

# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH MINISTRIES

2023-2024



# OUR MISSION

WE AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH STRIVE TO CELEBRATE, PROCLAIM, TEACH AND SERVE THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST.

## **Carrying Out The Mission of St Thomas More Parish**

- First, with the full heartfelt participation of our parish community we strive to joyfully celebrate our Eucharistic Liturgies.
- Second, we will strive to become an effective evangelizing parish community by inviting others to join us in converting our lives every more deeply to Christ and sharing our faith in Christ with conviction.

**In the Gospel of St. John, Jesus proclaims:  
“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.”**

Recognizing the importance of witnessing to Christ Jesus as the only way to true joy in this life and the means to sharing in His gift of life eternal, we dedicate ourselves to ongoing Prayer, Catechesis, Service and Fellowship.

**Parish Website:** [StThomasMorePottstown.org](http://StThomasMorePottstown.org)

**Parish Email:** [Office.StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com](mailto:Office.StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com)

**Parish Telephone:** 610.469.9304

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# PASTOR'S COUNCILS



**Parish Council:** Members of the Council are elected by the Parish or appointed by the Pastor. Council provides input to the Pastor regarding the Parish. **Contact:** John Hughes at [jbh8954@gmail.com](mailto:jbh8954@gmail.com)



**Finance Council:** The Parish Finance Council assists the Pastor in implementing the pastoral plans by making fiscally responsible recommendations. **Contact:** Fr. Kletzel at [fr.tkletzel@gmail.com](mailto:fr.tkletzel@gmail.com)

# WORSHIP & LITURGY

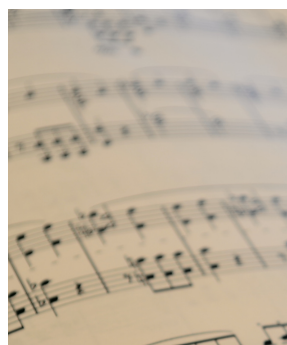


**Contact Parish Office** 610.469.9304 ,  
[Office.StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com](mailto:Office.StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com) to serve:

- **Altar Servers:** Current need for both adults & children who have completed third grade.
- **Lectors:** Individuals needed, to prepare & proclaim the Sunday and Daily Readings.
- **Ministers of Holy Communion:** Serve the Holy Eucharist at Mass or take the Blessed Sacrament to those who are homebound.
- **Sacristan Ministry:** Help prepare the Altar and Sanctuary for Mass and other services. Men and women 18 years or older may participate. No experience is needed; training is available.

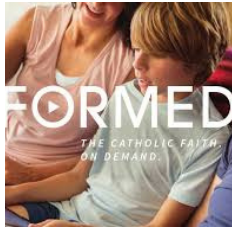


# MUSIC



**Music Ministry** strives to help fellow parishioners raise their hearts and minds to God through beautiful music worthy of the Most Holy Mass. Everyone who likes to sing is welcome to share their time and talent while enjoying the fellowship of music members. The choir rehearses weekly for an hour and half and sings monthly at the Sunday 10:30 am Mass, Holy Days and special services throughout the year. The Guitar Group rehearses weekly for an hour and a half and sings for two Masses one weekend a month. **Contact:** Theresa Heindel  
[Music.stthomasmoreparish@gmail.com](mailto:Music.stthomasmoreparish@gmail.com) if you are interested in being part of this vibrant and vital music ministry.

# FORMATION



**FORMED.org "Catholic Faith On Demand"**. St Thomas More parish offers a FREE subscription to the online platform FORMED . Similar to Netflix, Formed.org gives you access to Catholic movies, audio books, radio talks, podcasts, studies and much more! It's all at your fingertips!



**Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD):** Classes meet Sundays from 9:10 am - 10:10 am for grades 1-7. Catechists, Aides always needed.

**Contact:** Nancy Endacott [PREP.StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com](mailto:PREP.StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com)



**Becoming Catholic:** Know someone seeking more information about Catholicism? Do you or others have questions about the Catholic Faith? Looking for more to life? Join a small group of adults seeking Christian initiation weekly on Wednesdays at 7 pm. All are welcome.

**Contact:** Deacon Tim Murphy at [DeaconTMurphy@gmail.com](mailto:DeaconTMurphy@gmail.com)



**Saint Thomas More Book and Movie Club** meets every Thursday after the 8:30 am Mass in the Social Hall. Members select books and movies from Formed.org. These selections help us grow more deeply in the love and understanding of our faith. Join any time!

