

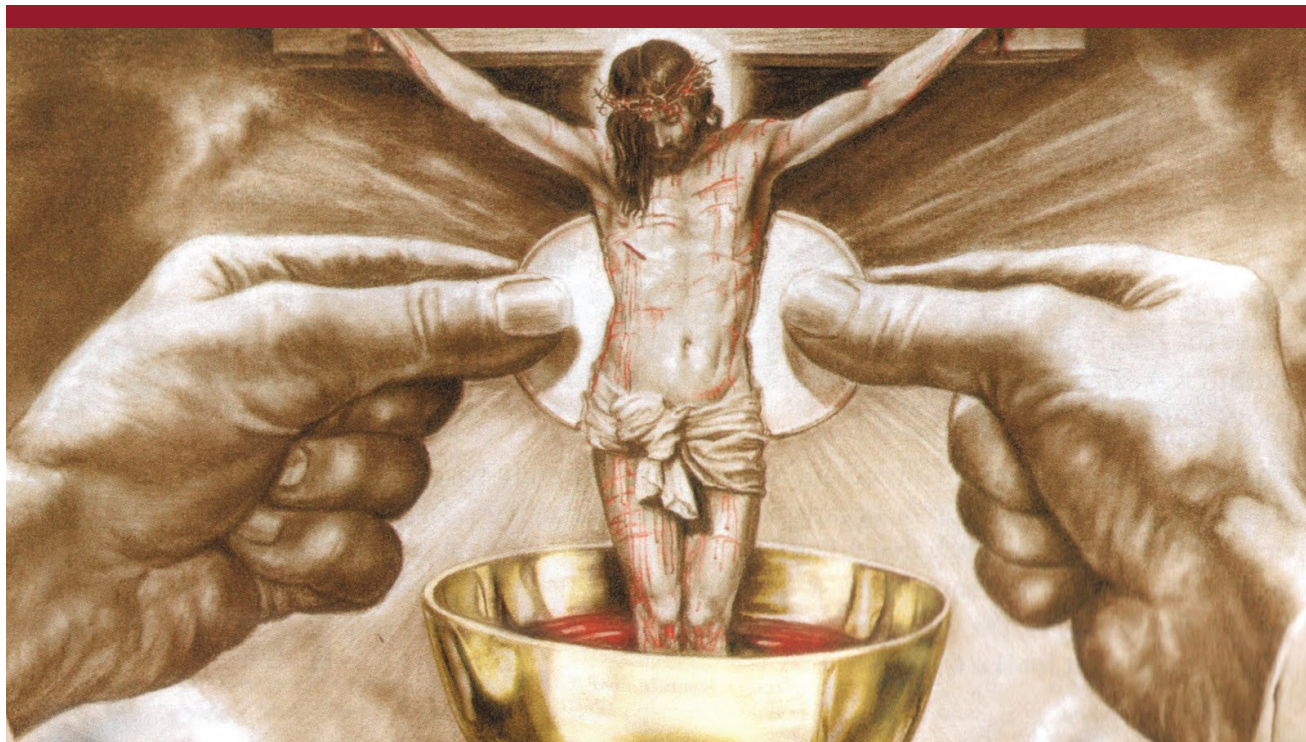
ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH



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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

Happy Fathers Day!

*Donuts for Dads Fundraiser
this weekend.*

*Please support our youth's vocational
Pilgrimage to the Holy Land!*





WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR FATHER KOZAK

Praised be Jesus Christ!

There has been much controversy as of late about the Most Blessed Sacrament. Should politicians who hold views on abortion, same sex “marriage” and other intrinsic evils be denied access to the Most Blessed Sacrament? The answer, of course, is yes. Not all issues are equal. These things are **INTRINSICALLY** evil, which means they cannot be redeemed without a **PUBLIC** renunciation **AND** confession. Why are we as Catholics so strict about this? It is because of this feast; Corpus Christi. The most precious reality that the Church has is the Most Sacred Body and Blood of Our Lord.

We follow the Sacred Scripture and the constant teaching of the Church for 2022 years. Christ has placed Himself into the hands of men in this most precious Sacrament. While all the Sacraments give the grace of Christ, this Sacrament gives us **CHRIST HIMSELF**. The Church is charged with defending the honor of Christ. We may not fling him to those who indulge every sinful impulse. The Sacrament of Confession is given us for the purpose of preparing us to receive Christ into our body. Let us make no mistake about it, we believe that bread and wine are substantially changed. Who we receive at the altar is Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. What a precious and Sacred gift, and yet so casually do we treat Him. We have all of Heaven within us through His Body and Blood.

O Precious Host and Chalice, save us and change us!

May God reward you!

Next Sunday's Scripture **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading
1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Second Reading
Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel
Luke 9:51-62

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



Mass Intentions

Monday, June 20

8:30 am Ann Phillips

Req by: The Tomarelli Family

Tuesday, June 21

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga

8:30 am The Pickar Family

Req by: Harold & Joanne Pickar

Wednesday, June 22

Saints John Fisher and Thomas More

8:30 am Jack Werkley

Req by: STM 50th Jubilee Committee

Thursday, June 23

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:30 am Ann Phillips

Req by: STM 50th Jubilee Committee

Friday, June 24

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30 am Deceased friends & relatives of the
Gentile Family

Req by: The Gentile Family

Saturday, June 25

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am John Duall

Req by: STM 50th Jubilee Committee

4:30 pm Robert & Isabella Evans

Req by: Patty (daughter)

Sunday, June 26

8:00 am Gail Palladino

Req by: Charles & Linda Palladino

10:30 am Janine Langan

Req by: Eileen Christian



Thank you for your stewardship!

