



St. Thomas More 'A Parish Family'

2101 Pottstown Pike / Pottstown, PA 19465

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Msgr. Thomas Mullin, Dean
Rev. Edward E. Brady, Pastor
Rev. Hugh Dougherty, Pastor Emeritus





Holy Hours
A time to spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 ; 7 PM – 8 PM
Tuesday, January 15, 2019; 7 PM – 8 PM



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Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for Sunday

Saturday Evening, 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

Sacramental Confession

Saturdays 4:30 PM to 5:15 PM
or by appointment



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

After Any Sunday Mass or by Appointment
Have a loved one who is in hospice?
With the fewer priests around,
it is best if you contact your parish priest,
as soon as possible, for the Sacraments.

Weekday Mass in our area:

St. Thomas More
Monday to Thursday: 8:30 AM
Friday and Saturday as published.
St. Aloysius
Tuesday to Thursday - 8:30 AM Mass
Friday-8:30 AM Mass held at 844 N. Keim St.
Saturday - 8:00 AM Mass

Holy Day Mass Schedule
Vigil / Evening before: 7:00 PM
The Day of: as announced

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018
Parish Center: 610-469-9304

Intentions for the week of December 9

Monday ~ 8:30 AM ~ Bill and Kevin Duffy
Requested By: Duffy Family

Tuesday ~ 8:30 AM ~ Robert G. Fithian
Requested By: Family

Wednesday ~ 8:30 AM ~ Joseph P. Dever
Requested By: Family

Thursday ~ 8:30 AM ~ Gail Palladino
Requested By: Her Husband



Sunday
5:30 ~ PM ~ Richard Leinbach
Requested: Children

8:00 ~ AM ~ People of the Parish
Requested: Our Pastor

10:30 ~ AM ~ Peggy Galloway
Requested By: Ed and Andrea Fowler

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**Deadlines for future bulletins:**

| <b>Bulletin</b> | <b>Deadline</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| December 30     | December 10     |
| January 6       | December 17     |
| January 13      | January 3       |
| January 20      | January 10      |
| January 27      | January 17      |

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 **Baptism and Pre-Jordan Schedule** 
Coming Soon.

Advent Family Prayer

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but we also check in to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk to your family about how you are doing in attending to your spiritual life as a family. Recommit yourselves to praying daily, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again:



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, As we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.



A Card of Thanks

for all who donated their



prayer, time, talent, and treasure

over this past year.

A Team effort well done by all



Rev. Edward Brady



Christmas and New Year office hours

Offices Closed on

December 24th, 25th, 27th, 28th, 31st
January 1st.



Regular Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
Friday and Saturday by Appointment



Our newly Baptized in 2018

Avery Shipley, Keagan Hawkins, Ronan Simms
Emily Pickar, Julian Castilla, Leah Claire Wallin
Jaxan Dougan, Michael Dougan III



If you have someone in your family who needs the Sacrament of Baptism contact Fr. Brady



Church / Art and Environment

Joanne Bartelmo - Changing of Colors
 Andrea Chirieleison



The Humble Helpers clean the Church:
Fall / Winter/ Spring: Mondays after the 8:30 AM Mass. **Summer Time every other week:** Tuesday after the 8:30 AM Mass. If you can spare some time, feel free to join us.



If you are interested in starting a group, let Father Brady know. *Special Needs*



St. Thomas More Outreach program connects our parishioners with the most needy in our area.



The Knights' Giant Card Program St. Aloysius School scholarship. This program funded a \$1,500 scholarship last year. If interested please email stmgiantcards@gmail.com with your name. We will reply to your email with the Giant Card information and schedule. Payment is only required when you pick up your Giant Cards.

We collect clothing, food, household items, diapers, art supplies, postage stamps, etc. for many local organizations throughout the year. If interested kindly contact the rectory with your questions for Mary Jo Anne Valko-Warner Committee Chair.

