

St. Thomas More Church

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Because We Are Catholic

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, we kicked off the *2026 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal*. This year holds a special significance as we celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our Diocese—a true Jubilee Year of Grace.

I want to begin by offering my sincere thanks for the remarkable generosity you have shown in the past. As your pastor, I am constantly moved by how you live out your faith through your stewardship.

Bishop Schlert has dedicated this year as a “Eucharistic and Marian Year,” a time to give thanks for our many blessings while imploring new graces for the future of our local Church. Our Appeal is the heartbeat of this mission. It allows us to bring the Light of Christ to our neighbors in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill Counties.

When you support the Appeal, you are personally feeding the hungry, welcoming students of all abilities into our schools, and walking alongside young couples as they prepare for marriage.

Our parish goal this year is \$425,012. I am prayerfully asking you to join me in making a gift to help us reach this mark. My hope is for 100% participation; remember, no gift is too small when given with a grateful heart.

We truly are stronger together. Through our collective sacrifice, we ensure that the mercy of God reaches every corner of our Diocese.

To make your gift, please return the pledge form you received in the mail, visit BecauseWeAreCatholic.org, or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

May this Jubilee Year be a time of great renewal for you and your families.

Peace and blessings,

Msgr. Andrew R. Baker
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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday:

8:00 am

5:00 pm (vigil of Sunday)

Sunday:

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12 Noon

Daily Masses:

Monday - Friday:

7:00 am

8:45 am

Wednesday:

6:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Priests will also be available for confessions 30 minutes before the 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & Noon Masses on Sundays.

Masses For The Coming Week:

Monday, May 4

Acts 14: 5-18 / John 14: 21-26

7:00 AM Bernard and Mary Lynch
8:45 AM Edward Pohl

Tuesday, May 5

Acts 14: 19-28 / John 14:27-31a

7:00 AM Maria C. Dresen
8: 45 AM STM Parishioners

Wednesday, May 6

Acts 15: 1-6 / John 15: 1-8

7:00 AM Intentions of Eleanor Normile
8:45 AM Patrick Rocca
6:00 PM Frank and Anna Sugra

Thursday, May 7

Acts 15: 7-21 / John 15: 9-11

7:00 AM Lousie Fisher
8:45 AM Joan Connolley

Friday, May 8

Acts 15: 22-31 / John 15: 12-17

7:00 AM Leonora Vanderdrift
8:45 AM Jane Bushner

Saturday, May 9

Acts 16: 1-10 / John 15: 18-21

8:00 AM Mark Miller

Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 5-8,14-17 / 1 Peter 3: 15-18 / John 14: 15-21
5:00 PM Charles and Elaine Trentalange

Sunday, May 10

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 5-8,14-17 / 1 Peter 3: 15-18 / John 14: 15-21

7:30 AM Mothers of Saint Thomas More Parish
9:00 AM Mothers of Saint Thomas More Parish
10:30 AM Msgr. Robert J. Coll
12:00 Noon Mothers of Saint Thomas More Parish

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Organizations wishing to place information in the bulletin must submit information to **communications4stmchurch@gmail.com**, no later than 5:00 pm on the Friday falling nine days prior to the bulletin date.

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610-432-0396

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484-390-2138

Rectory Hours:

Monday through-Friday - 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday and Sunday - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS
Secretary for Youth Protection
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

Newly Baptized

Please welcome our newest young parishioners into our parish community: **Gemma Rose Dicker, Logan James Whitters, and Blair Elizabeth Doherty.** We congratulate their parents!

Banns of Marriage

Third Banns: Madison Anthony and Michael Tam

Summer Series

Join us for our Summer Series as we read, pray with, and discuss ***The Way of Surrender!*** We will meet on Tuesdays 7-8 p.m. in the Disciples' Room: **May 12 & 26, June 9 & 23, July 7 & 21 and August 4 & 18. Books will be provided for free.** Questions? Contact Kevin Damitz at 610-437-3491.

Mark Your Calendar! 40 Hours Devotion



We will honor Our Lord present in the Holy Eucharist with our coming Forty Hours celebration!

May 17-18 - Evening services at 7:00 PM.
May 19 - Solemn Closing at 7:00 PM with Eucharistic Procession.

Blessed Sacrament exposed for Adoration each day

Sunday, May 17th

After the 12:00 Noon Mass until evening service

Monday, May 18th

After the 8:45 AM Mass until evening service

Tuesday, May 19th

After the 8:45 AM Mass until evening service

Homilist: Fr. Robert Rienzo

Mother's Day Flowers

Pro-Life Fundraiser, May 9-10



Roses will be available for donations after all Masses on Mother's Day Weekend while supplies last! Donations support pro-life education and other needs in the diocese. Cash and checks (payable to STM Church) accepted at all church exits.

Volunteers needed for 10 minutes after any Mass to help distribute flowers. To volunteer, contact Deacon Jim Toolan: 484-894-7959 or JimToolan58@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal

The 2026 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and families in our own community and throughout the Diocese of Allentown. You can scan the QR code and make your gift today at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you!



Rice Bowl

We are very grateful to all those who have participated in Operation Rice Bowl. There are several local organizations and many international organizations that receive your donations.

