



# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH MINISTRIES

2021-2022



# OUR MISSION

TOGETHER, PROCLAIM, CELEBRATE, TEACH,  
SERVE, THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST.

## Carrying Out The Mission of St Thomas More Parish

There are two **key goals**: Liturgy and Evangelization

- **First**, we plan to become great at celebrating the liturgy, especially the Sunday Eucharist. Becoming great requires full participation by our parish community.
- **Second**, we will strive to become an effective evangelizing parish community. Evangelizing invites others to join us in converting to Christ. Inviting others means learning to share our faith and life in Christ.

**Supportive Goals**: To make liturgy and effective evangelization happen, three dynamic activities are included as supporting goals:

- Catechesis
- Service
- Fellowship

All are essential to being a parish community that follows Christ – the way, the truth and the life.

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**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:** Pastor Fr. Lawrence Kozak or 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:** Sally DeAngelo at [steelplate@worldlynx.net](mailto:steelplate@worldlynx.net)

## 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.

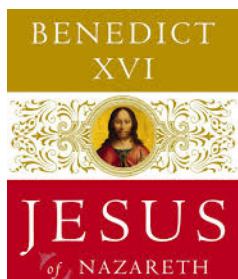


## MUSIC



**Music Ministry** is growing in leaps and bounds. Recently, we have added a **Children's Choir** that sings on the first Sunday of the month at the 10:30 am Mass. We are also constantly looking for new Musicians, Cantors, Choir Members, Guitar Group Members for our other Masses and Holy Days of Obligation services. **Contact:** Romana Coccia at [music.stthomasmoreparish@gmail.com](mailto:music.stthomasmoreparish@gmail.com) if you are interested in being part of this vibrant and vital music ministry.

# FORMATION



**Faith Formation Evenings with Fr. Kozak:** This year, Fr. Kozak will be leading a book discussion on Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's book *"Jesus of Nazareth, Volume 1."* Father explores what we should believe about Jesus, who He is, His mission and what he says to us today. **Contact:** Parish Office 610.469.9304 for more information on dates and times.



**Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD):** **Contact:** Nancy Endacott at [prepnancy@gmail.com](mailto:prepnancy@gmail.com) if you want to contribute to the formation of faith in our youth. Catechists, Catechists in Training, and Aides are needed. Classes meet Sundays from 9:10 am - 10:10 am



**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 Thursdays 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 second Thursday, after the 8:30 am Mass. Every other month a book and/or movie is discussed. Members of the club select the books and movies. These selections help us grow more deeply in the love and understanding of our faith. Join any time! **Contact:** Carol Duffy at [wadced@aol.com](mailto:wadced@aol.com) or 610.469.6582 or Sue Dutton at [srdslp@gmail.com](mailto:srdslp@gmail.com) or 610.842.4549



**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. Seasoned couples who would like to journey with the engaged couples are needed. If you are interested in forming a Pre-Cana Team, **Contact:** Parish office at 610.469.9304, [Office.StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com](mailto:Office.StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com)



**Baptismal Prep:** Our youngest parishioners are brought into the Sacrament of Baptism on Sundays. Parents should contact the rectory to make an appointment with Fr. Kozak to receive helpful information. Parents and Godparents (if possible) attend a Baptismal Preparation Workshop offered on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. **Contact:** Parish office at 610.469.9304 for information on the Pre-Jordan team

# 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:** Jeff Evans at [webviewmaster@comcast.net](mailto:webviewmaster@comcast.net) 267.249.7947 to put your faith into action!



**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 KofC 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

## 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:** Visits to Kadima and Manatawny Manor are on hold due to COVID-19 restrictions. **Contact:** Parish Office 610.469.9304

**Humble Helpers:** Individuals are needed to clean the worship area and sacristy. Includes washing and pressing of altar linens. **Contact:** Harold Pickar or Jack Werkley at 610.327.0684.

**Church Decorations:** Helping hands are needed to change the liturgical colors on the altar for the various liturgical seasons; set up of Christmas indoor nativity and decorations; and Lent and Eastertide. **Contact:** Joanne Bartelmo at [Bartelmo617@comcast.net](mailto:Bartelmo617@comcast.net) or 610.326.4316

# 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 devotion held in St. Thomas More Church from 6:30 - 7 pm is a Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. **Contact:** Carol Duffy [wadced@aol.com](mailto:wadced@aol.com) or 610.469.6582. For more information go to: [FlameOfLove.US](http://FlameOfLove.US) on this Flame of Love grassroots effort to pray the Rosary.



**Candlelight Night of Praise & Worship:** Each month on the fourth Tuesday evening, St. Thomas More hosts an evening of live contemporary Praise Worship music. The evening starts at 6:30 pm with a Rosary followed by live music from 7:15-8:15pm. Includes Eucharistic Adoration, healing prayer and opportunities for Confession followed by refreshments and fellowship.

# OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

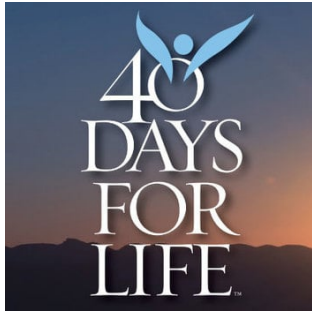


**The Neocatechumenal Way:** This adult Catholic formation effort is lived out in small communities within the parish. Anyone who has difficulties seeing the goodness of God in the struggles of their life or wants to rediscover the fruits of their Baptism is invited to come and listen to a talk or teaching (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



**Homeschool Cooperative:** The St Thomas More Homeschool Cooperative meets on Tuesdays and Fridays in the Parish School from 9:15 am - 2:30 pm. Currently we have a wait list. **Contact:** Doriann Kozak for more information [DoriannKozak@yahoo.com](mailto:DoriannKozak@yahoo.com).

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**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



**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



## 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:**  
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