

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



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Glory to the Father,
to the Son and
to the Holy Spirit

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

Ukrainian Refugee Collection This weekend!

Most Needed Items:
Clothing and footwear
(men's boots 9-13,
women's boots 7-10)

Thermal Underwear
First Aid Supplies
Flashlights and Portable Charges

A partnership with the
Ukrainian Heritage School,
The Knights of Columbus
and homeschooler Peter Szymanski



WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR FATHER KOZAK

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This Sunday we celebrate the most profound mystery of the Christian faith, a God Who is One and Three at one and the same time. The mystery of the Trinity stands at the center of our faith, it is the deepest revelation of God to man and our destiny. We are called by Christ to live in Him for all eternity, through the Holy Spirit, directed to the Father in Heaven. It is a doctrine misunderstood and rarely thought of, yet it sums up our hope. It defies the wisdom of the world; God is absolute unity and diversity in Himself. All Three Persons are equally and totally God. They are the same Divine Substance, and yet each Person is a Person in His integrity. This is perfect love. Three, not two, Three, not one person, Three, in which perfect love and self-giving is complete and immediate. They are not inclined to think of Themselves, they are totally self-giving in Their love.

This is revealed to us by the gracious love of the Incarnate Son. He reveals the selfless-ness of the Persons of the Trinity. He reveals that He lives to do the Father's will and that The Holy Spirit makes present the love between the saving love between the Father and the Son. God has extended Himself to us in the Incarnation and drew us up into His own very Life. We are not made for this life; this life is where we live in a hidden way the mystery of total self-less love through the Grace of Christ. What a dignity that the human person has been given! We are called into the very life of God! All the teachings of the Church on faith and morals are grounded in this mystery. We cannot be satisfied with living for our own comfort, our own material well-being, but instead we must be poured out, just as Christ poured Himself out on the Cross, as the Holy Spirit is poured out on the Church. Life has no meaning apart from this. sacrifice and suffering are the ways in which we learn and live this love.

Our destiny is nothing else but God Himself!

May God reward you!

**Next Sunday's Scripture
Solemnity of the
Most Body and Blood of Christ**

First Reading
Genesis 14:18-20

Second Reading
1st Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel
Luke 9: 11b-17

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

Please pray for the recently deceased:

Anthony Neve



Mass Intentions

Monday, June 13

Saint Anthony of Padua

8:30 am The Pickar Family

Req by: Harold & Joanne Pickar

Tuesday, June 14

8:30 am Roseo & Dunn Families

Req by: Maurizio & Emily Roseo

Wednesday, June 15

8:30 am The Piazza & Gich Families

Req by: Tony & Amy Piazza

Thursday, June 16

8:30 am Ron DeStefano

Req by: Sally Tornetta & Family

Friday, June 17

8:30 am Bill Duffy

Req by: Carol Duffy

Saturday, June 18

8:30 am Elizabeth Wilhelm

Req by: John & Romana Coccia

4:30 pm People of the Parish

70th Anniversary of Tony & Amy Piazza

Sunday, June 19

8:00 am John Landis

Req by: Joe & Marilyn Vargo

10:30 am Dan Pizzi

Req by: Ann Pizzi



Thank you for your stewardship!

Give online at: bit.ly/ParishGiving

Mail Your Gift to:

**St Thomas More, 2101 Pottstown Pike
Pottstown, PA 19465**



Weekly Altar Flowers

Suggested Offering:

\$125 Blessed Mother

\$125 St Joseph

\$200 Tabernacle

\$200 Altar

"In Memory Of..."

MARRIED COUPLES

"Live your best life in love" in 2022:

Why not give yourselves some time together by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The Summer 2022 in-person experience is July 8-10 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit <https://www.wwme-philly.org/>.

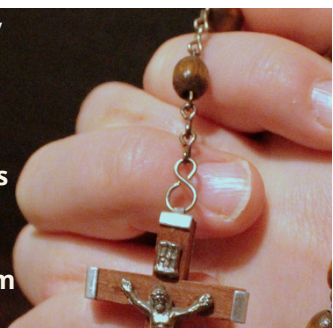
Costume Materials Needed!

PREP is collecting solid or lightly striped sheets and drapery material to create costumes for the living stations. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you!

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

June 16 - Book Club after the 8:30 am Mass

June 17 - Blood Drive 1-6 pm

June 18, 19 - Youth Pilgrimage Fundraiser - Donuts for Dads

June 19 - Eucharistic Procession after the 10:30 am Mass

June 23 - Book Club after the 8:30 am Mass

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 -Thursday 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

SAVE THE DATE:

Annual Parish Picnic at Warwick Park
September 18th 11:30 am - 3 pm

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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 June 16th continuing on Page 174)

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

JUNE OUTREACH

Please bring your donations by June 26th.