**Contact:** Carol at [wadced@aol.com](mailto:wadced@aol.com) or Susan at [srdslp@gmail.com](mailto:srdslp@gmail.com)



**Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana)** is a program to assist couples who are planning to be married to learn more about themselves and the principles of thriving in a Christ-centered marriage. If you are interested in learning more about Pre-Cana, Fr. Kletzel will assist you.

**Contact:** Father Kletzel at [Fr.TKletzel@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.TKletzel@gmail.com)



**Baptismal Prep:** Our youngest parishioners are brought into the Sacrament of Baptism on Sundays. Parents should contact the office to make an appointment with Father Kletzel to receive helpful information.

**Contact:** Parish office at 610.469.9304 or [Fr.TKletzel@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.TKletzel@gmail.com)

# OUTREACH & SERVICE



**Outreach:** Food, housewares and donations are collected on a monthly basis for distribution to the needy in our area and to supporting local organizations who assist those in need. Individuals are needed to help sort, collect, transport and provide assistance at the Outreach Table in the social hall. Monetary donations (cash or checks made payable to St. Thomas More Outreach) can be placed in the box near the Outreach Table or in the collection basket at back of the church.

**Contact:** Mary Jo Valko-Warner at [mjaz@ptd.net](mailto:mjaz@ptd.net) or 610.970.9741

**Nursing Home Ministry:** Weekly communion service visits to Manatawny Manor occur every Tuesday from 10:30 am - noon.

**Contact:** Parish Office 610.469.9304

**Humble Helpers:** Individuals are needed to clean the worship area and sacristy on Monday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass. Simply show up on Monday to offer your service.

**Church Beautification:** Helping hands are needed to decorate the inside and outside of the church for the various liturgical seasons; garden and weed during spring and fall and help with Easter and Christmas Flowers.

**Contact:** Rosemary Burgess [theburgessfamily6@comcast.net](mailto:theburgessfamily6@comcast.net)

**Rosaries for Africa:** Rosaries are collected in the narthex then blessed by Father Kletzel before shipping off to Africa to be distributed to schools, hospitals, prisons and prayer groups.

**Contact:** Candy Scheidel [jmjcandy@juno.com](mailto:jmjcandy@juno.com)

**Little Dresses for Africa:** Monthly a team of parishioners meet to cut and sew simple dresses made from pillowcases to be shipped to school girls in Africa.

**Contact:** Monica Feeley [MonicaFeeley@yahoo.com](mailto:MonicaFeeley@yahoo.com)

**For More Info:** <https://littledressesforafrica.org/>

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**Knights of Columbus Council #14090:** Catholic Men dedicated to serving priests and vocations, parishes, families and youth. We raise funds and provide manpower to support the parish, charities and vocations.

**Contact:** The Grand Knight, Peter Sagona at [pjsagona@aol.com](mailto:pjsagona@aol.com)

**Ladies Auxiliary of Knights of Columbus** assists the St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council #14090 in all matters pertaining to their general welfare. This would include helping at Knights of Columbus sponsored events, fund raising assistance and set-up of facilities. Membership is open to all parish women age 17 years and older.

**Contact:** Patty Evans at [patty.evans@live.com](mailto:patty.evans@live.com) or 610.326.4141

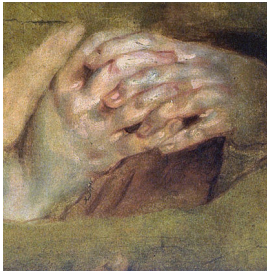


**Called & Gifted Workshop Team:** The Called and Gifted discernment has been used since 1993 by over 100,000 lay, ordained, and religious Catholics and other Christians around the world. It is designed to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their lives. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people. Whether extraordinary or ordinary, all charisms ought to be exercised in the service of God (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2003). All three parts of the process are necessary for discovering where you are gifted. The workshops are held annually and open to all.

**Contact:** Chris Hill [CW.Hill@aol.com](mailto:CW.Hill@aol.com)

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# PRAYER



**Prayer Chain:** We have a team of prayer warriors ready to include your special intentions in their daily prayers. Submit all requests for our prayer cavalry via email or phone.

**Contact:** Parish Office 610.469.9304 or email: [Office.StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com](mailto:Office.StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com).



