

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

Please join us for the

Communion of Reparation Vigil

8 pm - 2:30 am

Friday, July 1st - Saturday, July 2nd

Make Reparation to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary!

Holy Mass| Adoration| Rosary| Confession



For more information please contact:

Tara Szymanski - 610-716-5672

Lynn Pupek 610-656-9354



WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR FATHER KOZAK

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Freedom. As Americans our freedoms are very important to us. We treasure them, and well we should, as they are God-given, they do not come from the government. The question St. Paul places before us is “what is freedom for?” Freedom is not isolated, as if it exists by itself, and what can be done should be done. Freedom for Christians is a freedom FOR, not only freedom FROM. As Christians, we believe that we are given freedom for the sake of seeking God. The heart desires God, and God desires us. He gives us freedom so that we can truly love Him, not so that we can just do whatever we want.

Freedom without responsibility is license. This is what St. Paul means when he says that we are devouring each other, by MISUSING our freedom. Fundamentally, this is what organizations like “Jane’s Revenge” are all about. They attack Churches and Pregnancy Centers because they want the license to kill unborn children. Make no mistake, abortion is not freedom OR liberation. It is enslavement, enslavement to the devil. It is a demonic thing to claim that “freedom” means the denial of responsibility. The use of God’s gift of sexuality brings about a human life. This human life is other than the person carrying the child. No one, in the name of some perverted freedom, can ever be permitted to take the life of another.

Our so-called Catholic politicians, in particular the Speaker of the House and the President, are enslaving us to the devil. They are good children of their demonic father. They promise freedom, but instead they bring upon their people the judgment and Wrath of God. They do not care about freedom, only power. Without repentance, they will discover what all of us without repentance will discover. The cry of “freedom” is met with the equally important cry of “responsibility”. And the denial of this reality is hell.

Let us pray for our conversion and pray particularly for theirs!

May God reward you!

Next Sunday's Scripture **14th 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

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 23 - Book Club after the 8:30 am Mass

June 26 - Candlelight Night of Praise & Worship 7 pm

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

July 1 - First Friday Evening of Reparation 8 pm

July 2 - First Saturday Rosary 8 am

July 7 - 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 -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

SAVE THE DATE:

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

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St Thomas Parish Email Newsletter

Text to the number 22828

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Please send your news and announcements to
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 June 30th continuing on Page 195)

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

First Saturday Rosary - July 2nd 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, June 27

Saint Cyril of Alexandria

8:30 am The Pickar Family

Req by: Harold & Joanne Pickar

Tuesday, June 28

Saint Irenaeus

8:30 am Jack Werkley

Req by: Charles & Linda Palladino

Wednesday, June 20

Saints Peter and Paul

8:30 am Walter & Helen Bachanski

Req by: Spencer Claypoole

Thursday, June 30

The First Martyrs

8:30 am Ann Phillips

Req by: Charles & Linda Palladino

Friday, July 1

Saint Junipero Serra

8:30 am Joseph & Giletto and deceased family members

Req by: The Bargers Family

Saturday, July 2

8:30 am Ann Phillips

Req by: The Werkley Family

4:30 pm Sean Ninneman

Req by: His Family

Sunday, July 3

8:00 am Joe Tomarelli

Req by: The Tomarelli Family

10:30 People of the Parish



Thank you for your stewardship!

Give online at: 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 June 19, 2022

Weekend Collection \$ 6,874

Outreach \$250

Feast of the Ascension \$20

Father's Day Remembrance \$50

Building Fund \$65

Peter's Pence \$1,005

Who's ready to travel?



Finish your vacation prep today!

Visit our website at 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!



THE DEACON'S CORNER

DeaconTMurphy@gmail.com

The 7 Deadly Sins: Gluttony and the Joy of Temperance

Gluttony is over-indulgence in things otherwise good and healthy (food, alcohol, TV shows). It is a seemingly tireless desire for more and we don't know how to say no. When this happens, we've lost our freedom and we lose the ability to enjoy the very things we are mindlessly consuming. We become a slave to things which themselves are good gifts from God! When we are not able to say no to the wrong thing or not able to say no to the right thing at the wrong time, we are in **intemperance**. Sometimes getting so lost in the battle to say no, we are no longer free (staying up until 2AM watching just one more episode).

