

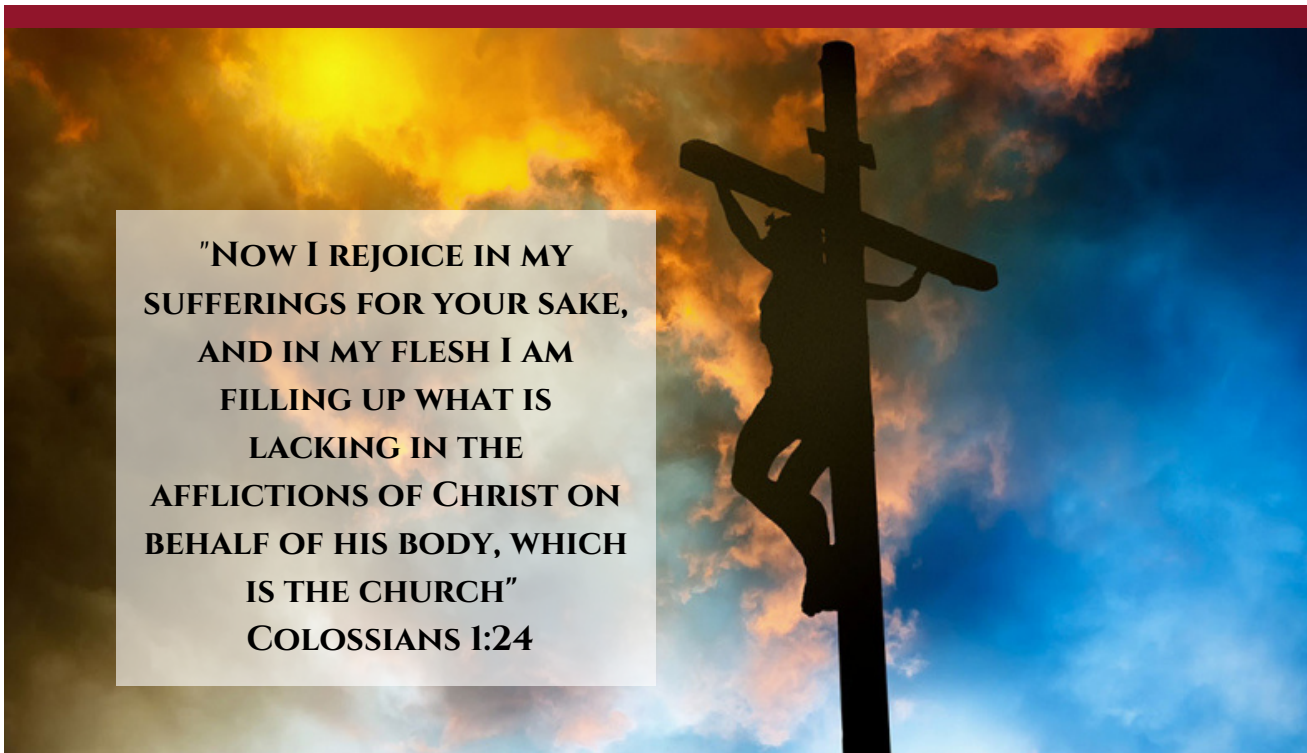
# ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



2101 POTTSTOWN PIKE, POTTSTOWN, PA 19465

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**"NOW I REJOICE IN MY SUFFERINGS FOR YOUR SAKE, AND IN MY FLESH I AM FILLING UP WHAT IS LACKING IN THE AFFLICTIONS OF CHRIST ON BEHALF OF HIS BODY, WHICH IS THE CHURCH" COLOSSIANS 1:24**

**Rev. Lawrence Kozak, Pastor**  
**Deacon Timothy Murphy**  
**Rev. Hugh J. Dougherty, Pastor Emeritus**

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 8:30 am  
Saturday Evening Mass: 4:30 pm  
Sunday Mass: 8:00 am and 10:30 am  
Eucharistic Adoration:  
Monday 11 am - 7 pm, Tuesday - Friday 9 am-7 pm  
Adoration for Vocations: Thursdays 3 pm - 4 pm  
Confession: Daily Before the 8:30 am Mass,  
Thursday 7:30 pm, Saturday 9 am & 3:00 pm  
Fatima Rosary:  
Monday - Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass  
Flame of Love Rosary:  
Monday - Friday 6:30 pm  
Evening of Reparation: Monthly 1st Friday 8 pm



*Save the Date!*  
*Parish Picnic*  
*Sunday*  
*September 18th*  
*11:30 am*  
*Warwick Park*



## WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR FATHER KOZAK

Praised be Jesus Christ!