**Thank you for your generous giving!
 Please consider joining our committee!**

MONTH	Order Date	Pickup Date	Notes
January	*26-Dec	7-Jan	Last order BEFORE the Superbowl
February	24-Jan	4-Feb	
March	21-Feb	5-Mar	
April	21-Mar	1-Apr	Last order BEFORE Easter
May	25-Apr	6-May	
June	*23-May	3-Jun	



December	January
9. Youth Group	1. Holy Day of Obligation
10. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting	2. Adult Choir
11. Manatawny Manor Mass	2. Gardens of Pottstown
11. Youth Group	5. Rosary
11. Our Lady of Guadalupe	6. Three Kings
11. Book Club	7. Rosary
13. Book Club	8. Book Club
15. Confessions	8. Guitar Practice
16. Youth Group	8. Children's Choir
20. Confessions	9. Adult Choir
25. Holy Christmas	

A Prayer to St. Thomas More

Pray that, for the glory of God and in the pursuit of His justice, I may be trustworthy with confidences, keen in study, accurate in analysis, correct in conclusion, able in argument, loyal to clients, honest with all, courteous to adversaries, ever attentive to conscience. Sit with me at my desk and listen with me to my clients' tales. Read with me in my library and stand always beside me so that today I shall not, to win a point, lose my soul. Pray that my family may find in me what yours found in you: friendship and courage, cheerfulness and charity, diligence in duties, counsel in adversity, patience in pain—their good servant, and God's first. Amen.



Background Checks

Rev. Ed Brady

Campus Security

Jaime DeAngelo, Greg Catagnus,
 Roger Kolb, Stu Miller, Jason Owens,
 Wayne Shych, Theresa Skokowski

**A suggestion from the
 Safe Environment Team:**

Make sure all children are accompanied to the bathroom. Prudence is most important.

Proper Clearances are required for those working with our youth.

All Clergy and Professed Religious must be in good standing with his or her diocese.



Join us in Praying the Rosary

Mondays at 7:00 PM.

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH
THE NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY
"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. For my yoke is easy and my burden light."



ADULTS AND TEENS ---
If you find the following of Christ difficult, we have good news for you. There is a Faith that can bring joy to your life.
Come and Listen!
MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS
 Beginning December 3rd
 *All ages are welcome. In the Education Center
 Admissions will be available.

The Neocatechumenal Way

Can you see the goodness, presence, and love of God in the difficulties, crises, problems and messes of your life?

Come and Listen!


Beginning Monday, December 3, 2018
Monday and Thursday Evenings at 7:30 pm

For more information, please call: Ed & Andrea Fowler 484 716 1515

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Saint Thomas More Parish

Living Nativity

December 9th at the 10:30 AM Mass

STM Jubilee
Upcoming Dates



Spiritual Growth through the Book Club meeting on November 13 at 9AM or November 15 at 7PM
 "The Fourth Cup" - Please join us

Holy Hours
 A time to spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, January 15, 2019; 7 PM – 8 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service
 December 11th at 7:00 PM


See the Jubilee Bulletin Board for press releases and pictures

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**Many thanks to the jubilee committee, all who participated, and all the organizations represented for the founders day mass.**

**A great job well done.**  
**There was much hard work that made this day a faith filled event.**

50<sup>th</sup>Jubilee Co-Chairs: Father Brady & Susan Dutton




**Parish Council:**  
**July 2018 ~ June 2019**



**Coordinating Committee**  
 Chairperson ~ Pastor  
 Vice Chairperson ~John Hughes  
 Recording Secretary ~ Jennifer Dawson  
 Correspondence Secretary ~ Bridget and Joseph Schall  
 Ex-Officio ~ Mark Lloyd


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Susan Dutton, Joanne Pickar, Justin Valentino
 Three more will be appointed in the near future.

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**Leaders of Parish Committees and Parish Organizations will be invited to meet with the Parish Council.**

**Keep Christ In Christmas Magnets are available in the social hall. Suggested donation is \$5 per magnet. Leave your donation in the basket. They make great Thanksgiving gifts! Place on your car throughout the Christmas Season!**

**Adult Choir, Cantors, Organists**

Contact Maria Innocenti, OFS  
 musicmarra@yahoo.com



**St. Thomas More Council #14090.**



**ST. THOMAS MORE  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CRAB CAKE AND SOUP SALE**



St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Crab Cake Sale starts today. This year we will be selling Prize Winning Crab Cakes and Crab appetizers from Capt'n Chucky's and delicious, home-made soups by our Brother Knight and St. Thomas More parishioner Ben Pupek of the Bucktown Grille.