The invitation: When the bad voice says "just do it, eat it, watch it, drink it", simply say NO. Say NO to something - anything! It does not have to be all the time! Simply exercise the freedom to say "No, Not now" to something small, seemingly insignificant. Pay attention to the internal battle that ensues; watch it carefully. Then focus on the feeling of freedom that comes from "NO." Sometimes we lose the battle, but when we win, let a smile of triumph come over our face as we start to feel the power and freedom of "Yes" to the joy God intended for us in the act of mindful temperance. Then say a prayer of thanksgiving and gratefulness to God.

God bless you all!
Deacon Murphy

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 evenings with Deacon Murphy and other parishioners. Someone 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 contact:

Father Kozak or Deacon Murphy

Mission Youth Philadelphia

SETTING YOUTH ON FIRE AND SERVING THE
POOR WITH THE HEART OF CHRIST

For high schoolers and young adults!

Upcoming Mission Opportunities

June 27th-July 1st: 5 day Summer Mission

July 2nd: Young Adult Mercy Mission

July 17th-24th: Colorado Mission

scan for details



St Thomas More Parish Life

The Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ

On Sunday, June 19th at the 10:30 am Mass, the feast of Corpus Christi, parishioners gave public witness to their love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Before the closing prayer, Father Kozak and Deacon Murphy led the congregation around the "4-Corners" of the property, where the Benediction (blessing) was given, radiating from St Thomas More Church.



Disciple Maker Index Survey

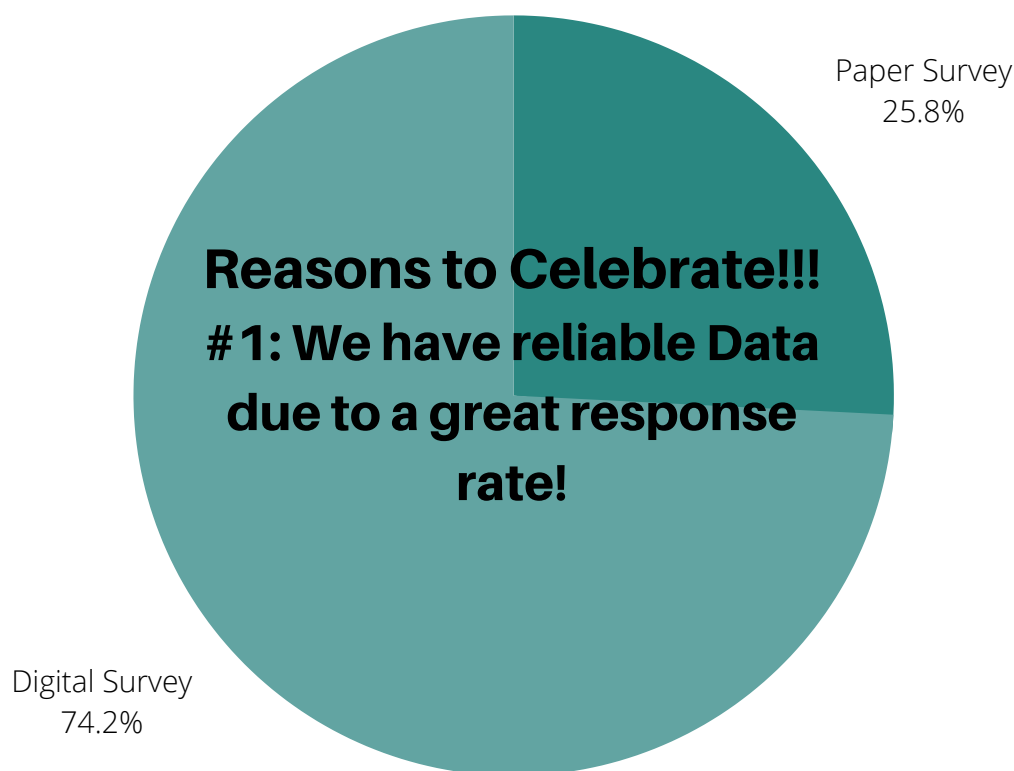
The Results are in!