What an odd phrase used by St Paul in the second reading! *“I make up in my own what is lacking in the affliction of Christ for the sake of His Body, the Church.”* What could be lacking to Christ’s sufferings? If there is something lacking, are we redeemed?! The answer of course, is yes. There is nothing substantially lacking to Christ’s sacrifice. The answer then, is that Christ is deliberately leaving a space for OUR sufferings. He wants us to participate in our redemption and in our salvation. Our sufferings now take on meaning. They are fruitful insofar as we unite them to Christ’s Cross. St. Augustine tells us that the whole Christ is “not just the Head, but the Head AND members.” His suffering then is complete, but not yet finished. It is complete in Christ the Head, but not yet finished in the Body.

Suffering is a fact of life. It comes to us no matter how we try to avoid. Only the Catholic Church has the answer to the problem of suffering. In Christ our sufferings have meaning in the truest sense. We are to offer them to God for our salvation and the salvation of others. The Mass is the place where this is done. This is why the priest says, “Pray brethren, that **MY SACRIFICE AND YOURS...**”. The sacrifice of the priest is the Eucharist, and the Sacrifice of all of you is the sacrifice of your lives. All the trials and travails of life find their proper meaning here. We all have suffering. Let’s not waste it but let us instead give it the weight it deserves, the weight of eternity!

May God reward you!

### Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading**  
Genesis 18:20-32

**Second Reading**  
Colossians 2:12-14

**Gospel**  
Luke 11:1-13

Daily Scripture Readings  
can be found at:

<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Please pray for the ill in our community, especially:*

Ed Hartman, Noreen Mumber,  
Imogene (Gene Rainey) Barbara Browski,  
Marie Zolot, Joe Lightman, Jim Lyons,  
Shirley Pastino, Shawn Mullen, Grayson Pickar,  
Michelle Trospen, Regina Powell,  
Pauline Ninneman, Mary Lou Tate, Charles Gordon

*Please pray for the recently deceased:*

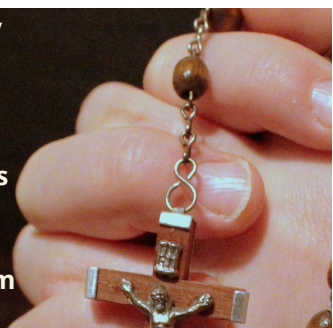
Anthony Neve, Robert Zawacki



## The Holy Rosary

**Fatima Rosary**  
**Monday- Saturday**  
**after the 8:30 am Mass**

**Flame of Love Rosary**  
**Monday-Friday 6:30 pm**



## I'M New

Welcome to the St Thomas More Parish Family! Please visit our website and fill out our [REGISTRATION form](#), or stop in the parish office, so we can formally welcome you and connect you and your family to our parish community.

## Parish Events

**July 17** - Altar Server Training at 9:15 am  
**July 21** - Book Club after the 8:30 am Mass  
**July 28** - Book Club after the 8:30 am Mass  
**July 31** - Altar Server Training at 9:15 am  
**August 5** - 1st Friday Evening Vigil of Reparation 8 pm  
**August 6** - 1st Saturday Rosary before the 8:30 am Mass  
**September 18** - Parish Picnic 11:30 am Warwick Park

### Weekly:

Choir Practice - Tuesdays 7 pm - 8:30 pm  
Fatima Rosary - Monday - Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass  
Flame of Love Rosary - Monday - Friday 6:30 pm  
Holy Hour for Vocations - Thursdays 3 - 4 pm  
Manatawny Manor Communion Service - Tuesday 10 am

### Monthly:

Ladies Auxiliary - 1st Monday 7:30 pm (virtual Zoom meeting)  
Ladies Auxiliary - 1st Saturday Rosary 8 am  
Knights of Columbus - 1st Monday 7:30 pm  
Evening of Reparation - 1st Friday 8 pm  
Night of Praise & Worship - Last Tuesday 7:15 pm

### Choirs:

Guitar Group - Last Sunday of Month, June, July, August  
No Adult Choir - July and August

## CONNECT

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### WEB

[StThomasMorePottstown.org](http://StThomasMorePottstown.org)