Capt'n Chucky's **Crab Cakes** are made fresh using Colossal Jumbo Lump crab, spiced to perfection with a mild cream sauce. No filler- All meat. They make a tasty and exciting entrée for the Holidays or heat and serve for a quick, casual family meal.



This year we are adding **Crab Critters** to our menu- these bite size, crab filled, breaded delights are great for parties or a late night snack. For more info, see <http://captinchucksnewtownsquare.com/>



You also have to try Ben's delicious creamy soups- **Clam Chowder** which is chock full of clams and potatoes or his super rich and tasty **Shrimp Bisque**... *mmm...mmm... good!* They make a perfect start to a meal or go well with a sandwich or a salad on a cold December day.

Place your Crab Cake and Soup orders on the reverse side of this sheet no later than **Sunday December 9, 2018** and pick up your order **AFTER** Masses **Saturday December 15<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>** until Noon.

Place your order today!

For more information on becoming a member contact: [KofC14090@gmail.com](mailto:KofC14090@gmail.com) or go to our website at <http://www.stmsouthcoventry.com/koc.html>



The Gardens of Pottstown: A Prayer Service is held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month beginning at 1:30 PM.

Manatawny Manor: A Prayer Service is held every Tuesday at 11:00 AM.



**St. Thomas More Youth Group  
Grades 7 to 12**

For more information, contact

Greg Martin  
[gmartin226@yahoo.com](mailto:gmartin226@yahoo.com)

Cathy Carney Horner  
[cathycarneyhorner@gmail.com](mailto:cathycarneyhorner@gmail.com)



If you need a special intention prayed for, you can email us or call us at [STMORE2@aol.com](mailto:STMORE2@aol.com) / 610-469-9304



**Guitar Group**  
Practice is held on Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Musicians are Welcome. If interested contact: Romana: [ro2292@aol.com](mailto:ro2292@aol.com)



Please let us know if there is someone who because of illness needs the Eucharist brought to his/her home for a few weeks or on a regular basis. Contact the parish office.



**Ladies Auxiliary  
#14090. This years officers are:**

- Patty Evans President
- Joanne Tesar, Vice President
- Patty Evans, Treasurer
- Cathy Carney Horner, Recording Secretary
- Amy Piazza, Financial Secretary
- Amy Piazza, Inside Guard
- Cathy Carney Horner, Publicity
- Next Meeting: December 10th

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July 2018 ~ June 2019

- Spencer Claypoole
- Sally DeAngelo
- Catherine Fink
- Eric Nichols
- Pete Sagona



Youth Choir

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.
STMyoungchoir@gmail.com

Nursing Home Ministry

The Gardens of Pottstown: A Prayer Service is held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month beginning at 1:30 pm. Manatawny Manor: A Prayer Service is held every Tuesday at 11:00 AM.



**CCD / PREP Sunday
Coffee Social and Fellowship**



Welcome back families! The kitchen will be open with the starting of CCD season, after the 8 a.m. mass to provide refreshments for our St. Thomas More community. It is a great way to begin or renew old friendships and grab a quick snack or cup of Jo' while waiting for CCD to begin/end!! **Donations** of baked/bought goodies or snacks *are always* welcome and needed and **Volunteers** *are always* welcome and desperately needed for assisting to give out snacks and/or making sure everything is cleaned up before CCD lets out. Please sign up at the kitchen for any Sunday of your choice!! This is a great time for families to connect and grow in faith. Please plan to come and make this effort successful! *Thank you and God Bless!!!!!!*



**Saint Thomas More
Book and Movie Club
2018 - 2019**

All parishioners are welcome to join the St. Thomas More Book and Movie Club.

The movie **Full of Grace** will be viewed and discussed on Tuesday, December 11 at 9:00 a.m. and Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. **Full of Grace** is about Peter's visiting the Blessed Mother, Mary, in 43 AD, at the end of her life. Peter relates the struggles he is having, as well as the apostles. Mary encourages him, and the apostles, by reviewing and reflecting on her life with Jesus. We ask all to join us.



**Feast of the Epiphany ~ Sunday, January 6
The three kings will join us for the 10:30 AM Mass**



Spiritual Support for Addictions

Hope In Christ

Find Catholic resources for you or a loved one at:

archphila.org/hope

Catholic Resources:
Articles, Videos, and
Websites

Ongoing
Support

Events: Talks,
Retreats, and Prayer

To the victims and survivors of child sexual abuse at the hands of anyone affiliated with the Church,
WE ARE DEEPLY SORRY.

