



# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH MINISTRIES

2022-2023



# 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.

**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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Containing Details about Events and New Programs  
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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.



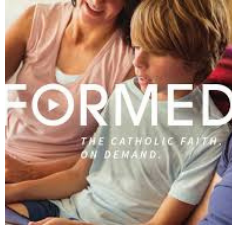
## MUSIC



**Music Ministry** is growing in leaps and bounds. Our **Youth Choir** 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



**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.StThomas More Parish@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. Fr. Kozak often joins the discussion. Members select books and Fr. Kozak selects 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. 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

# 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 Kozak 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 Infor:** <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 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

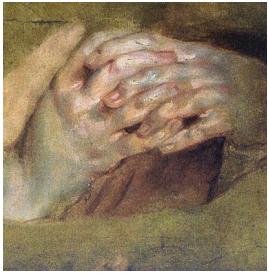


**Called & Gifted Workshop Team:** The Called and Gifted discernment has been used since 1993 by over 100,000 lay, ordained, and religious Catholics and other Christians around the world. It is designed to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their lives. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, 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)



# 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 6:30 - 7 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)



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



**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)



# 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)

**Mater Laetitia Academy at Saint Thomas More Parish:** A Catholic, classical, hybrid academy that meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Students work from home on Tuesdays and Fridays. Offering classes for grades K-12 with an affordable tuition. Registrations, volunteers and donations accepted.

**Contact:** Patty Rehyer or Mary Cromwell [infor@materlaetitia.com](mailto:infor@materlaetitia.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)

# EVANGELIZATION

**Next Generation Parish Team:** A diverse team of parishioners working with a parish consultant from the Catholic Leadership Institute over four-years to support the Church's journey into tomorrow by focusing on four areas of growth:

1. Fostering spiritual maturity and a plan for discipleship of its members
2. Sharing leadership and maintaining a commitment to a healthy organization
3. Offering a vibrant Sunday experience with excellent hymns, homilies, and hospitality
4. Embracing a missionary impulse to go out and bring others to know Jesus

**Contact:** Corinne Murphy Office [StThomasMoreParish@gmail.com](mailto:StThomasMoreParish@gmail.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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