## SUBSCRIBE TO

**Fr. Kozak's weekly letter at**  
[stthomasmorepottstown.org/kozakletter](http://stthomasmorepottstown.org/kozakletter)

### St Thomas Parish Email Newsletter

Text to the number 22828

### STTHOMASMORE

## GIVE

[bit.ly/ParishGiving](http://bit.ly/ParishGiving)

Please send your news and announcements to  
[Office.StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com](mailto:Office.StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com)



## SAINT THOMAS MORE BOOK CLUB

Meets Weekly on Thursdays after the 8:30 am Mass

Currently Discussing

"Strangers in a Strange Land"

by Archbishop Charles Chaput

(On July 14th continuing on Page 223

Questions: Contact Carol Duffy or Susan Dutton



## STM PARISH OUTREACH

Thank you for your  
generosity!

Cash & Check & Gift Card  
Donations may be made in  
the envelope collection,  
online,  
or in the box by the Outreach  
Table.

Checks should be made  
payable to STM Outreach.

If you know of anyone in  
need, please contact  
Fr. Kozak or Mary Jo Warner

# JULY OUTREACH

## Please bring your donations by July 31st

Through July 31, along with our Knights of Columbus, we will collect food & supplies for distribution to needy families through our local **Coventry Pantry**. They have immediate need for  
Canned Meals: Pastas, Beef Stew, Canned Chicken, Canned or Packets of Tuna, Canned Fruits (in Juice), Peanut Butter & Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Mac and Cheese, Oatmeal (Low Salt, Low Sugar is healthiest!)  
Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent

Please bring your physical donations no later than July 31.

Checks can be made to St. Thomas More Outreach.

Giant Cards can be put in the Outreach box.

**\*Please note:** Food Pantry's cannot accept outdated food items.

At all times you may leave on the Outreach table:  
Sleeping Bags, Blankets, Rain Ponchos, New Men's Sweatpants,  
Baby Supplies, Maternity Clothing, Travel-size toiletries, Individual Fruit Cups,  
Granola Bars, Shelf-Stable meals and empty containers that laundry pods come in.

Please visit our [Outreach website page](#)  
to learn more about our community partners.

### Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit:

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Saturday, October 1 to**

**Monday, October 31, 2022**

**9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Eucharistic Miracles help us to appreciate the central event of the Mass. View an extraordinary month-long exhibit of over 100 photographic panels presenting Eucharistic Miracles recognized by the Church. These miracles have occurred throughout the world over the centuries and were researched and presented by Blessed Carlo Acutis in an Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles in 2005. Be inspired to draw closer to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life!  
Enjoy free admission and free parking.

National Centre for Padre Pio  
111 Barto Road - Barto, PA  
610-845-3000  
[www.padrepio.org](http://www.padrepio.org)

*First Saturday Rosary - August 6th at 8 am*

All are invited to pray the Rosary with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus the First Saturday of each month before the 8:30 am Mass.

*"To all those who, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months ... fulfill all the conditions requested, (Mass, Confession, meditate on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary) I promise to assist them at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their soul."*

Promise from Our Lady of Fatima to Sr. Lucia







# Mass Intentions

## Monday, July 18

*Saint Camillus de Lellis*

8:30 am John Werkley

Req by: The Barger's

## Tuesday, July 19

8:30 am Michael Yasinowsky

Req by: Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham

## Wednesday, July 20

*Saint Apollinaris*

8:30 am Peter Peaschek

Req by: Harold and Joanne Pickar

## Thursday, July 21

*Saint Lawrence of Brindisi*

8:30 am Christopher Loomis

Req by: His Parents

## Friday, July 22

*Saint Mary Magdalene*

8:30 Ron DeStefano

Req by: John and Romana Coccia

## Saturday, July 23

*Saint Bridget*

8:30 am Cecelia Fera

Req by: The O'Brien Family

4:30 pm Alice Koury

Req by: The Koury Family

## Sunday, July 24

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Jack Werkley

Req by: The Jeff Evans Family



**Thank you for your stewardship!**

Give online at: [bit.ly/ParishGiving](https://bit.ly/ParishGiving)

Mail Your Gift to:

St Thomas More, 2101 Pottstown Pike

Pottstown, PA 19465

June Special Collection: Peter's Pence

**Offertory Update for July 10, 2022**

**Weekend Collection \$7,667**

**Outreach \$265**

**Building Fund \$20**



**Weekly Altar Flowers**

**Suggested Offering:**

**\$125 Blessed Mother**

**\$125 Saint Joseph**

**\$200 Tabernacle**

**\$200 Altar**

**"In Memory of...."**



## *THE DEACON'S CORNER*

DeaconTMurphy@gmail.com

### **The 7 Deadly Sins: Greed and the Joy of Generosity**

Greed is the disordered or insatiable love of “things”; to desire something more than we need to survive. Most think of money and riches, but it can be for anything – money, expensive toys, social status, political power. “Stuff” is morally neutral – that is, they are not good or bad in and of themselves (including money). It is the perverted desire we feel or act on which is sinful – we may not even have “things” in or possession. Like all sin, it undermines our joy; the joy God desires for us!