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Our efforts **FOCUS ON HEALING** for survivors, their families, and the Catholic community.

UPDATE - Campus Upgrade Appeal

We have good news! The Archdiocese has approved and given us permission to proceed with the Rectory renovations. The final contract is being prepared and the contractor expects to begin in mid to late December with completion scheduled for mid-April, 2019. Also, we now have adequate funds to pay for the entire renovation thanks to the fantastic support from all of you. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!

Below is the current status of collections as of November 24, 2018. It includes cash collected from Parishioners plus the approximately \$ 52,000 in funds from the past Vision of Faith Campaign that will be available to us during construction.

PROJECT GOAL = \$500,000

	Cash Collected	Accumulative Cash Collected & Available	% Goal Achieved
Cash collected as of Sept. 8, 2015	\$ 50,000		
Cash collected - Sept. 9 through 22	\$ 32,183	\$ 82,183	16.4%
Cash collected - Sept. 23 through 29	\$ 26,012	\$ 108,195	21.6%
Cash collected - Sept. 30 through Oct. 6	\$ 23,481	\$ 131,676	26.3%
Cash collected - Oct. 7 through Oct. 13	\$ 37,999	\$ 169,675	33.9%
Cash Collected - Oct. 14 through Oct. 20	\$ 23,316	\$ 192,991	38.6%
Cash Collected - Oct. 21 through Oct. 27	\$ 12,600	\$ 205,591	41.1%
Cash Collected - Oct. 29 through Nov. 4	\$ 8,345	\$ 213,936	42.8%
Cash Collected - Nov. 5 through Nov. 11	\$ 4,085	\$ 218,021	43.6%
Cash Collected - Nov. 12 through Nov. 18	\$ 795	\$ 218,816	43.8%
Cash Collected - Nov. 19 through Nov. 25	\$ 5,325	\$ 224,141	44.8%
Cash Collected - Nov. 26 through Dec. 2	\$ 10,563	\$ 234,704	46.0%
Available from the Vision of Faith Campaign	\$ 52,000	\$ 286,704	57.3%

Just a Reminder!

- 1) If you have not yet made your first Pledge Payment, please do so as soon as possible by placing it in the Second Collection. You may also make any future payments at any time before their due dates if you wish.
- 2) If you need payment coupons, please contact Charlie Palladino:
 - ✓ E-Mail: cpall@comcast.net
 - ✓ Text or Phone: 610-310-2303
 - ✓ PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS IN YOUR MESSAGE
- 3) If you have not yet made a pledge and would like to do so, Pledge Cards are available in the Narthex.

HELP LINE



If you are in need of immediate help or would like information about finding a meeting place or time please call our toll-free helpline at:

844-624-3575 ~ (844-NAHELPLINE)



**ST. THOMAS MORE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CRAB CAKE AND SOUP SALE**



Capt'n Chucky's Lump Crab Cakes & Admiral Ben's Home Made Soups

Crab Cakes – Smith Island Jumbo Lump Crab- sold in 4 packs

- 4-pack of Crab Cakes - \$20 each (\$18 each for 3 or more boxes)

Crab Critter Appetizers – Bite size crab filled breaded delights

- Bag of 50 critters- \$15 per bag



Ben's New England Clam Chowder \$11.00 each (1 quart container)

Ben's Shrimp Bisque \$11.00 each (1 quart container)

Order forms and checks MUST be returned by **Sunday, December 9th 2018**
(Please drop in the Knights box located in the Narthex/Lobby)

Pickup Saturday or Sunday, December 15th or 16th 2018 after Masses

_____ **Cut along line**  **Return Bottom Section** _____

Name _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____

Email _____

Crab Cake 4 packs _____ X \$20.00 each* = Total \$ _____

**buy 3 or more 4-packs and receive a discounted price of \$18.00 per 4-pack*

Crab Critters (bag of 50) _____ X \$15.00 each = Total \$ _____

Bisque - Number of Quarts _____ X \$11.00 each = Total \$ _____

Chowder - Number of Quarts _____ X \$11.00 each = Total \$ _____

Order Total \$ _____

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