**Flame of Love Rosary:** This daily devotional Rosary is prayed in the Church Monday - Friday from 6:00 - 6:30 pm in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Contact:** Carol Duffy [wadced@aol.com](mailto:wadced@aol.com).

For more information go to: [FlameOfLove.US](http://FlameOfLove.US)



**Pilgrim Virgin Statue:** To help fulfill Our Lady's request at Fatima to pray the Rosary for peace and for the family you may take our blessed Our Lady of Fatima statue to your home for one week. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. Visits are from Saturday after the 8:30 am Mass to the following Saturday.

**Contact:** Candy Scheidel [JMJCandy@juno.com](mailto:JMJCandy@juno.com)



**First Friday Reparation Vigil:** The first Friday of each month, a Communion and Prayer Service to make reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of His Mother. The evening begins at 8 pm and ends at 2:30 am and includes Mass, prayers of reparation, adoration, benediction, confession and social afterwards.

**Contact:** Lynn Pupek [lkpupek@gmail.com](mailto:lkpupek@gmail.com) or Tara Szymanski [szymanski.tara@gmail.com](mailto:szymanski.tara@gmail.com)



**Eucharistic Adoration:** The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Catholic faith. When the Eucharist is placed inside the Monstrance (see photo) on the altar as a continuation of the Mass, it is referred to as Eucharistic Adoration and occurs at St Thomas More each Monday from 11 am - 6:30 pm, Tuesday - Friday after the 8:30 am Mass until 6:30 pm (unless there is a funeral Mass). Simply stop by and rest in the peaceful presence of God.



# FAMILY LIFE



**Homeschool Cooperative:** The St Thomas More Homeschool Cooperative meets on Tuesdays and Fridays in the Parish School from 9:15 am - 2:30 pm. Current need for aides, baby holders.

Contact us to share your gift with our parish children.

**Contact:** Doriann Kozak [DoriannKozak@yahoo.com](mailto:DoriannKozak@yahoo.com)

**Family Pot Luck and Movie Night:** Families and singles gather on Saturday evenings after the 4:30 pm Mass in the Social Hall for Pot Luck, Movie and discussion.

**Contact:** Chris Hill [cw.hill@aol.com](mailto:cw.hill@aol.com)

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES



**The Neocatechumenal Way:** This adult Catholic formation effort is lived out in small communities within the parish. Anyone who has difficulties seeing the goodness of God in the struggles of their life or wants to rediscover the fruits of their Baptism is invited to come and listen to a talk or teaching (catechesis). Masses are celebrated at 7:30 pm on Saturday nights in the Church. **Contact:** John & Erin Zajkowski at [fiatski@gmail.com](mailto:fiatski@gmail.com) or 610.986.4127



**Men's Malvern Retreat:** Join men from our and other parishes in the greater Pottstown area for a weekend retreat at Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA, every year in July. **Contact:** Greg Martin 484.942.3200 or Pete Sagona 610.517.3754



**40 Days for Life:** A community-based prayer campaign that seeks to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigils in front of abortion businesses. Vulnerable moms and their at-risk babies need our prayers and offers of hope and help at their greatest hour of need. 40 Days for Life holds two internationally coordinated 40-day campaigns each year in the spring and fall. **Contact:** Mary Hally at [mbprzhim@gmail.com](mailto:mbprzhim@gmail.com) to learn more and how to get involved or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/chestercounty](http://www.40daysforlife.com/chestercounty)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** *Need a weekend retreat alone with your spouse? Want to rejuvenate your marriage?* Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers married couples the opportunity to spend a weekend together away from the busyness of the world to focus on each other. It offers tools for building and maintaining a strong, Christian marriage in today's world. **Visit:** [wwme-philly.org](http://wwme-philly.org) or call 1.800.456.8330 or **Contact** Rod & Linda Faust at [rolandfaust@comcast.net](mailto:rolandfaust@comcast.net) or 484.944.4458





# ST THOMAS MORE

There are many ways to get involved in St Thomas More Parish beyond the ministries in this booklet. Special talks on our faith and the bible; identifying your spiritual gifts (charisms) in "Called & Gifted" workshops (offered periodically); Advent and Lenten programs; Outreach service opportunities; special feast day and memorial Masses; Adoration and Confession offered daily; the parish picnic and more!!!

**Questions About Opportunities:**  
Call the Parish Office 610.469.9304

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