

...FOR ALL SEASONS

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

With thanks for the past, now... FORWARD!

Five years ago, on May 18, 2010, over one hundred attorneys and judges from the five counties of the Diocese gathered at St. Mary's in Kutztown for the inaugural meeting of the St. Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Allentown.

At the meeting, Society Chaplain Monsignor Baker commented on how More "is known for his perseverance and courage in remaining steadfast in his religious convictions and loyalty to conscience, even in the face of financial and personal ruin and the trial of imprisonment and eventual martyrdom." Premised on these qualities, Bishop Barres noted that the canonization of More "signaled that governance is above all an exercise of virtue." Bishop Barres instructed that "it is absolutely key that we" establish and grow this Society.

As Bishop Barres stated five years ago, it is the task of the STMS members to discern what path the Society will travel in terms of helping to build and maintain the unity of faith and reason within the Society's members. The incoming group of Board of Governors is committed to carrying out our Bishop's charge. As we begin the next chapter in the society's existence, we celebrate our accomplishments so far, but focus on moving forward. **What we do next is up to you! Join us. Take an active role and help us guide the Society forward!**

-This article was drawn from an article written by Tara J. Connolly which was published in the May 27, 2010 issue of the AD Times.



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.



Upcoming Events

Baseball Social Event - L.V. Iron Pigs v. Rochester Red Wings- September 5 at 6:35 p.m. Seats by Coca Cola's Park's Baby Green Monster in Center and Right Field. \$10 a piece. Limited Seating.

Presentation and Book Signing - October 6, 2015 at DeSales. Lafayette Professor Bruce Allen Murphy discussing his book **Scalia**. Presentation at 7:00 p.m. in the University Center. **Board of Governors Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

Red Mass - October 28, 2015. Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena Allentown PA Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Society Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on January 26, 2016 at De Sales.

Continuing Education Program with Professor Robert P. George "On Religious Freedom" at 7:00 p.m.

Spring Events to Follow in the next issue.

What we do, is up to you. Please consider suggesting, organizing or possibly leading a STMS event. Contact Matt Kloiber at kloiberesq@me.com

GOALS OF THE SOCIETY

Friendship: *"He seems born and framed for friendship, and is a most faithful and enduring friend. He is easy of access to all.... When he finds any sincere and according to his heart, he so delights in their society and conversation as to place in it the principal charm of life.... Though he is rather too negligent of his own interests, no one is more diligent in those of his friends. In a word, if you want a perfect model of friendship, you will find it in no one better than in More."* Erasmus on St. Thomas More.

In our workplaces, discussions as to the role one's faith plays or should play in carrying out our professional responsibilities are not common. The STMS provides activities for attorneys to enjoy each others company, foster friendships, and share experiences, concerns and thoughts in living our shared faith in our chosen profession.

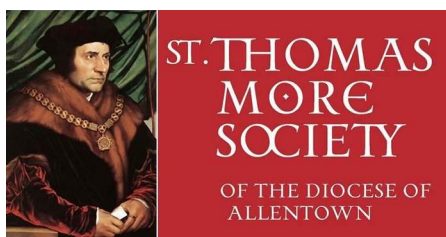
Conscience Formation: *"I never saw a fool yet that thought himself other than wise."* Thomas More— A Dialogue of Comfort Against Tribulation (1534). *"He has a great hatred of constraint (tyrannis) and loves equality.... No one is less led by the opinions of the crowd, yet no one departs less from common sense."* Erasmus on St. Thomas More. *"What you cannot turn to good, you must at least make as little bad as you can."*— Thomas More in Utopia, Bk. 1. (1516) *"I do not care very much what men say of me, provided that God approves of me."* St. Thomas More— A Letter to Erasmus, 1532.

Although we share a common faith, each of us has a unique journey in that faith. We travel toward the same goal, but do so over a multiplicity of paths. We are each at different points in our respective journeys. As a Society, we seek to encourage each member to grow in faith and reason, the "two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth." St. John Paul II *Fides et Ratio*.