There are baskets at the entrances of the Church into which you can put your Rice Bowl boxes. The concluding date will be **Sunday, May 31, 2026**, for Rice Bowl donations. Thank you for your donations.



Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank

Please continue to raise up our neighbors in need and support our local Food Bank. You are the Hands of Christ reaching out to all! The next collection will be **Sunday, May 10.** Food and/or monetary donations are needed. Checks should be made payable to **Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank** and may be left in the basket in the back of the church. Please leave canned food and boxed items in the cabinets in the vestibule of the church as well. Thank you for your generosity!

This Week at STM

May

- 5 - Flame of Love Cenacle, after 8:45 Mass, Church Libr
- 5 - Divine Mercy Cenacle 1, 9:30 am, Disciples' Rm
- 5 - Divine Mercy Cenacle II, 4 pm, Church Library
- 6 - Adoration & Confessions, 6 pm, Church
- 7 - Bible Study with Jared, 9:30 am, Disciples' Rm
- 7 - Daily Cup Prayer Mtg, 6:30 pm, Disciples' Rm
- 8 - Fri Morning Men's Bible Study, 6:45 am, Disciples' Rm
- 8 - Chaplet of Divine Mercy after 8:45 am Mass, Church
- 9 - Pro-Life Mothers' Day Flower Sale after all Masses



Family Center/Events is Now Open

The *Family Center/Events* is now officially open and ready to host your wedding receptions and special gatherings! We invite you to visit our website, <https://www.stmfamilycenterevents.com/>, or scan the QR code, where you can discover the wide range of amenities and services that are available. Contact Lance at lance@stmchurchallentown.org to book an event.



Knights of Columbus Hoagie Sale



The KC Hoagie Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 16**. We invite you to consider one of the seven subs/sandwiches on our Hoagie Sale menu to support the Knights! Visit

<https://stmchurchallentown.org/kc-hoagie-sale/> or scan the QR code below for more information or to place an order.



Deadline to place orders is Saturday, May 9. Subs may be picked up on Saturday, May 16, between 10 AM and 11:30 AM at the **Family Center**.

Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday

Bishop Schlerf will celebrate the 11 A.M. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, **May 24, 2026**, at **Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Orefield**, wherein he will confirm adults of our Diocese.

Those to be confirmed are those adults who were baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, received their First Holy Communion and are catechized, but never confirmed. Please contact your local pastor to discuss registration details.

Safe Environment Requirements For Volunteers

For those who will be volunteering around minors, please make sure you are up-to-date on the latest Safe Environment requirements by requesting a Volunteer Safe Environment Report. You can request a report from the Volunteering page on the church's website. For questions on volunteering, please contact Jared Rabold at jared@stmchurchallentown.org.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Join Jared Rabold on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Disciples Room and go deeper into the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday Mass. For more information, contact Jared via email at jared@stmchurchallentown.org.

Recently Departed Parishioners

The names of our recently departed parishioners can be found on the parish website under the "Parish" menu or <https://stmchurchallentown.org/recentlydeparted-parishioners/>.

Prime Time News

Our next Prime Time Meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 14, 2026**, at 1 PM at the Hope Building. We will be entertained by Ron Ballonoff, a singer. Any questions, please contact Marianne Sundbye 610-841-8628.

Prime Time Trips for 2026

May 21, 2026 - Sight and Sound, \$170 with dinner at Shady Maples.

June 17, 2026 - Shore Club \$150.

August 25, 2026 - Penns Peak, Frankie Valli \$105.

December 3, 2026 - American Music Theatre \$120 Dinner at Shady Maple

Call Dennis Eddinger with any questions 610-791-1758. Please make checks payable to STM Prime Time and mail to Dennis at 3502 Bittersweet Road, Center Valley, PA 18034. A deposit of \$20 is requested within 30 days of the reservation. Balance is due 30 days prior to the trip.

STM Bus Trips for 2026

Saturday, May 30 - Washington DC: Tour of the Capitol, Library of Congress and the Smithsonian. Lunch on your own.- \$58. Bus leaves at 7:00 am behind the church and leaves DC at 4:30 pm.

Saturday, June 20 – Part 3 of the 250th celebration – \$132. Take a tour of Revolutionary NYC. Explore the role of NY in the American Revolution and the founding of America. Lunch will be at Fraunces Tavern, then explore Battery Park or Wall Street.

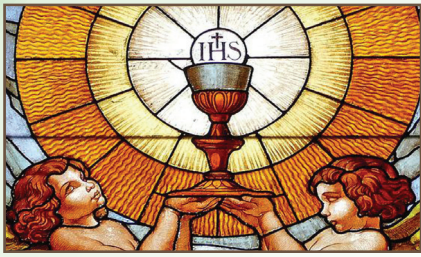
Saturday, July 18 – Philadelphia Art Museum, \$135. Tour the display of 250th American art. For lunch, dine at the Great American Pub and then take a tour of Valley Forge.