Generosity is the remedy for greed. Give something away – time, talent, treasure – whatever it is we are trying to hoard. This conscious and willful act of resisting the pull of this world is a choice of delight in the next world with God. Choosing to give when we do not feel like giving, or when it is hard to give is a kind of sacrifice or suffering God recognizes and delights in, because it means we are moving closer to Him. There is power over sin in exercising that choice and it can spread joy in the world – for others and for ourselves.

God bless you all!

Deacon Murphy

### **Altar Server Training**

**9 - 10 am Sunday**

**July 17th and 31st**

**If you have a green thumb and would like to assist with our new Parish Outdoor Beautification Ministry, please contact Rosemary Burgess at : [theburgessfamily6@comcast.net](mailto:theburgessfamily6@comcast.net)**

Mater Laetitia Academy (located at St. Thomas More parish), is looking for Latin and math teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. Classes are 45 min. to an hour on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. To apply, please contact either Patty Reyher ([preyher@materlaetitia.com](mailto:preyher@materlaetitia.com)), or Mary Cromwell ([mcromwell@materlaetitia.com](mailto:mcromwell@materlaetitia.com)).



## **REGISTRATION OPEN for PREP Parish Religious Education Program**

**New this Year!  
Online Registration and Credit Card Payments Accepted**

The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) begins September 11th and ends in May. Weekly sessions meet on Sundays 9:10 am - 10:15 am. Children in grades 1-7 are welcome to join us. Please register your child so we can order textbooks and supplies in time for our first session. Online registration and credit card payments are accepted. Paper forms can be downloaded from our [website](#) or found in the Narthex.

We look forward to seeing you all in September!

**ONLINE REGISTRATION**



**VOLUNTEER**

### **We Need Catechists and Aides for PREP**

**Come share your faith with our parish children! Our classes are on Sunday at 9:10 am to 10:10 am from September 11 to the first weekend in May. We have a great team but need a couple more Catechists, some Aides and some Substitutes.**

**Come join us!**

**Contact Nancy at [prep.stthomasmoreparish@gmail.com](mailto:prep.stthomasmoreparish@gmail.com) or fill out the online form located on our website <https://stthomasmorepottstown.org/prep>.**



# Becoming Catholic

No one is born Catholic. An unbaptized person may wish to explore becoming a Catholic. Every fall, a group of adults gather to begin that process. They meet regularly on Wednesday evening with Deacon Murphy and other parishioners.

Someone already baptized in a Christian church may now wish to be a Catholic. They will also receive instruction, guidance and support. All move together in stages towards Lent and the easter Vigil when adults are Baptized and others are fully received into the Church.

Baptized Catholics frequently discover they have yet to "become Catholic", some who missed essential religious formation may now be eager to continue the growth that all Catholics should experience. They are welcome to join the Wednesday evening sessions.

To learn more and begin the process, please contact:

Father Kozak or

Deacon Murphy



## Be Not Afraid

FINDING YOUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Saturday, October 22, 2022  
Feast of St. John Paul II  
9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

### English Keynote



Michelle Benzinger  
*Finding Your Freedom in Christ*



Sr. Miriam James  
*Heidland, SOLT  
Jesus, Our Healer*



Martha Reyes  
*Encuentro de  
libertad en Cristo*



Sue Gudenauf  
*Be Not Afraid: Finding  
Your Freedom in Christ*



Archbishop  
Nelson J. Pérez  
*Celebrant*

### Breakout Sessions



Katie Weiss  
*Vaso Divino  
for Healing*



Regina Boyd  
*God Heals Through  
Relationship*



Matt & Jenn Lozano  
*Helping Kids Find  
Freedom in Christ*



Sr. Cora Caelli, SV  
*Healing for Others:  
Reflective Listening*



Bishop John J.  
McIntyre  
*President*

### Holy Hour

### Location

National Shrine of  
Our Lady of Czestochowa  
654 Ferry Road  
Doylestown, PA

### Registration

- \$60 general admission
- \$50 groups of 5+
- \$20 college students
- \$15 religious sisters



Register online:  
catholicwomensconference.org



Questions? Send us an email:  
archphillycw@gmail.com

Registration includes light breakfast, lunch, hospitality bag and full-day conference access.

