

News from St. Thomas More Council 14090
Pottstown, PA
Fall 2021



St. Thomas More Council Installation of Officers 2021-2022 (left to right)

Peter Sagona, Financial Secretary & PGK; Tom Esterly, Recorder; Wayne Shych, District Deputy & PGK; Bryan Quilo, Deputy GK; Jeff Evans, Grand Knight; Rev. Lawrence Kozak, Chaplain; John Hughes Trustee & PGK; Bill Soumis, Warden; John Coccia, Trustee; Thomas McKeon, Field Agent



Council Raises \$2,000 for to Support Life on
Respect Life Sunday

Brother Knights from our Council distributed rose lapel pins after the masses on October 2nd-3rd. Using funds from the rose lapel pins, the Knights donated \$2,000 to the Valley Forge Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. This Pro-life Chapter uses these donations to support *Birthright of Pottstown*, the local office of Birthright International. Birthright provides information and resources for anyone supporting a pregnant woman along her journey. Birthright has a 24-hour helpline 1-800-550-4900.

Fall Pumpkin Sale Raises \$450 for The
Ministries at Main Street Homeless Center

Led by Knights John Peirce and Bill Soumis, the Knights held a Pumpkin Sale during the weekend of October 9th-10th. This was the second year the Council held a Pumpkin Sale at St. Thomas More. The sale took place in the church parking lot after each of the masses. The Knights raised a total of \$450 for Ministries on Main Street, a homeless shelter in Pottstown, PA. The St. Thomas More Council supports this homeless shelter throughout the year. In December, the Council will host an annual Christmas Party at the shelter.



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Parish Breakfast Raises over \$750 for the St. Mary's of Providence Center in Elverson, PA

The Council held a Parish Breakfast on Sunday, December 5th. We served 153 people and raised \$750 for St. Mary's of Providence Retreat Center and independent living center for seniors. The Sisters of St. Mary's of Providence have operated the Center since 1948. A special thanks to Knights John Hughes and Josh Loving who led the most well attended Parish Breakfast ever for our Council. Over 20 brother knights prepared and served breakfast.



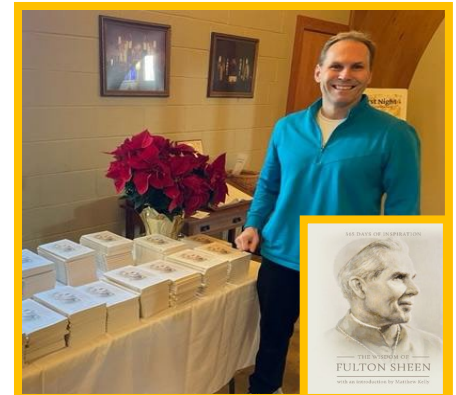
Ladies Auxiliary Host Advent Wreath Making for Parish

Led by Patty Evans, the Ladies Auxiliary hosted an Advent Wreath making at St. Thomas More Parish. Over 30 people in the parish participated in this activity. Fr. Kozak (left) was joined by Sharon Langton (right) and Joanne Tesar (right) who organized the event.



A Christmas Gift to the Parish – 365 Days of Inspiration by Fulton Sheen

Our Council purchased and distributed 250 copies of *365 Days of Inspiration*; a book authored by Bishop Fulton Sheen. The book offers daily reflections by Bishop Sheen. Grand Knight Jeff Evans (right) is setting up a table in the Church Lobby where the books were distributed to each member of the Parish. For the past 3-years, the Council has provided a Christmas Gift to members of the Parish.



Knights Setup Manger Outside St. Thomas More Church

The Council has been responsible for the maintenance and setup of the Christmas Manger for the past 12 years. The Manger was setup on November 27th. The event was led by fellow Knight Bill Soumis. Knight Luke Szymanski (right) is placing the Nativity Figurines in the Manger with his children. The Manger setup has become a tradition for the Szymanski Children. Manger will be on display throughout Advent and Christmas Seasons.