

# St. Thomas More Parish Bulletin

August 20, 2017



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***REV. EDWARD E. BRADY, Pastor***  
***REV. HUGH J. DOUGHERTY, Emeritus***

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS:** 5:30 P.M.

**SUNDAY MASSES:**  
8:00 and 10:30 A.M.

**DAILY MASS:** 8:30 A.M.

**CONFESSIONS:**  
Saturday 4:30 to 5:15 P.M.

**WEDDINGS:** Arrangements for marriage are to be made at the Rectory at least six months in advance. Attendance at Pre-Cana instructions is mandatory.

**BAPTISM:** Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays, with due preparation of the parents. Parents should contact the rectory to schedule an appointment with the Priest.

# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## August 20, 2017

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# Parish Calendar of Events

### Masses of the Week

#### Monday, August 21

8:30 AM Robert Rhile  
Req.: Ed & Andrea Fowler

#### Tuesday, August 22

8:30 AM Special Intention Bob & Jean Rainey  
Req.: Ed & Andrea Fowler

#### Wednesday, August 23

NO MASS

#### Thursday, August 24

8:30 AM Special Intention

#### Friday, August 25

8:30 AM Special Intention

#### Saturday, August 26

8:30 AM Special Intention  
5:30 PM Alice Koury  
Req.: Koury Family

#### Sunday, August 27

8:00 AM Edward Joseph Janda  
Req.: Janda Family  
10:30 AM People of the Parish

#### Monday, August 21

8:30 AM Mass  
7:00 PM Rosary

#### Tuesday, August 22

8:30 AM Mass  
7:00 PM Guitar Practice

#### Saturday, August 26

8:30 AM Mass  
5:30 PM Mass

#### Sunday, August 27

8:00 AM Mass  
10:30 AM Mass

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#### Next Week's Scripture- 21<sup>st</sup> Sun. in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Isaiah	22: 19-23
Second Reading	Romans	11: 33-36
Gospel:	Matthew	16: 13-20 (121)

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**Our life of poverty is as necessary as the work itself. Only in heaven will we see how much we owe to the poor for helping us to love God better because of them. Mother Teresa**



## August Outreach

### **Manatawny Manor Ministry**

Each Tuesday at 11:00 Am our Eucharistic Ministers give of their time for our Manatawny Manor Ministry. Come and see how rewarding it is to bring Communion and prayer to the people at Manatawny Manor.

Through **August 27** we will collect Manna Bags for distribution through the local Coventry Pantry.



**Sharon Otto, DRE**  
**Office Phone: 610-469-9302**  
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(Low Salt, Low Sugar is healthiest!)  
Dish Soap  
Laundry Detergent

CCD Re-Enrollment is Open  
Forms are available in the Religious Education Wing vestibule. Please contact Sharon Otto if you have need further assistance.

Please bring your donations no later than August 27.



**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 610.469.9304 for special arrangements.**

What good news? – The Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall, our children and young people, Preschool to grade 6, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow in faith by becoming a catechist for Faith Formation or a leader with Children's Liturgy of the Word. With classes offered Sunday mornings and Tuesday evenings you are almost sure to find a time that fits your schedule. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!" We provide you with training, materials, and support. We begin September 17. If interested or for more information, contact Sharon Otto at 610-469-9302 or at [stmoredccd@comcast.net](mailto:stmoredccd@comcast.net) . High school students welcome!

### **SAINT THOMAS MORE BOOK AND MOVIE CLUB**

The St. Thomas More Book and Movie Club invites all parishioners to join them, starting in September, for reading books, watching movies, discussions, prayer and snacks. We meet monthly on the second Tuesday (after the 8:30 a.m. Mass) and Thursday (7:00 p.m.) We alternate reading a book and watching a movie every other month starting in September. This year's book selections are:  
The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth: Tomorrow Will Be Too Late (A Life of St. Peter Julian Eymard): He is My Heaven: The Life of Elizabeth of the Trinity: The Crucified Rabbi: Judaism & the Origin of Catholic Christian: Meet Your Mother: A Brief Introduction to Mary.  
The Movies are: The Giver: LION: Ignatio de Loyola: Soldier, Sinner, Saint: and Risen.  
Pamphlets are on the table in the Church Narthex. The book for September discussion is, The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth by Scott Hah.



"The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Soccer Challenge on **Sunday, August 27th** starting at 1:00 pm. This year, all boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 are invited to participate at Evans Field/ West Vincent Field, located between Fellowship Road and Saint Matthews Road off Rt. 401. A sign-up sheet is in the Lobby on the table near the Knight's Box. Please plan to participate and bring your friends. There is no cost to participate.

Contact Ray Canton at 440-346-0380 or for more details visit: [http://kofc13141.org/2017-soccer-challenge](http://kofc13141.org/2017-soccer-challenge;) ;."

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### ARE YOU USING YOUR GOD-GIVEN TALENTS?

The gift of music is a treasure to be shared. The Music Ministry at St. Thomas More Parish offers a variety of musical experiences for parishioners of all ages. We are currently seeking new members to join our Cantor Ministry. Being able to read music is helpful, but is not required. Cantors assist with the leading of sung prayer at Mass. Rehearsals are provided. Please look for sign-up sheets in the hall.

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### Gardens of Pottstown Nursing Home

A Prayer Service for Residents of the Gardens of Pottstown in South Coventry Twp. On the first and third Wednesdays of the month beginning at 2:00 pm the Rosary is recited. September 6<sup>th</sup> is the next Prayer Service date.

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**Attention All Parishioners: To keep our Data Base current it is extremely important for you to call the rectory at 610-469-9304 if you move or change your telephone number, drop your landline, change an e-mail address, have a baby, etc. The office hours are Monday – Thursday 8AM – 4 PM.**

### PROGRAMS FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

NFP is a scientific method of postponing or achieving pregnancy based on the awareness of a couple's fertility. Classes for engaged or married couples are scheduled regularly. For registration information, call the Family Life Office at 215-587-5639.

“**RETROUVAILLE**” is a program that helps couples in a hurting marriage put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. For information, call 1-800-470-2230.

### SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Support programs are held throughout the Archdiocese. To receive a listing, call 215-587-5639.

### BEREAVEMENT PROGRAMS

A directory listing parish/cluster Bereavement Programs is available. Call 215-587-5639.

**COURAGE** is a spiritual support group for homosexual men and women seeking to live according to the Church's teaching on sexuality. For information, call 215-587-4505 (Philadelphia) or 1-856-964-3401 (Camden). Confidentiality is assured.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION (Pre-Cana)

Couples who are planning to be married are encouraged to attend a marriage preparation program at least 4-6 months prior to the wedding. Schedules are available at the rectory.

### St. Thomas More Parish Picnic Warwick Park,

Sunday, September 17, 2016, starting at 11:30 m. (after the 10:30 am Mass). Hot dogs and hamburgers provided by the Knights of Columbus. Desserts provided by the Ladies Auxiliary.

*Signup sheets are in the Lobby to let us know you are coming and to volunteer to bring drinks, side dishes and/or to help with the children's activities.*

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The Saint Thomas More Youth Group is also organizing lots of fun for school-age children attending the Picnic.

**If you have any questions, please contact Ray Canton at [Canton\\_ray2003@yahoo.COM](mailto:Canton_ray2003@yahoo.COM) or 440-346-0380.**



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