Ethics and Civility: *"I do nobody harm, I say none harm, I thinke none harm, but wish everybody good. And if this be not enough to keep a man alive, in good faith I long not to live."*— St. Thomas More - Letter to his daughter, Margaret, 1535. *"In society he is so polite, so sweet-mannered, that no one is of so melancholy a disposition as not to be cheered by him, and there is no misfortune that he does not alleviate. In human affairs there is nothing from which he does not extract enjoyment, even from things that are most serious. If he converses with the learned and judicious, he delights in their talent; if with the ignorant and foolish, he enjoys their stupidity. He is not even offended by professional jesters. With a wonderful dexterity he accommodates himself to every disposition. As a rule ... he is full of jokes and banter.... His countenance is in harmony with his character, being always expressive of an amiable joyousness, and even an incipient laughter; and, to speak candidly, it is better framed for gladness than for gravity and dignity, though without any approach to folly or buffoonery."* Erasmus on St. Thomas More.

Our meetings, activities and discussions provide opportunities for us to explore matters in a way that each can draw joy from the frank, respectful exchange of ideas, whether similar or different to one another.

We encourage our members, through continuing legal education programs, single morning retreats, personal study and prayer, and open, non-judgmental conversation, to grow in their own faith.



We invite Members & Guests to join us for a night at the ballpark



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on Saturday, **September 5, 2015 @ 6:35 p.m.**

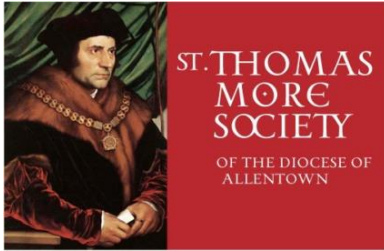
The St. Thomas More Society has **25 seats available** in the right field stands.

Tickets cost **\$10 each** and include \$2 of ballpark credit.



Contact MATT KLOIBER to reserve a ticket.

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*The Board of Governors of the Society
invites you and your family to join us
for the annual diocesan*

RED MASS

on Wednesday, **October 28, 2015**
at **7:00 p.m.**

at **The Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena**

200 block of North 18th Street
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18104

followed by a reception in the Parish Center

Our guest homilist will be

**The Most Reverend
BERNARD A. HEBDA, D.D., J.D., J.C.L.
Coadjutor Archbishop of Newark, NJ**

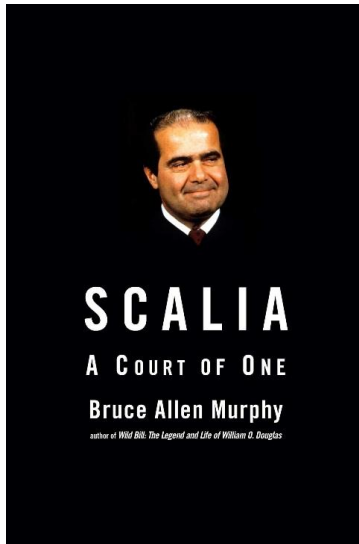
Archbishop Hebda earned his law degree at Columbia University, and a licentiate in canon law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (The Angelicum), in Rome. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Pittsburgh on April 6, 1989. He served as an official at the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, 1996-2003, and as undersecretary of the council from 2003 to 2009, when he was named bishop of Gaylord. He was ordained bishop of Gaylord on December 1, 2009. He was named by Pope Francis as coadjutor archbishop of Newark on September 24, 2013.



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Begun in the thirteenth century, the tradition of the Red Mass – so named for the red vestments worn by the clerics and the red robes worn by the judges of the High Court in England – is celebrated today in more than half of the states in the U.S. This Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit invokes divine blessings upon all those involved in the pursuit of justice – especially judges, lawyers, and elected officials.