## Getting to stress free!

Nourish  
For Caregivers

### A MINI-RETREAT TO NOURISH THE CAREGIVER'S SOUL

*Do you feel like you've hit the limits?*

Caregivers, you give so much of yourself to care for others, leaving little time to care for you. It's a common challenge and it can lead to burnout. Join this mini-retreat and a community of other caregivers to make time for your emotional and spiritual needs.

Discover how stress can be an positive conduit for change, enabling you to thrive and grow.

While there is no charge for this event, registration is required. Scan the QR code to register, or visit

<https://bit.ly/StressFreeCaregivers>

St. Robert Bellarmine

AUG 4TH  
7-8:30 PM

856 Euclid Ave.,  
Warrington



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Philadelphia

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St Mary of Providence Center Presents

# Magnifest

Outdoor Music Festival, performed by talented  
local musicians on the beautiful grounds of  
St. Mary's

Saturday, August 13

12 noon - 10 pm

**Music, Food, Vendors, Arts Showcase  
Confessions & Holy Mass  
Celebrated by  
Father Steve DeLacy  
Eucharistic Adoration**

visit [stmaryprov.org](http://stmaryprov.org) for further info



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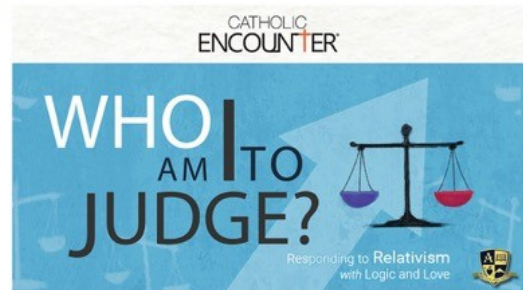


July 17, 2022

### WATCH

#### WHO AM I TO JUDGE? WITH DR. EDWARD SRI - SESSION 1: DON'T IMPOSE YOUR MORALITY ON ME!

What is “right” and “wrong”? Is what’s right for you right for me? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality, that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. So, how do we talk about right and wrong in this world? In this series, Dr. Ted Sri explores the fragility of a relativist outlook and the importance of absolute truth.



### LEARN

#### GIVEN FORUM TALKS: EDUCATING ON THE NATURE AND DIGNITY OF WOMEN BY KATHERINE MEEKS



This week we celebrate Mary Magdalene, the most well-known woman in the Gospel accounts besides Christ’s holy mother. In honor of this great saint and disciple, enjoy this presentation on the nature and dignity of women by Katherine Meeks. In her talk, Katherine shares how she chose to pursue a mission-driven life for Christ.

### LISTEN

#### WOMEN MADE NEW BY CRYSTALINA EVERT

In “Women Made New,” Crystalina Evert, author of Pure Womanhood, explains that it doesn’t matter what you’ve done or where you’ve been, all that matters now is where you go from here. Moreover, she discusses topics like dating, healthy habits, and the importance of listening to the Lord. In honor of Mary Magdalene and her devout discipleship, enjoy this talk on authentic femininity.

#### WOMEN MADE NEW CRYSTALINA EVERT



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To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.



# Have you registered at St Thomas More?

Please complete this form and place in the collection basket at the back of church.

**St. Thomas More Church**  
 2101 Pottstown Pike  
 South Coventry Twp., Chester Co.  
 Pottstown, PA 19465

## Registration Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Family (Last) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Actual Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Township: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Married  Single  Widowed  Separated  Divorced  Divorced & Remarried

Place of Marriage: (Church) \_\_\_\_\_ City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Recognized by the Catholic Church: (Yes or No)

If widowed, name of spouse and date of death: \_\_\_\_\_

People actually living in the home (including college students). Use other side if necessary.

First Name: (Head of Household) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: (First & Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Baptism (Yes or No)      1st Communion (Yes or No)

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Confirmation (Yes or No)

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Church activities you participate in: \_\_\_\_\_

Church activities you participate in: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Church activities you participate in: \_\_\_\_\_

Church activities family members may be interested in:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

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