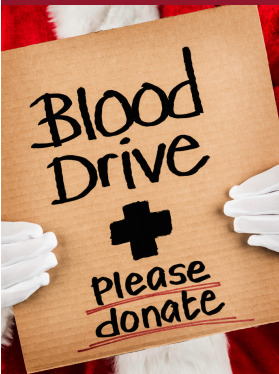
Through June 26th our Outreach collection will be for Birthright, a place where woman who are pregnant or think they are pregnant can find love, friendship and support. Their focus is on loving the mother and reminding her that there is hope, and ensuring she is **NOT alone.**

Birthright has emphasized that the following items are needed:

- *Diapers Size 3
- *12-18 month Boys and Girls clothing
(new or gently used accepted)
- * 0-6 month size Onesies and lightweight pants
- *Maternity Dresses & Summer Tops (all sizes)
Maternity Shorts Size XL & XXL

Please bring or make your donations by **June 26th.**

Please Pray for our Mothers and their Babies!



Friday , June 17th

2 pm - 7pm in the Social Hall

Sign up to give blood at:

StThomasMoreParish.org

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND July 2022

We are 14 Catholic youth from Saint Thomas More who hope to make a 15-day Vocational Pilgrimage to Israel this July with other youth from the diocese of Philadelphia and we are kindly requesting your support. We appeal to your generosity, knowing Christ fulfills his promise of giving one hundredfold to those who are generous. We know that God will make a way if it is His desire that we go. As a help Father Kozak has kindly offered us to host this event that will help to raise money for this pilgrimage.

How You Can Help:

DONUTS FOR DAD – June 18th and 19th after all Masses

- Treat Dad and the family to donuts / coffee after Mass
- Icons, Mugs and Candles (all hand crafted by the youth) will be offered for sale

MAKE A DONATION

- Visit us at: <https://gofund.me/51fb9d65>
- **Click the QR Code to make a donation and follow us with updated**
- **stories and pictures**



St Thomas More Parish Life



Little Dresses for Africa

Smiling faces abound as parish women come together to sew up simple dresses for young girls in Africa. Monica Feely (center photo at the sewing machine) brought this new ministry to St Thomas More this year. Thanks to the hard work of Monica and a team of diligent workers, 84 dresses were packed up to be delivered to plant in the hearts of little girls in remote African villages, that they are worthy!!

To sign up for the next sew date or to learn more please contact Monica at: monicafeely@yahoo.com



Italian Night to Benefit St Thomas More Parish Youth

The Italian Dinner Fundraising event held at St Thomas More Parish Hall on Friday, May 27th was a great success! Many thanks to all who supported our youth who are headed to a vocational pilgrimage to the Holy Land in July. A wonderful evening was had by all and great food!

The next fundraising event will be held Father's Day weekend. **Donuts for Dads.**
Please come out and support our youth!



THE DEACON'S CORNER

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"Lord, Send out your Spirit and Renew the Face of the Earth"

This is the responsorial Psalm for Pentecost. As I reflect on my 1st year as your deacon, I am edified in the Lord by the way you have all shown me and my family the Lord's kindness and renewed us as we have grown together. The St. Thomas More parish has been very welcoming to me, Corinne, and our family. All your prayers, sincere questions and comments are a great reminder of why I am a deacon with you and for the Lord. Praying for me and my family, accepting us into your family, are seeds of peace and renewed encouragement in each interaction. God's grace in your care. Thank you.

We thank Father Kozak for allowing me and Corinne to share our gifts at St. Thomas More in many ways this first year. We thank Father Kozak for his spiritual and expert priestly guidance but also for a great friendship... and for putting us to work!

In the gospel for Pentecost, we heard about the sending of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, and we benefit today because they did not keep it to themselves. We too are each sent out in our own way to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Our particular way of being sent is through my ordination as Permanent Deacon and assignment to St. Thomas More, servicing at Mass, visiting the homebound, coordinating RCIA with a great team. Corinne and I look forward to continuing to journey and grow in faith with you all as a parish family.

To continue the open dialogue, there will be a new section in the bulletin called **The Deacon's Corner**. A place for me to share my thoughts but also to answer questions or address topics of interest to the parish. If you have a question about anything regarding our faith, please send to DeaconTMurphy@gmail.com and I will answer here.

Thank you and God bless you all!

Deacon Murphy

