a donor at the STM American Red Cross Blood Drive.

To sign-up to be a Donor:
- Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code - stthomasmore
  OR
- Sign up on the schedule at the Information Counter

**RapidPass** offers donors a way to complete the pre-reading and donation questions online from the comfort and privacy of your home or office the day of the blood drive, thus reducing the time spent at the blood drive by as much as 15 minutes.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please call Chris Reynaert at 248-645-2663.

OCTOBER 12 & 13

It’s back! We sit in pretty much the same pew every Mass we attend, but how many can say hello to the person in front or in back of them (also sitting in “their” same pew) by name? Next weekend we will make it easier for you to get to know that person behind or next to you. We will have name tags available before Mass and we ask that you participate and allow fellow parishioners to get to know those around them by name. As creatures of habit, it is reasonable that even at Sunday Eucharist we can break through the wall of anonymity and take the first step towards building meaningful community. Just like the Cheers theme song says, we really do have a deep desire to go where people know our names.

**NAME TAG SUNDAY**

Volunteers are needed during the blood drive. If you are will to do a 3 hour shift, 12 Noon-3pm or 3-6pm helping out please call Chris Reynaert at 248-645-2663.

Cookies and/or cut up fruit are also needed for the Red Cross Blood Drive. If you can help provide these, please bring them to the parish kitchen on Monday, October 7 or Tuesday, October 8.

Thank You!!
JOIN US FOR A FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Square Dance WITH WESTERN GRUB
Friday, October 25, 2019 6:30-8:30 PM
St. Thomas More Social Hall
Parish will provide chili, sliders, hot dogs, and drinks. Ashby’s Sterling Ice Cream donated for dessert.
This is a free fun filled evening for the family (free-will donations accepted). Brother Jim Boynton, SJ will be the square dance caller. No experience or partner needed.
Prizes awarded to the best dressed in Western attire.
Families bring the potluck food that falls under the first initial of your last name:
- A to G – Beans
- H to N – Potato Salad
- O to T – Cole Slaw
- U to Z – Chips

Please email angela@stmoffice.com to sign up and help with a more accurate food count.

Faith Formation Parents: we know that you care deeply about passing on The Faith to your children. But, it can be difficult to be a good example when we don’t know as much about Sacred Scripture and our faith as we should. Let us help.

Many people want to read the Bible because they know it is God’s Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you to get the “big picture” of the Bible by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church.

8 Sundays [10/6, 11/3, 12/15, 1/26, 2/9, 3/8, 3/29, 4/19] 7:00 – 8:10pm
St. Thomas More, Room 1
To register, visit the St. Thomas More website, or email jackdwithrow@comcast.net.

Absence Policy Reminder - If your Faith Formation child is going to be absent please email your child’s teacher. Their email can be found on the Catechist Contact Sheet from the 1st day of class. In order for students to complete the Faith Formation year, they can not miss more than 5 classes. It is expected that the students make up the work when absent.

Please join us for the COME, ENCOUNTER CHRIST FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES EVENT AT GUARDIAN ANGELS Sunday, October 20th from 6:00-8:00 PM
This evening will provide dynamic preaching, powerful praise & worship music, opportunities for reconciliation, and adoration of our Lord, Jesus. All high school youth, middle school youth, and their families are invited. Come for time to grow in your own relationship with Jesus this evening!

This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit and open to the whole Archdiocese. Be sure to arrive early to secure parking and seating!

Hope to see our youth and families there! Faith Formation Families see note below.

Our Faith Formation Middle School students will be attending Come, Encounter Christ event together. We will provide a bus for our middle school students and will depart from St. Thomas More at 5:30 pm and returning at 8:30 pm. Also if parents wish to drive their children, they are more than welcome too meet us there. Permission slips were sent home with all middle school students and emailed to parents. Please note if your child does not attend, it will count as an absence. There will NOT be classes in the evening at St. Thomas More this evening. Please email angela@stmoffice.com with questions.
In Our Parish

Jail Outreach Ministry
A big THANK YOU! to the many people who contributed to September’s request for JOM. Our donation barrel was FULL! The recipients were most appreciative of your kindness.

For the months of October and November, JOM has requested men’s sweatshirts and sweatpants size large to 3XL. Again, the barrel for donations will be in the gathering space near the Social Hall doors.

In December, there will be tags on our Giving Tree for donations to JOM. These requested items will go to family members of people incarcerated in the Oakland County Jail.

As always, thank you ahead of time for your love and kindness!

STM Book Club
The STM Book Club selection for October is Sold on a Monday by Kristina McMorris. This is a novel about depression era Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia newspaper business, and a family too poor to keep its children.

Please join us on Tuesday, 10/15 at 10AM for the discussion.

Hope to see you there!