Give online at: bit.ly/ParishGiving

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St Thomas More, 2101 Pottstown Pike

Pottstown, PA 19465

June Special Collection: Peter's Pence

Offertory Update for June 12, 2022

Weekend Collection \$ 5,450

Outreach \$120

Feast of the Ascension \$45

Father's Day Remembrance \$95

Building Fund \$10

Peter's Pence \$25

THE CHOSEN
Movie & Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday, June 18th 6 pm

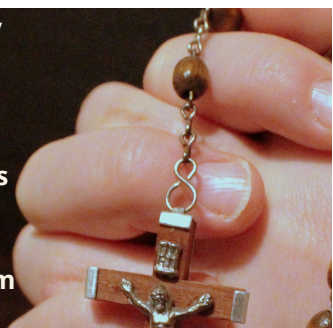


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The Holy Rosary

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 - CHOSEN Movie and Pot Luck 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
June 30 - Book Club after the 8:30 am Mass
July 1 - First Friday Evening of Reparation 8 pm

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 23rd 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!



A Morning Reflection for Grandparents

"Meet the In-Laws"

with Deacon Patrick Kennedy

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

10 am - 12 pm

at the Padre Pio Centre in Barto, PA

This is a **FREE** event, but you must register at

www.padrepio.org

Registration OPENS June 26th



THE DEACON'S CORNER

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The antidote for the disease of concupiscence

We have all heard about Original Sin (the sin of Adam) and about Actual Sin (the sin we ourselves commit). The impact of Adam's sin in the garden was so egregious, it not only had an impact on Adam and Eve and their children, but for all humanity down the line to us today. The good news is that in our baptism, all stain of sin is removed, especially the mark of Original sin! But the effect of the Original Sin of Adam, left human creation with a tendency to do wrong, to sin in the eyes of God - this is called concupiscence. St. Paul stated what we all know: "I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." (Rom 7:15).

This problem has been with us a LONG time and it remains until we rest in the heart of the Lord. This is part of the challenge to show our love to God. Along the way, we have the beautiful sacrament of Reconciliation, where we are absolved of our sins by Jesus in the form and prayers of the priest and his standing in for Christ. We seek forgiveness and in God's great mercy it is granted as long as we are sincere and honest in our confession to Jesus. That sacrament heals our soul and opens us to more grace from God. In that sacrament, we make a hard promise to "firmly resolve, with the help of his grace to sin no more and avoid the near occasions of sin."

When we find ourselves tangled in a certain type of sin, there are things we can practice to stay true to our sacramental promise to God; things we can do to truly repent and make a U-turn in our lives. Over the next few weeks, I will be exploring the 7 deadly sins and the associated antidote, which is in addition to the Sacrament of Reconciliation - NOT instead of!

God bless you all!
Deacon Murphy

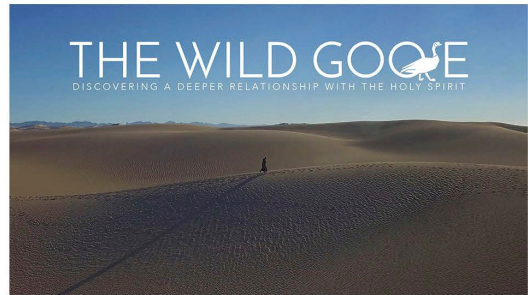


JUNE 19, 2022

WATCH

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT & FIRE

As we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist this week, we remember his words: “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Mt 3:11). Jesus came to baptize us in the Holy Spirit, and the power and grace that comes from baptism in the Holy Spirit changes lives. Explore the meaning of this sacrament in this episode of The Wild Goose!



LEARN

TRUE REFORMERS: EPISODE 1 - ST. THOMAS MORE

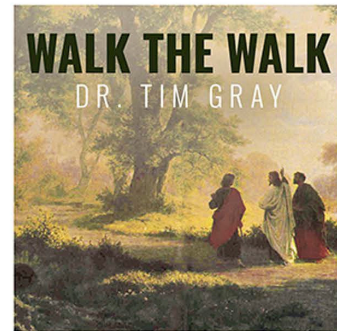


St. Thomas More was one of the greatest humanists of his age but also a man devoted to the spiritual life. His lifetime of learning, charity, and service to the public good of England enabled him to stand a patient and holy witness—and one of the greatest of modern martyrs.

LISTEN

WALK THE WALK: FOLLOWING CHRIST AS HIS DISCIPLE BY DR. TIM GRAY

Being a disciple of Jesus has always been synonymous with being a Christian. From the Scriptures and from his own experience, Dr. Tim Gray explains how Christian discipleship calls us to follow in the footsteps of Christ as engaged participants in God’s plan. In doing so, we bear witness to the Lord in our families,



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