This past March, our parish took part in a 75-question survey administered by the Catholic Leadership Institute. The purpose of the survey was to give us a deeper perspective on four key areas in our parishioners lives:

- Personal Beliefs (*doctrine*)
- Personal Prayer and Spiritual life (*habits*)
- Missionary Discipleship (*outreach*)
- Catholic Journey (*growth*)

The results are in and we wish to give you a snapshot of the responses with reasons to celebrate.

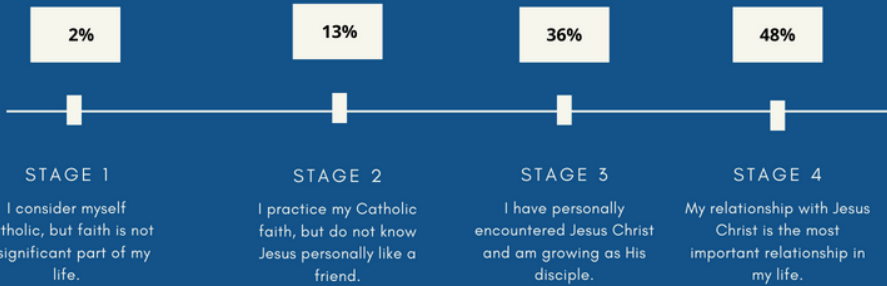
229 Total Surveys Answered
48% Response Rate



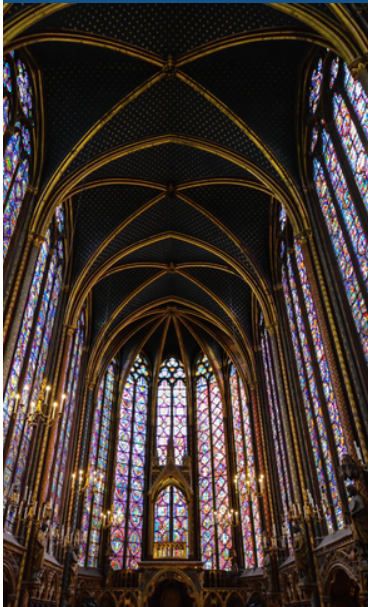
More Reasons to Celebrate!

The Catholic Journey

WHERE ARE THE PARISHIONERS AT STM?



#2:
84% of us have encountered Jesus Christ



Our Top 3 Strengths

BELIEF: THE EUCHARIST IS THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

84% Strongly Agree
5% Agree

BELIEF: SCRIPTURE IS THE WORD OF GOD

80% Strongly Agree
12% Agree

RECOMMEND: FR. KOZAK

79% Strongly Agree
13% Agree

#3
89% Believe in the Eucharist as the Body & Blood of Christ

How do we compare?

Those who STRONGLY AGREE	St Thomas More Parish	Top 3 Parishes Nationally	Similar Parishes	Archdiocesan Average
My Parish Helps me grow spiritually, forming me as a disciples of Jesus Christ	67%	57%	27%	28%
My relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important relationship	55%	43%	25%	27%
I would recommend my parish to a friend	76%	88%	54%	56%
I have NEVER shared my personal witness story with another person	23%	6%	37%	37%
My parish offers music that deepens my desire to participate more fully in the Sunday Liturgy	36%	76%	30%	32%

#4
Our parish leads in forming disciples, our relationship with Jesus and recommending our parish to others

Stay Tuned: Next Sunday we will report on Opportunities for growth and our Pastoral Priorities

Have you registered at St Thomas More? Use 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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WATCH

THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

We are celebrating a feast day, consecrated for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labours, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching. This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, each of whom spread the Gospel to the nations in the earliest days of the Church. In honor of Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, enjoy this film the Bible Collection!



LEARN

LECTIO: PETER: EPISODE 1: PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP



The character of St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the “rock” upon which Jesus would build his Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, and personal insights, Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter in this Lectio series.

LISTEN

SET ALL AFIRE

It is no stretch to say that Peter and Paul set the world afire with the Gospel message. In honor of these apostles, enjoy this one-of-a-kind presentation that includes seven segments covering some of the most important topics in the Church today. Taken from many of our most powerful talks, these segments are sure to inspire you to set all afire for Christ and His Church.



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