Senior Halloween Lunch
We are stirring up some magic so join us on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 for a Halloween Lunch. Bewitching fun for all and delicious food too! Wear your best costume if you dare (but not required) —prizes awarded! A soup & salad lunch and dessert will be served. Gathering begins at noon till 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. This is for the senior adult community. If you know someone who doesn’t drive, please invite them and consider giving them a lift on your broom! Please RSVP to the parish office by October 21st, so we have a count for food. Hope you can join us!

Gardening Angels
A big “THANK YOU” to Al VanHoutte’s Farm Boy Produce, for his contribution to our fall décor in the outside planters and next to the entryways. Farm Boy produce is located on Auburn Road, just west of Squirrel Road.

Opportunities to Be Involved in Music Ministry at St. Thomas More
• Contemporary Ensemble: we rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM. We sing at the 11:30 AM Mass every-other week.
• Youth Music Ministry: age range 7th grade and up. Keyboard players, instrumentalists, and singers are all needed.
• Cantors: please contact Brian Foos
• Adult Choir: rehearsals Thursday evenings 7:30. We sing at the 9:30 AM Masses
  Please contact Brian Foos for more information: bjfoos@gmail.com or through the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul Friends Walk
Belle Isle Park—September 28, 2019
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Senior Luncheon is planned for Wednesday, October 23rd, 12:00-1:30pm

As good Stewards and Ambassadors of our Parish, we want to enjoy the fellowship and friendship of our senior parish members. What better way to do this than to share in a lunch time meal together? STM will be hosting a monthly senior luncheon the third Wednesday of each month. We will have a theme for each luncheon. Some will be a fun luncheon party and others we may use for presentations or spiritual reflection. As we age it is important to build connections of friendship based on our faith beliefs. A community of friends is important whether you need a ride somewhere, someone to go with you to a movie, or someone to talk to about your faith. Your senior friends at STM will be there for you always.

For October, we will be having a Halloween party. All attendees are invited to dress in costumes with a prize given to best costume. The menu will be Soup and Salad with Cider and Donuts. This luncheon will be a “get to know” your fellow senior parishioners while having fun. Feel free to bring a friend or pick up someone who you know may not have transportation. Free will offerings will be accepted.

A few of us on the Stewardship Commission and Hospitality met to plan out the luncheon themes. We have decided on the following for the next few months. We do plan to meet throughout the summer.

November 20th – Prayer of Thanksgiving
December 18th – Celebrate a Polish Christmas
January 15th – White Elephant gift exchange
February 19th – Heart health as we age
March 18th – Prayer event to St. Patrick
April 15th – Let’s get ready for Baseball
May 20th – Month of Mary. “What is the Rosary all about?”

If anyone would like to help on the luncheons, please contact Lois Sokolowski at the office: 248-647-2222.

Watch the bulletin for further information!
September 2019 Monthly Giving Report

Monthly Goal ($16,240 x 5) $81,200
Envelope Total $55,142
Loose Cash/Check Donations $3,861
Electronic Giving $6,930
TOTAL RECEIVED $65,933
Monthly Overage/(Shortfall) ($15,268)

FISCAL YEAR TOTALS 2019-20
Offertory Budget to Date $206,000
Actual Offertory Received to Date $192,458
Over/(Under) Fiscal Year 2019-20 ($13,542)

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Received by Mail $ 1,650
Electronic Giving $ 6,930
Total Received $65,933

Envelopes Issued 1348
Electronic Contributors 55

Knight’s Tootsie Roll Drive to Help the Mentally Impaired

St. Thomas More’s “Round Table” Knights of Columbus Council #8659, will be outside of church following all the Masses on the weekend of October 12th and 13th to collect donations to help the mentally impaired in our community.

The Knights have traditionally had a special calling to support the dignity and care of those with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Please be generous and help support the dedicated local charities that help God’s very special children!

Snowbird?

It is October already and many parishioners will be or have left for warmer climates. If you are going to away for more than one month, please complete the form below and turn into the parish office. We will make sure that parish mail and envelopes are forwarded to your warm, winter address! Consider changing your giving option to electronic giving either through your bank or online at the parish website, for continued support St. Thomas More.

Any questions, please contact Lois Sokolowski at the parish office.

SNOWBIRD FORM

If you will be away for more than a month please complete the form below. You may also put summer days you will be gone.

NAME _________________________________________
ENVELOPE # (If known) _____________
ADDRESS _______________________________________
CITY __________________________  ZIP _____________
WE WILL BE AWAY BEGINNING _____________________ DATE
WE WILL BE RETURNING __________________________ DATE
PLEASE _____SEND _______ DO NOT SEND ENVELOPES
PLEASE _____SEND _______ DO NOT SEND PARSH MAIL

SVdP Fall Clothing Drive
this Weekend, October 5 & 6

Solaria Fall Clothing Drive
this Weekend, October 5 & 6

First of the Month Collection
this Weekend, October 5 & 6
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**MASS SCHEDULE**
Saturday at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 9:00 a.m. - Rosary before Mass
Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday at 3:00 p.m.