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*Join us for a presentation and
book-signing by the author!*

October 6, 2015
@ 7:00 p.m.
in the University Center
@ DeSales University

Scalia: A Court of One is the compelling story of one of the most polarizing figures ever to serve on the nation's highest court. It provides an insightful analysis of Scalia's role on a Court that, like him, has moved well to the political right, losing public support and ignoring public criticism. To the delight of his substantial conservative following, Scalia's "originalism" theory has become the litmus test for analyzing, if not always deciding, cases. But Bruce Allen Murphy shows that Scalia's judicial conservatism is informed as much by his highly traditional Catholicism, mixed with his political partisanship, as by his reading of the Constitution. Murphy also brilliantly analyzes Scalia's role in major court decisions since the mid-1980s and scrutinizes the ethical controversies that have dogged Scalia in recent years. *A Court of One* is a fascinating examination of one outspoken justice's decision not to play internal Court politics, leaving him frequently in dissent, but instead to play for history, seeking to etch his originalism philosophy into American law.

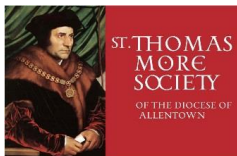
BRUCE ALLEN MURPHY

*Fred Morgan Kirby Professor of Civil Rights
Government & Law Department
Lafayette College*



The event is free and open to the public!

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President's Message: Farewell and Thanks

Our Chaplain, Monsignor Andrew Baker, has become Rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. A new STMS Chaplain will be appointed in the near future.

Monsignor Baker has been the Society's Chaplain since its beginning. While the STMS is led and directed by its lay members, Monsignor Baker has offered those members guidance and support that has been instrumental in the Society's formation, establishment and growth.

Monsignor Baker has been an important presence at STMS functions. He provided reflections and instructions at several STMS Fortnight for Freedom events. He gave spiritual reflections for our morning retreats and recollections. He has also offered guidance and spiritual direction for individual members.

In addition to serving as our Chaplain, he was Rector of the Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown. He was an active Pastor guiding the Cathedral's many formational and fellowship groups and activities.

One memory offers a glimpse into Monsignor Baker. He had only been at the Cathedral a short time when there was a significant event taking place. Many volunteers had shown up to help get the parish hall ready. It was heavy, dirty work – moving tables and chairs and cleaning them. Among the volunteers was Monsignor Baker. In clerical shirt, with his sleeves rolled up, he joined all the other volunteers, helping in the lifting, moving and cleaning of the furniture. He assisted as long as there was work to be done. His involvement was a clear, unspoken message to all present – there is no small task we should consider ourselves above. Every type of work, whether manual or intellectual, and every component of that work, when done well, can be a means of sanctification – of serving God and others–of growing spiritually. In the years that have followed, this mindset and approach has been evident many times in all of Monsignor Baker's ministry, including his efforts with the STMS.

The AD Times and other news sources have detailed his curriculum vitae which contains many impressive accomplishments. What it does not contain are perhaps his greatest accomplishments. In his role as shepherd to his parish, and as guide to this Society, he has helped direct many individuals toward a growth and deepening of each's Faith and relationship with God our Father. These unheralded accomplishments are precisely why he will be a brilliant Rector, assisting the formation of new priests who will serve throughout our country.

Thank you Monsignor Baker for your time, efforts, guidance, and accomplishments, both heralded and unheralded. You will be missed.

2015-2017 Officers and Executive Board

The following officers were elected by the Board of Governors at the July Meeting.

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Matthew J. Kloiber
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Lehigh Counties
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Vice President:

Eugene Orlando, Jr.
Berks County

Treasurer:

Timothy Duckworth
Northampton County

The Executive Board

consists of the Society's Officers, plus several members of the Board of Governors. The following Governors were appointed to the Executive Board:

Andrew Hoffman
Lehigh County

Dan Miscaviage
Carbon County

Paul Essig
Berks County

Gretchen Sterns
Schuylkill County