

# ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



2101 POTTSTOWN PIKE, POTTSTOWN, PA 19465

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**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



*Please join us for the*  
**Communion of  
Reparation  
VIGIL**  
8:00pm - 2:30 am  
First Friday-Saturday

*St. Thomas More  
Catholic Church*  
2102 Pottstown Pike,  
Pottstown, PA 19465

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For more information,  
please contact:  
Tara Szymanski: (610) 716-5673  
or Lynn Pupek: (610) 656-9354

**Vigil Schedule**  
Scriptural Rosary  
Holy Mass for the Sacred Heart  
Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament  
Nine Offices of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Holy Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary



*Make reparation to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary!*  
**Holy Mass + Adoration + Rosary + Confession**



## WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR FATHER KOZAK

Praised be Jesus Christ!

I place before you a reflection from St. Jane Frances de Chantal:

To enter into the presence of God let us sometimes represent him to ourselves as filling the whole universe, thinking of him as omnipresent like the air we breathe. Again, we may look upon God as surrounding us on every side, we being in him as fish are in the sea, birds in the air. Or we may withdraw into our inward selves and then with a calm, unwavering gaze look upon the divine essence as filling our soul and our very being, even as the Father, contemplating himself in his own being, generates the divine Son from whom, with him, proceeds the Holy Spirit. We may, at other times, fix our thoughts upon Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, and reflect, as faith teaches us, that in it our Lord in his Sacred Humanity abides and that this same Humanity is seated on the right hand of the Eternal Father. Lastly, we must ever humble ourselves and acknowledge that we are unworthy to speak to God, saying with Abraham: I will speak to my Lord whereas I am but dust and ashes.

Let us tie ourselves down to prayer and never quit it, for in this game (so to say) he is the loser who gives up his prayer. If it seems to you that you are not heard, cry out the louder; if you be driven out by one door, come in by another; if you hear the words said to the Canaanite woman (Mt 15:21-28), that you do not deserve the graces for which you ask, humbly reply that like her you do not aspire to unusual favors, but only to eat the crumbs that fall from the divine table.  
*-Saint Jane Frances de Chantal*

May God reward you!

### **Next Sunday's Scripture Readings** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading**  
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

**Second Reading**  
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

**Gospel**  
Luke 12:13-21

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 Trosper, Regina Powell,  
Pauline Ninneman, Mary Lou Tate, Charles Gordon

*Please pray for the recently deceased:*

Grace Sagona





# Mass Intentions

**Monday, July 25***Saint James the Apostle*

8:30 am The Pickar Family

Req by: Harold and Joanne Pickar

**Tuesday, July 26***Saint Joachim and Ann*

8:30 am James Jonik

Req by: Carol Duffy

**Wednesday, July 27**

8:30 am James Jonik

Req by: St Thomas More Knights of Columbus

**Thursday, July 28**

8:30 am Herbert C. Lindsey

Req by: Carol Duffy

**Friday, July 29***Saint Martha*

8:30 James Jonik

Req by: Connie Yanos

**Saturday, July 30***Saint Peter Chrysologus*

8:30 am James Jonik

Req by: Jerry and Jane Bunke

4:30 pm John Landis

Req by: Rod and Linda Faust

**Sunday, August 1**

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Charles G. Collier

Req by: Philip and Rebecca Bartholomeo

***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****Offertory Update for July 17, 2022****Weekend Collection \$8,078****Outreach \$390****Building Fund \$115****Mission Co-Op \$180**

## Weekly Altar Flowers

### Suggested Offering:

**\$125 Blessed Mother****\$125 Saint Joseph****\$200 Tabernacle****\$200 Altar****"In Memory of..."**

## 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 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 28th continuing on Page 234

Questions: Contact Carol Duffy or Susan Dutton





**St Thomas More Parish  
Presents  
The Chosen Series 2  
Discussion, Pot Luck  
5:45 pm - 7:30 pm  
in the Social Hall  
Saturday, July 23rd**

[CLICK HERE to RSVP](#)

or Visit:

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



**Becoming Catholic  
Small Groups Now Forming!**

A person is fully initiated into the Catholic Church after he or she has received the three sacraments of Christian Initiation:

**Baptism  
Confirmation  
and The Holy Eucharist**

Small groups desiring to be in full communion are now forming for the fall.  
If you or if you know of someone interested in learning on how to be in full communion with  
Jesus and His Church, please contact:

Father Kozak or Deacon Murphy



## 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





## ***THE DEACON'S CORNER***

DeaconTMurphy@gmail.com

### **The 7 Deadly Sins: Envy and the Joy of Gratitude**

Envy is the sense of being sad at the good fortune or moral excellence of others; an irrational anger at the success of others. From envy can rise disordered passions, where we will cause havoc trying to get ahead and overshadow another's goodness, intelligence, generosity. Envy is different from being inspired to be better by another's good fortune. We get too busy comparing ourselves to others – because others have “something” I must have less. That is not God's way.