Saturday, Sept. 12 – Philadelphia walking tour part 4 – \$75. Tour the Refurbished Statehouse, the Liberty Bell, Old Christ Church, Betsy Ross House, Elfreth Alley, and Quaker Meeting House. Lunch will be at the Revolution House. Bus leaves Trident at 8:30 am, leaves Philadelphia at 4:30 pm.

Saturday, October 24 – Frick Museum \$98. A guided walking tour of the Upper East Side, think Gilded Age. Bus leaves Trident at 8- am, leaves NYC at 4:30 pm.

Sunday, December 6 – Radio City Christmas Show \$183. Bus leaves at 7:30 am from Trident. Show at 10:00 am. Bus leaves NYC at 4:00 pm.

For all bus trips, please contact Lori at 484-951-0440 or email her at stmtrips@stmchurchallentown.org. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas More Church and mailed to Lori O'Hara at 928 S. 14th Street, Allentown, PA 18103. Please include your name, the show you wish to see, your email for confirmation, and cell phone number.



Please pray for our children who celebrated their First Holy Communion on May 2nd

Remy Abdalla
Chase Albeck
Cecilia Ardite
Emma Battis
Lola Baxter
Knox Benckini
Kathryn Benzing
Seraphina Bet
Madeline Branton
Logan Brinker
Charles Brislin
Owen Brohm
Denver Brown
Kason Cacho
Cayda Caras
Riley Carbone
Emma Cardine
Cole Castanaro
Ryleigh Chu
Giovanni Ciminera
Lucille Connor
Harper Cope
Declan Dieda
Bryce Dougherty
Nolan Downey
Avery Dwyer
Henry Erickson
Andrea Figueroa Paz
Charlotte Flannery
Millie Friel
Cameron Fulmore
Julia Gagnier

Charles Gentile
Leira Gonzalez
Luna Green
Raymond Guman
Rinnah Hadcan
Evelynne Harper
Eleanor Hickey
Charleigh Hines
Samuel Horvath
Julianna Iacocca
Charlotte Ilasi
Julia Johannes
Joseph Johns
Sabrina Kearns
Eve Kieber-Emmons
Lyric King
Jack Kucharczuk
Emory Lachman
Ace Lakis
Emma Lear
Julia Lesko
Kiana Liaw
Luke Luchansky
Joanna Martin
Mia Mastrofilippo
Zoe McCarthy
Brandon McCloskey
Blair McFadden
Wes McGrath
Julia Milford
Conlan Miner
George Moffat

Luke Molitoris
Hayden Morra
Colin Moyer
Autumn Moyle
Liam Murphy
Isabella Nool
McKenna O'Donnell
Adrian O'Neill
John Parks
Rylee Parks
Gabriel Payano Robles
Andrew Pizzino
Emma Puliti
John Quaranta
Dante Raimo
Norah Reed
Flynn Rocchio
Lucas Rohe
Dorian Rutkowski
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Payton Straley
Eleanor Swartz
Maverick Tran
Marcus Troutman
Silas Walsh
Evelyn Welsh
Dylan Wilke
Charlotte Williams
Luke Yannes
Brynn Yorgey
Izabella Zica

**"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him" (John 6:55-56)**

65th Anniversary Jubilee

In celebration of the 65th Anniversary Jubilee of our Allentown Diocese, Bishop Schlert has graciously provided each parish with the book **33 Days of Eucharistic Glory** by Dynamic Catholic. As we prepare for our diocesan-wide Eucharistic Consecration at Mass on Sunday, June 7—the Solemnity of Corpus Christi—I warmly invite you to begin this spiritual journey together. We will start reading on Tuesday, May 5, allowing us to complete the 33-day preparation in unity as a parish and as a Diocese.



This period of reflection will culminate in our shared consecration on **June 7**, followed by a Eucharistic procession after the **12:00 PM Mass at St. Thomas More**. I encourage all who are able to take part in this meaningful journey, so that together we may deepen our love for the Eucharist and grow in faith as one community.

Please check the church bulletin and other parish communication venues for more information about the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

Sincerely in Christ,

Msgr. Baker



An Unforgettable Night in Venice

Another unforgettable St. Thomas More Gala is in the books! On Saturday, April 18th, our community was whisked away to the charm and romance of Venice, Italy for an evening dedicated to supporting our beloved Catholic school.

Together, we celebrated our shared mission of evangelization while raising vital funds to continue forming lifelong leaders through a high-quality, Christ-centered education. The night was filled with laughter, heartfelt moments, and joyful connection as parish and school families gathered to enjoy a delicious meal, lively spirits, and dancing well into the evening.

The energy and spirit of the night were elevated by the wonderful camaraderie of our pastor, Monsignor Baker, and principal, Amanda Salovay, whose humor and partnership set the tone for a truly memorable event. Alongside our Master of Ceremonies, Marc Albanese, and his ever-entertaining sidekick, James Luchansky, the evening flowed seamlessly with both laughter and inspiration. We extend our deepest gratitude to the many volunteers whose time and dedication made this night possible, as well as to our generous sponsors and donors. **Thanks to your incredible support, we raised over \$100,000 for St. Thomas More School.** What a testament to the strength and generosity of this extraordinary community—we are truly blessed. Stay tuned for details on our next STM Gala in 2028!



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Questions about...?

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