Gratitude is the antidote to envy: refocus on the right perspective. We need to get to a quiet place to remind us of God's grace and abundance; place ourselves under the loving care of the Father – let him claim us as adopted children. Other's blessings do not take anything away from us and how much we are loved by God and those close to us. We are worthy in God's eyes. Let us bask in the joy of God's gaze – with all its' gifts and wonder of perfect love. Then we can love ourselves and express gratitude to God for His grace and goodness. Then we can express genuine gratitude to others. Then we will bring joy to the world.

God bless you all!

Deacon Murphy



**Altar Server Training**  
**9 - 10 am Sunday**  
**July 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>.**



**To Learn More about the Eucharistic Revival, Visit:**  
<https://www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/>

# Wonderfully Made 2

The Story Continues...  
 A Theology of the Body Retreat  
 for Teen Girls



**Retreat Leader:** Samantha Kelley of FierceAthlete.org  
**Priest:** Fr. David O'Brien, Campus Minister, Lansdale Catholic HS  
**Speaker:** Marie DiCocco, Speaker on Women's Health in conformity with Theology of the Body

**August 26-28, 2022**  
**Mariawald Renewal Center**  
**1094 Welsh Road Reading, PA**

Arrival time is Friday at 7:00 p.m. and ends Sunday at noon.  
 Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner served Saturday & Breakfast served Sunday  
 Reconciliation available Saturday and Vigil Mass celebrated  
 Cost: \$200 per person (scholarships available)  
 Sponsored by St. Peter Parish Respect Life Committee



*Who should attend?*  
 High school juniors and seniors, college students, and those high schoolers who have previously attended Wonderfully Made 1.

Register at <http://lifelovesexuality.com/> • For more information, email Eileen Christian at [wonderfullymaderetreat@gmail.com](mailto:wonderfullymaderetreat@gmail.com)

*Who's ready to travel?*



Finish your vacation  
 prep today!

Visit our website at  
[StThomasMorePottstown.org](http://StThomasMorePottstown.org)  
 to sign up for our  
 online giving program  
 to continue giving while  
 you are away.



*Travel safe. We'll see you when you get back!*

Parish Giving offers secure flexible online giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan the budget. Check out the website listed for benefits and details. [www.stthomasmore.org](http://www.stthomasmore.org)

# Getting to stress free!

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

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

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 a 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



**Nourish** For Caregivers  
 Empower. Advance.  
[www.nourishforcaregivers.com](http://www.nourishforcaregivers.com)



**Archdiocese  
 of  
 Philadelphia**

Offered by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Nourish for Caregivers

# 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 [stmmaryprov.org](http://stmmaryprov.org) for further info



227 Isabella Rd. Elverson, PA  
[magnifestpa@gmail.com](mailto:magnifestpa@gmail.com)





July 24, 2022

### WATCH

#### SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: SOLDIER FOR CHRIST

At the end of this week, we celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the "Soldier for Christ." While Martin Luther's interior troubles plunged Europe into a maelstrom of controversy, Ignatius of Loyola set out on an extraordinary interior pilgrimage of grace. Taught directly by God, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and founded a religious order dedicated to evangelization, the Jesuits.



### LEARN

#### FORMED NOW! DOES FAITH TAKE A VACATION?

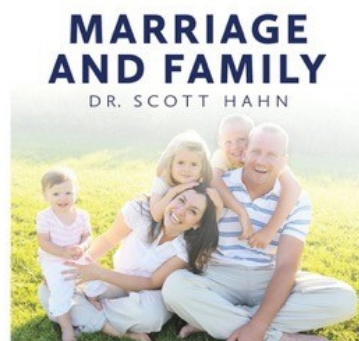


As many of us embark on sunny vacations, it's important to make sure our faith remains front and center in our lives. Since it's easy for us to be distracted by the excitement of the summer rhythm, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger discuss what we can do to make sure we don't let the spiritual life take a back seat.

### LISTEN

#### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Strong relationships and marriages are of vital importance to individuals, the Church, and society as a whole. In this focused presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn shares key principles that he has lived out in his own life. His advice is practical, challenging, and sometimes requires sacrifice, but it is sure to bear fruit and bring forth many blessings in your family. In honor of Sts. Joachim and Anne, please enjoy this powerful talk!



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
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) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Confirmation (Yes or No)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Confirmation (Yes or No)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Confirmation (Yes or No)

Occupation, School, CCD, Grade: (as applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

Confirmation (Yes or No)

Occupation, School, CCD, Grade: (as applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Church activities family members may be interested in:

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

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